



Hartest Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have had a lovely time this week learning more about science and taking part in a wide range of activities as part of British Science Week. On Monday, the whole school worked together in their house teams on our big ‘Egg Drop’ experiment. It was wonderful to be joined by many parents for this, working alongside their children. It was great fun to see the eggs being dropped from the top of the wall by Mrs Woozley and Miss Vaughan at the end! We also were joined by members of the press; look out for Hartest in our local papers!



We were also very pleased to be joined by Mrs Erica Clark and Mr David Ackroyd throughout the week, who led activities for the children. As well as dissecting flowers and identifying twigs, children were able to separate DNA, and investigate chromatography! A big thank you to them both.

It was lovely for the children to be able to share their learning with parents yesterday in a special assembly, and we have finished our Science Week today with Kestrels having the opportunity to go to County Upper School as part of their science fair. They had an excellent time, making slime, looking at DNA, visiting a planetarium and using a Van De Graaf generator!

You will be aware that towards the end of last year, our ageing trim trail equipment was deemed to be unsafe and was kindly removed for us by Mr Peter Nichols. I am delighted to announce that our bid to Babergh was successful, and this means we can totally upgrade our play equipment with a brand new and much extended trim trail with all weather safety surfacing, and look forward to eventually opening the school grounds in the future and making this available to the children and young people of Hartest outside of school hours. We do still need to organise breaking up and removal of the large concrete tunnels prior to this – we may be asking to enlist the help of strong and willing parents once a date is organised! The new installation starts at the end of April.

Our Year 6s are working hard preparing for their SATs tests which take place in May. They are revising and preparing for these with Miss Vaughan and I. It has been good for me to teach in Kestrel Class this year and just a reminder that my teaching commitment is Wednesday and Thursday mornings and am unavailable at these times.

We have had a number of children absent in each class this week due to sickness as there is yet another sickness bug going around! We are vigilant in school in reminding children about washing hands and being careful not to spread germs. Please though can I remind parents that if your child is sick or has an upset tummy, they should not return to school until 48 hours after the last symptom has passed. Thank you for your understanding.

Lastly, a reminder that we have our Easter Service on the last day of term which is at 1.45pm in All Saints Church. This will be led by the children, and they will have the opportunity to share some of their learning from our whole school Easter day earlier in the week.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Matthew Coombs
Head Teacher

