



# Hartest Primary School

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## *"Developing the whole child"*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are at the end of our first full week back at school, and the children have settled well in their classes.

We have an exciting term ahead at school. Hedgehogs will be learning about the Great Fire of London, and hope to enjoy a visit from a fire engine! They will also be celebrating Chinese New Year at the end of the month. Squirrels are starting their new topic all about Mountains and Volcanoes. Kestrels are finishing their Vikings topic and will then be learning about Rivers. I am delighted to let you know that we have organised a topic day for 22<sup>nd</sup> March, where we will have visitors leading sessions on Vikings and The Great Fire of London! Details to follow nearer the time.

Kestrels are also continuing to learn percussion with County Music Service, and with some children additionally learning a brass instrument. I was delighted earlier in the week to sit in with Mrs Blyth and the Year 4 pupils for part of their session. Rufus told me "Learning the baritone is fun," and Phoenix said "We are learning a piece called Jasmine".



As we have seen our first few flurries of snow, just to remind you of the procedures should it be necessary for the school to be closed due to severe weather conditions. We shall try to make a decision early (between 6am – 7am) if possible. Information will be broadcast on Heart FM on 97.1 or 96.4FM and Radio Suffolk 95.5, 95.9, 103.9 or 104.6FM. Information will also appear on the following websites [www.bbc.co.uk/suffolk](http://www.bbc.co.uk/suffolk), [www.heart.co.uk](http://www.heart.co.uk) and a special Suffolk County Council website <http://schoolclosures.suffolk.gov.uk> (please note that our school is in the Western Area). In addition, we will update the school's Twitter account at the earliest opportunity. Please do not ring the school.

I also wish to inform you about a staffing change in Squirrels after half term. Mrs Temple-Nidd will unfortunately be leaving us. I am very pleased to announce though that Mrs Waller, who already teaches in our school and is well known to the children, will be teaching Squirrels on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, until Mrs Burford returns to school from her maternity leave after Easter.

A reminder that there is a change in menu on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January to Hotdogs and Wedges, for school census day. There will also be a Chinese New Year lunch on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January. Lastly, you will be receiving today an interim report on your child's progress with this newsletter.

Kind regards,

Matthew Coombs  
Acting Headteacher