



Hartest Primary School

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"Developing the whole child"

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We end our Spring term on a sunny day with the daffodils beginning to bloom on the playing field. The children have spent this week thinking and learning about Easter and the new life it brings. On Monday we had a brilliant Easter Day across the school. Hedgehogs dressed up as characters from the Easter story, listening and learning through songs, as well as enjoying hot cross buns and making Easter cards. Squirrels wrote their own Easter prayers, some of which are displayed in the church for the community to read and enjoy. Kestrels wrote poems and made mini booklets illustrating and retelling the Easter story. Everyone enjoyed making the crosses that form part of the big cross on display. It is always lovely to see so many of you attend the end of term church service, an important part of our church school ethos.



We are looking forward to the Hartest Pre-school Easter Fundraiser after school today. Thank you for all who donated and brought cakes supporting the Friends of Hartest. It is always wonderful to have an integrated school and Pre-School event and is a good opportunity for all families to make new friends and become part of our school life.

A reminder that regular attendance is an incredibly important part of your child's education. Evidence shows that children who attend school regularly are more successful not only at school, but in all areas of life. We hope that you will support us by ensuring the children are here on time every day and learning. Your children only attend school for 190 days out of 365 which leaves 175 days for holiday. Please book your leave during those 175 days. Persistent lateness is as serious as absence. Children arriving 10 mins late each day is the same as them missing a week of school. The start of the school day is an important time for children to develop their social skills as well as preparing themselves for learning. Just a reminder we are unable to authorise family holidays during term time.

We know that illness is unavoidable and to be expected. Please ensure you call first thing and send in a note following the absence so we have recorded evidence to show the Educational Welfare Officer. We had a nasty sick bug this term and always ask that children are kept at home for 48 hours following the last occurrence, in order to minimise the risk of spreading the illness.

We will also have Parent Consultation Evenings early next term for you to discuss your child's progress with the class teachers. These take place on Tuesday 24th April (5.00-6.30pm) and Wednesday 25th April (3.30-5.00pm). Sign up sheets for these will go up when we return after Easter.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school after the Easter break on Tuesday 17th April.

Wishing you all a restful holiday,

Matthew Coombs
Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary

Monday 16th April PD Day: no children in school
Tuesday 17th April Start of term – parent evening time slots available.
Please call the office if you are unable to sign up yourself.
Friday 20th April Forest Schools Hedgehogs & Squirrels

Week beginning 23rd April – After School Clubs start

Tuesday 24th April Parents Evening 5-6.30pm
Wednesday 25th April Year 6 to Crucial Crew Afternoon
Parents Evening 3.30-5pm
Friday 27th April Forest Schools Hedgehogs & Kestrels

Week beginning 14th May KS2 SATS
Week beginning 21st May KS1 SATS
Phonics Screening (Yr 1 & 2) Week beginning 11th June

Half term Monday 28th May to Friday 01st June

There will be a KS1 after school club on Thursdays for years 1 & 2, KS2 will be on Wednesdays. Maypole will continue on Mondays open to everyone, but there will be no Art Club this term. We are hoping for swimming to commence as usual after the May half term.