



# Hartest Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another activity packed week has flown by with the children able to make the most of the wonderful autumn weather. Squirrels enjoyed a terrific visit to Castle Hedingham on Wednesday. All the castle hosts were in period costume and the children learnt about medieval life. George said, “I liked learning about the weapons”, Charlie said, “I enjoyed the jousting and getting the rings on the sticks”, Henry told me about “learning to bow in different ways” and Lyra thought, “the best bit were the archers who shot the arrows high into the air and they twirled”!



Congratulations go to our U11 Mixed Football team who got through to the semi-finals at Ormiston Sudbury Academy. They came a very respectable 4<sup>th</sup> overall out of 10 teams!

Congratulations too to our pupils of the week, Poppy, Paige and Miley for showing positive learning behaviours.



There are a few important items of information this coming week, and a couple of dates for your diaries:

## **Census Day**

On **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October**, it is School Census Day. The data we submit to the Local Authority on this day forms the basis of funding received during the next financial year, including number of pupils on roll, and numbers of children having a cooked school lunch. Mrs Clapham’s Thursday menu is roast beef or sausages with Yorkshire puddings along with chocolate crunch for pudding! Usual jacket potatoes are available with 48 hours notice via [hartestschoolkitchen@yahoo.com](mailto:hartestschoolkitchen@yahoo.com). Additionally, if you think your child might be eligible for Free School Meals even if they are getting Universal Infant Free School meals, please use the eligibility check and apply online on the Suffolk.gov website. Please note guidelines have changed recently and if your circumstances have changed it is worth reapplying.

## **Harvest**

Our own ‘Hartest Bake Off’ takes place this coming **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October**. Children will once again be able to make cakes and these will then be sold at the end of the day to raise funds for the school. There will be 3 categories as well as a “Star Baker” certificate and parents are invited to join us for the judging at 2.15pm in the school hall. We will also be able to announce the winners of the Hartest Gardening Club competition.

### **Harvest Service**

A reminder that on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October**, we invite parents to join us in All Saints Church at 2.00pm for our Harvest Celebration. This will be led by the children and once again we would welcome donations of non-perishable food items in aid of Sudbury Storehouse, as well as fresh produce to decorate the church. Please bring your items into the school office from Monday. Perishable items should be brought on Friday morning.

### **Schools' Cathedral Service**

As a Church of England school, we are invited to participate in the annual Celebration Service at Bury Cathedral. This year, it is on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October**, at 5.30pm. This is a great way for the children to come together with pupils from other church schools, and always an enjoyable event. This year, Mrs Atkins will be representing Hartest with our very own school banner, and would very much like some children to join her for this. To date we have only had one family confirm that they are able to join us. Please do come along, it's a very family orientated service with lots of singing to join in. Everyone from babes in arms to grandparents are most welcome.

### **Parent Forum**

Unfortunately we have had to delay this week's scheduled Parent Forum. I hope to see you on the new date of **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October** at 2.30pm. Once again tea and coffee will be available whilst we have a chat. It might be useful to note that Parent's Evenings this term will be on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October** 5-6.30pm and **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October** 3.30-5pm. Booking sheets will be located outside the school office the *week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> October*. Please call the school office from 8<sup>th</sup> October onwards if you are unable to sign up in person.

Attached to this week's newsletter is a letter about school attendance. Please read this carefully and take time to consider any term time absence at any stage during the school year.

Wishing you all a happy and relaxing weekend,



Mr M Coombs  
Headteacher