



Hartest Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Included in the last newsletter of the term are your children's reports. They include a comment from the class teachers, highlighted levels achieved in reading, writing and maths as well as the next steps. There is also information about what the children have covered this term at Forest Schools and the children's attendance figure for the term. Where attendance has fallen below 95% you will also have included a separate letter. Please take some time to read and fill in the Parent questionnaire enclosed. This document helps evaluate the impact and progress our school development plan. Your thoughts as parents are incredibly valuable.

We have had an energetic and wonderfully uplifting end to our Autumn Term. The children in Hedgehog and Squirrel Classes gave 4 magical performances of "It's a Baby" and we have received stunning pictures once again from Mrs Foster. Parents and governors were highly complimentary about the singing and effort put in by the children and thanks go to all staff involved in the co-ordination.



Their performances were rounded off by our whole school trip to the Theatre Royal Bury St Edmunds to see their entertaining production of Sleeping Beauty. The children were a delight to watch and entranced by the spectacle and being able to enjoy it with their peers. Many thanks go to the Friends of Hartest who paid for the transport and provided an interval snack for all. It's becoming a happily anticipated tradition as well as a learning experience for the children. We have already enjoyed the pre production workshop and look forward to welcoming the theatre back in January to work with Kestrels again post production.

Pre-School Breakfast Club

A reminder that Hartest Pre-School are running a Breakfast Club, open to pre-school children, starting January, at a cost of £4.00 per session. Please speak to Megan or another member of the Pre-School staff if you would like your child to attend.

Electronic Newsletters

We are saying goodbye to paper copies of the newsletter from January. We communicate all of this information via ParentMail as well as on Twitter and the school website, and we feel that this is more efficient, and environmentally responsible. We will continue to send out hard copies of trip letters with any reply slips for the time being. Please speak to Mrs Prickett in the office if you have reason to need a paper copy.

Epiphany

On Friday 4th January we will be celebrating Epiphany, the time when Christians believe that the three Kings visited baby Jesus. It is the festival that marks the end of the Christmas season and moves us on to a fresh New Year. We are having a 'Kings Day' and this is a lovely way for the children to explore and learn more about this important Christian celebration.

We are asking that each child makes their own crown over the holidays and brings it in to school on Thursday 3rd January ready for our celebrations. The crown could be made by recycling the Christmas wrappings, cracker wrappings or sweet papers from the holidays. The children will wear their crowns to a special service in the church on **Friday 4th January at 2pm** to which you are warmly welcome to join us.

After School Sports Clubs

In January we will be swapping the days of the after school sports clubs run by Prestige Sport. Kestrels will be on Thursday with Ethan, and Years 1 & 2 will be Wednesday with Sophie. This term we are giving children of Year 3 the choice of which club they would prefer to attend. We have had some interest in some of the older Year 3 children engaging with Kestrel sports clubs but feel that there are still some children who would prefer to be with their classmates. Please fill in the slip and return to school by Friday 4th January indicating which clubs your children would like to attend.

The last day of school is Wednesday 19th December, and we return to school **on Thursday 3rd January 2019.**

Wishing you all a happy and holy Christmas and a relaxing and positive start to the New Year.



Mr M Coombs
Headteacher

After School Sports Club – Prestige Sport. Clubs start w/b 08th January 2019

Child(ren) name.....

Year 1,2 & 3 Wednesday with coach Sophie

Year 3 – 6 Thursday with coach Ethan

Signed.....

Please return to the school office by Friday 4th January 2019