



Hartest Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,



Children in Hedgehogs have had an excellent time this week exploring with water balloons as part of their ‘Fire Fire!’ topic. Darcey told me “We splatted water balloons because we were learning the ‘oo’ sound!” In Kestrels, the children have been learning about stories from other cultures, looking at the tale of Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves. They also painted some brilliant frescoes as part of their Mayan topic.

Yesterday our Year 3 and 4 children from Squirrels and Owls went to Adastral Park for the day, to learn all about coding and programming. All the children had a great time and it was a great opportunity for them to learn more about computational thinking. Freddie said “I liked controlling the B-bot to get to the X” and Bella told me “It was fun using Scratch to make a 4 sided shape and make it twirl”. Harry said “We used Scratch to make the propellers on a Lego plane turn”! What a terrific hands on learning day!

Severe Weather Procedure

As we have seen some flurries of snow this week, I would like to remind you of the procedures in the event of severe weather and school closure.

We will try to make a decision early (by 7.30am) if possible should the school be unable to open in the morning. Information would be broadcast on Heart FM on 97.1 or 96.4FM and Radio Suffolk 95.5FM, 95.9FM, 103.9FM or 104.6FM. Information also appears on the following websites: www.bbc.co.uk/suffolk, www.heart.co.uk and a special Suffolk County Council website <http://schoolclosures.suffolk.gov.uk> (please note that our school is in the Western Area).

In the rare event of an emergency closure during the day, we would contact parents in the first instance and will hold onto any children until they are able to be collected safely. Please note we will not be allowing children to walk home unaccompanied if the school is closed during the day. In addition to using Parentmail, we would update the school’s Twitter account and website at the earliest opportunity. Please do not ring the school. Thank you.

Drama Club with Theatre Royal

This week our Tuesday after school drama club started with great success. The facilitators really enjoyed running the club and the children involved enjoyed the games they were playing. One of the games had a group of children acting out as superheroes and Oscar had to guess what they were, tricky when there are no capes to see! The facilitators are happy to



extend the club to include Year 2. If you would like to sign your child up, please call the Box Office direct on 01284 769505.

Lastly, some of you will have noticed that I have not been present in school as much during the last couple of weeks. Yesterday, talking with Year 2 pupils, they thought that "Mr Coombs was shopping"! As amusing as this sounds, I would like to take this opportunity to explain that I have been unwell, and reassure parents that although this has meant that I have needed to work from home at various times, I am fully in the loop and in regular communication with Mrs Prickett and staff. I would like to reiterate that in the first instance, Mrs Prickett, as School Business Manager and as a senior member of staff, will continue to deal with matters of safeguarding, attendance and welfare. Mrs Atkins or Mrs Burford, as Senior Teachers, are also able to deal with any queries you may have. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

Wishing you all a happy and relaxing weekend,.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Coombs', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr M Coombs
Headteacher