



Hartest Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Collective Worship Value for this half term is **JUSTICE**



As part of British Science Week, children have had a great time this week investigating a ‘crime scene’ to find out who stole the school bell! Across the classes, there were a range of scientific investigations taking place to eliminate various members of staff, who were all suspects...As well as enriching our science curriculum, all the children



had the chance to explore different scientific processes and perform different experiments! Annabelle and Josh told me “We enjoyed finding out who the person was by looking at their footprints,” and Eli said he enjoyed learning about all the different fingerprints. Charlie said “We tested to see whether the salt was salt by doing a flame test and looking at the colour of the fire!”

We kicked off our Science week with children from Kestrels going to County Upper School to visit their new science labs, watch some great science experiments, and take part in activities kindly organised by CUS staff. Louie told me “It was great! In the physics lab we made colour wheels and learned how to mix colours to make white light!” A big thank you to the CUS staff for making our children so welcome.



A big thank you also to Miss Vaughan, our Science Subject Leader and Mr Ackroyd, Vice Chair of Governors, for arranging such a fantastic week!



Earlier this week, children from Hedgehogs and Squirrels visited Ormiston Sudbury Academy to participate in the Key Stage 1 ‘Change 4 Life’ sports festival. They took part in a range of activities and games to promote healthy active lifestyles, and learned about the importance of healthy food choices.

Also this week children from Kestrels took part in a hockey tournament, rescheduled at short notice from earlier in the term due to bad weather. Bobby said “We scored a lot of goals and showed great teamwork.”

Although both our teams did not win, it is a delight to hear how all our children show such a sporting attitude and represent Hartest so well at tournaments. Well done to them all.

We have had great success issuing our weekly newsletters by Parentmail and posting them on the website each Friday. If you are having any trouble accessing Parentmail, please contact the office. Every family should have a main contact who receives all our communication. As well as dinner money and trip payments, we also use Parentmail for emergency messages from time to time, so it is important everyone has access.

Thank you to all who have signed up to our Mother's Day Lunch on Friday 29th March. Those who have ordered a vegetarian lunch please remember to pick up a token from the school office when you collect your child that you can give to Mrs Clapham as you collect your meal. A reminder of the timings to try and avoid queueing for too long:

Friday 29th March

Mothers Day Lunch

- Collect Children from main entrance & go to hall
- Vegetarian Tokens to be collected from the office
- HH from 11.40am – parents where HH is oldest sibling
- HH from 11.55am – parents with HH & other siblings
- Sq from 12.05pm
- K from 12.10pm

Friends of Hartest School have organised a Secret Gift stall running during lunchtime on Tuesday 26th March and Thursday 29th March, where small gifts can be purchased for £2 by children, wrapped and labelled at school for a special mum or female friend or relative. Please do look at the flyers that are in the book bags this week for more details.

Just a reminder that Parent Consultation Evenings are coming up soon, on Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March. Sign up sheets will be available from next week outside the school office. As well as an appointment with your child's class teachers, parents are invited to book an appointment with me if there are any matters you would like to discuss, and a sign up sheet for these will also be available. I would like to emphasise that any discussions regarding your child's learning should take place with their teachers in the first instance.



Well done to our Pupils of the Week, Charlie, Charlotte and Matilda, who each received a certificate and prize for their excellent example this week! We ended the week today by presenting certificates to every child for their great work and participation in Science Week. Thank you to all who donated to Red Nose Day and wore something red. We've so far raised a grand total of £61.66



Lastly, Mrs Burford would like me to announce to parents some exciting news! She is expecting a baby in August and I'm sure you will join with me in offering her our warmest congratulations!

Wishing you all a happy and relaxing weekend,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr M Coombs'.

Mr M Coombs
Headteacher.