



Hartest Primary School

Hartest Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School
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“Developing the whole child”

25th November 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

The visit by chickens to Hedgehogs last week was great fun – the children loved their beautiful guests! It is so positive that the children can experience the natural world so fully as part of their learning.

I am delighted to be able to work alongside Matthew Coombs next term. Mr Coombs is an excellent teacher and mathematician as well as a brilliant musician. I am sure he will put his skills to good use at Hartest. He is familiar with the village and excited about joining us. Please read the letter from Mary Burr on the reverse of this newsletter.



I have some sad news to share with you too. Mr Bill, the much respected chef for the school for many years passed away yesterday. Mr Bill retired in July due to his ill health and was much loved by pupils here. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.



We found out that all our shoeboxes are going to Kyrgystan, a small, mountainous country in Asia, north west of Afghanistan. So twenty five children will enjoy a very special gift thanks to you.

The children have all created Christmas card designs which have come home in book bags today. Please fill in the form and return it as soon as possible, but by Wednesday 30th November at the latest. This will give Indigo Ross time to get them to you for the Christmas period. They are a lovely record of your children's work and also a great fundraiser for the school. Kind thanks go to Phil Roper at

Indigo Ross for supporting us in this way.

Next Friday we have a non uniform day. Children can come in home clothes for a donation of a chocolate selection box or similar for the Friends of Hartest Christmas Fair. We have begun rehearsing our Christmas production “The Landlord's Cat”. A letter about tickets will come out next week and tickets will be issued the week prior to the production.

Roll on December!

Yours sincerely,

Karen Harman
Acting Headteacher



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I am delighted to inform you that we will have Mr Matthew Coombs as our Acting Head from January 2017. He is currently the deputy head at St Mary's Church of England Primary School in Hadleigh and has been seconded to us for two terms. St Mary's is a good school and also a member of the Diocesan MAT. Both these attributes will be highly beneficial for Hartest. Mr Coombs will bring stability for these two terms as we plan for the future.

Mr Coombs will be in school for 3 days each week and will be supported by Mrs Harman for the first term. We are very grateful to Mrs Harman for staying on, as this will ensure some continuity. We hope that here will be an opportunity to meet Mr Coombs shortly and will notify you as soon as this can be arranged.

Kind regards

Mary Burr
Chair of Governors