



# Hartest Primary School

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## *“Developing the whole child”*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As rehearsals get well underway for ‘The Landlord’s Cat’ and an Order of Service for Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> begins to develop. Christmas is well and truly arriving at Hartest Primary School! An enormous thank you to all those members of staff who spent Monday evening dressing the school in sparkling glory to the delight of pupils on Tuesday morning!

Monday was a whole school RE day, with children very much enjoying reflecting on the true values of Christmas. Hedgehogs explored a sensory investigation of the gifts from the Wise Men. Squirrels studied the “Light of Christmas” by looking at the picture of the Light of the World, reflecting on how candles make you feel and completing a worksheet on who their guiding lights are. Kestrels discussed the concept of peace, investigated the Taize Community and looked at the poem of St Francis through drama freeze frames.



Hope and Despair are beautifully illustrated in their pictures.

The Pre-school pupils joined Hedgehogs on Wednesday for an afternoon of Christmas stories, songs and activities. The children thoroughly enjoyed their time in ‘big school’!

On the sporting front seven pupils from years 4 – 6 took part in a small school’s basketball challenge at Thomas Gainsborough School on Thursday and won their first match 30-0! Medals were also awarded to our team for good sportsmanship. Well done to all those pupils who took part.

Mr Coombs, who joins me as Acting Headteacher will have been in to see the children and meet with parents by the time you receive this newsletter. He is delighted to be joining us. We are still awaiting a decision from the diocese about our application to join the Multi Academy Trust and hope to hear from them next week.

Don’t forget £1 donation for Christmas jumper day next Friday in aid of Save the Children.

Tickets for the school productions are coming out with newsletters today. I look forward to seeing you all at school’s production of ‘The Landlord’s Cat’ next week.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Harman  
Acting Headteacher