



Hartest Primary School

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“Developing the whole child”

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Christingle!

Children had a great time this week in our whole school RE Day, learning all about the meaning of the Christingle, the work of the Children’s Society, and celebrating the learning at our Christingle Service during the afternoon. The service was a special time, and was lovely for the children to mark the season of Advent in this way. Hartest raised an impressive £139.61 for the Children’s Society, who do excellent work with vulnerable children. Thank you.



As Christmas approaches, we have some great events coming up for your diaries:

Clarinets & Hartest Christmas Fair

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 really benefit each week from learning the clarinet with Mr McGinity from Suffolk County Music Service. We would warmly invite parents from Owls and Kestrels to join us next Thursday, 6th December at 2.30pm in the hall for a clarinet performance. This is a great opportunity for the children to perform to an audience, an essential part of musicianship, and good for parents to share in their learning.

Following on from the clarinets is the Hartest Christmas Fair at the Institute, and it would be lovely to see as many of you as possible there for festive fun!

Please note that multi-sports club will run as normal.

Glemsford Christmas Tree Festival

All the children at Hartest have made a Christmas decoration as the school is taking part in the Glemsford Christmas Tree festival. The festival itself will take place on Sunday 9th December, and we will be decorating the tree on the 7th. Do pop into Glemsford Church to see the children’s lovely decorations!

Bishop Martin will be visiting Glemsford Church on Sunday 9th December for a special service, which starts at 10.30am.

It's a Baby!

Children from Hedgehogs and Squirrels are practising hard for our forthcoming nativity play, 'It's a Baby!'. Performances will take place on Tuesday 11th December at 9.15am, Wednesday 12th December at 1.30pm, and Thursday 13th December at 6.00pm. Refreshments will be served following the morning and afternoon performances, and thanks to Friends of Hartest for organising these. Tickets are available, but as per previous events, we must limit tickets to four per family. This is in order to comply with strict fire safety regulations. Please see the reply slip below.

Key Stage 2 Carol Service and Christmas Singalong

Parents and friends are warmly invited to join us once again on Monday 17th December at 2pm in the school hall, as children from Owls and Kestrels lead us in a jolly Christmas Singalong. Reindeer antlers or suitably festive outfits are a must! Refreshments will be available afterwards.

Children in Key Stage 2 will also be leading parts of our annual Christmas Service, which will take place at 1.45pm on Tuesday 18th December, at Hartest Church. Both these events will really get us in the Christmas spirit, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Family Sundays

Hartest church has its monthly Sunday celebration service this coming Sunday, 2nd December. This is a relaxed affair and child friendly - everyone is welcome. There is a brunch at 10.00 and a craft session for the children. As it's the start of Advent the children will be making angel Christmas decorations and Christmas cards - there will be glitter! The children's activities have just started to be run by some parents of the school so it would be great if we could support them.

There is also a carol service at Hartest church on Sunday 23rd December. There will be some participation from the children which includes singing the first verse of 'Away in a Manger' – further details to follow.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 14th December, the day of our Pantomime visit, we are having a whole school Christmas Jumper Day. Your child may come to school that day in a Christmas jumper, and bring in a donation; this year all monies raised will be donated to JDRF (Junior Diabetes Research Foundation), a charity we actively support.



Pupils of the Week

Once again, we celebrated today a number of achievements in our Friday Collective Worship. A special mention to Isla, who raised £205 for the Little Princess Trust, by having her hair cut in order to raise money to support children who have lost their hair through cancer. Well done also to our 'Star Readers' who each received a special certificate for reading consistently for 21 days. Also, well done to our Pupils of the Week, Henry, Rowan and Henry, who each received a certificate and special prize for their excellent learning behaviour.





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Theatre Royal Drama Club KS2

Please see below the term dates for Hartest Primary School’s new After School Drama Club:

This will take place each Tuesday in the school hall, from 3.00-4.00pm, and costs £40 per term, paid directly to The Theatre Royal. Bookings will go live through a link in January so look out for more information.

Sessions will be led by Chloe Davis, assisted by Abbie Laker (Young Associate)

Tue 15 Jan	Tue 19 Feb – HALF TERM, NO SESSION
Tue 22 Jan	Tue 26 Feb
Tue 29 Jan	Tue 5 Mar
Tue 5 Feb	Tue 12 Mar
Tue 12 Feb	Tue 19 Mar – 30 mins extra for sharing

Choose a Book – Bring a Book

At Hartest we are introducing new initiatives to promote the enjoyment of reading, such as our ‘Superstar Readers’ and ‘Reading Gladiators’. In the entrance to the school hall there is a lovely new bookcase, and we would very much like to set up a book exchange scheme, for both adult and child readers! Please do bring in any good quality books which you no longer read and are happy to donate. If you (or your child) would like to choose a book but don’t have one to exchange, you can make a small donation instead at the school office – any monies raised will go back into school funds to purchase new books!

Wishing you all a happy and relaxing weekend.

Mr M Coombs
Headteacher.

Hartest CE Primary School -'It's a Baby!'

Child's name/s _____

Maximum of four tickets per family –

I would like to reserve:

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If you would like spare tickets please indicate above how many you would like.
