



# Hartest Primary School

Hartest Church of England Primary School

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*“Developing the whole child”*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school in what has been a lovely sunny start to the summer term. I do hope everyone had a good Easter break, despite the rain! With the sun finally here, please do send your children to school with their sun hat and water bottle. As we look to the warmer weather, I am delighted we are in the process of preparing our swimming pool for the summer season, and hope that we will be up and running towards the end of May – further details to follow. Once again, starting this Friday, Friends of Hartest will be selling ice creams after school.

We are continuing to run after school clubs this term. Maypole Madness is running on Mondays after school and open to all children. Also starting next week, Prestige Sports are running multi-sports clubs for Key Stage 2 (on Wednesdays) and Reception / Key Stage 1 (Thursdays). To encourage participation and equal opportunity for all, these will be free, funded by our PE Premium Grant. However, we are limited on numbers, so please complete the reply slip below and return it to the school office.

Over the last year, we have seen many changes and improvements take place at the school, in terms of curriculum opportunities and the large increase in pupil numbers. The school is growing and thriving, and alongside this about to undergo much needed refurbishment. The week beginning Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April we are very excited to see the installation of a brand new trim trail. We are very grateful to the Parish Council and Babergh for their part in funding this, and I am delighted that once other upgrades to the school site have been completed, this will enable the trim trail and school field to be used by the children and young people of Hartest outside school hours, for the benefit of the whole community. Further details about this to follow!

Another initiative for which we are hugely grateful is Paul Foster's Ironman Challenge. As you will know, Paul is raising money through his Ironman Lanzarote to raise much needed funds to replace the computers at school, which really are due for replacement. With ever decreasing school budgets, it is becoming harder for schools to fund big projects, and schools are increasingly reliant on grants and initiatives like this. As Paul's Ironman is only a month away, please find attached to this newsletter a donation envelope. He (and us) would be hugely grateful for your support. There are details on the envelope of how you can donate online, or by returning donations to the school office. Thank you for your generosity.

You may have noticed the appearance of new heritage fruit trees around the site. We are very grateful indeed to Jo Metcalfe from Greener Growth and her team, who kindly donated and planted these for us during the Easter holidays. Many thanks to Jo, Jonathan, Richard and Yvonne for doing this for us.

We have a busy term ahead and lots going on, so here are some dates for your diaries:

Wishing you all a happy and restful weekend,

Matthew Coombs  
Head Teacher



## Dates for your Diary

*Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> April – After School Clubs start*

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April Parents Evening 5-6.30pm  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April Year 6 to Crucial Crew Afternoon  
Parents Evening 3.30-5pm  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April Parish Meeting at Hartest Institute  
Forest Schools Hedgehogs & Kestrels  
Friday 04<sup>th</sup> May Forest Schools Hedgehogs & Squirrels

Week beginning 07<sup>th</sup> May KS1 SATS  
Monday 07<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday – No children in school  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May New Intake Parent's Evening  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May Forest Schools Hedgehogs & Kestrels

Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> May KS2 SATS  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May Local Governors' Body Meeting  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May Forest Schools Hedgehogs & Squirrels

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May Shallow Water Training – Staff & FoHs  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May Forest Schools Hedgehogs & Kestrels

*Half term Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 01<sup>st</sup> June*

Phonics Screening (Yr 1 & 2) Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> June

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*MultiSports Club Reception / KS1 – Thursdays 3-4pm Summer Term 2018*

My child (name).....would like to take part in Multisports

They will be picked up promptly at 4pm by .....

Signed .....

*MultiSports Club KS2 (Years 3-6) – Wednesdays 3-4pm Summer Term 2018*

My child (name).....would like to take part in Multisports

They will be picked up promptly at 4 by .....

They will walk home alone (Yr 5&6 only)

Signed.....