



Hartest Primary School

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"Developing the whole child"

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Dear Parents,

As we reach half term, we have had a busy week here at Hartest School.

On Monday, children in Squirrels had the opportunity to share their science learning about rocks and fossils, with parents. They took part in a quiz (with some tricky questions!) before seeing all the wonderful projects and learning done by the children during this half term. Sienna said "I enjoyed seeing all the different rocks," and Barnaby enjoyed "finding out what soil is made of." They have some interesting half term discussion homework to complete with parents too.

On Tuesday, it was Safer Internet Day. All the children took part in activities in their classes about keeping safe online, and made lovely posters to help them remember the 'dos' and 'don'ts' when using the Internet.

On Wednesday, children from Kestrels took part in the U11 Quicksticks Hockey Tournament at Thomas Gainsborough School. Although they didn't win, well done to the children for representing the school so well. Macey said "Even though we didn't win, we had great fun." Miss Vaughan said "It was freezing!"

Yesterday, as part of their 'Great Fire of London' topic, Hedgehogs enjoyed a fantastic visit to Tesco bakery, where they learned all about making bread. The children were keen to share all about it back at school. Freddie was excited about being able to dip the bread into different seed, and Eli W said "I got to put the jam inside the doughnuts!" Henry thought the hot cross buns being made was fantastic! All the children came back with loaves of bread they had made. May I extend a very big thank you to Tesco for hosting our children and giving them such a wonderful time.



Today, we are having a non-uniform day in aid of the West Suffolk Hospital 'My WiSH' charity. Sue, their fundraiser, and Nurse Bury Bear were able to visit the school to say thank you and explain a little bit about the charity. Natasha Bill, daughter of Steven Bill, our cook of many years' standing, also explained to the children about the charity wing walk she will be doing! I am pleased to say we managed to raise £57.50 and thank you for your generosity in supporting this very worthy cause.

The FoHS are organising another Mother's Day Pamper Evening for all our wonderful Mums, Aunties, Nanas and girlfriends! If you work within the beauty trade (or know someone who does) and would be interested in having a stall at this popular event then please contact Michele Roper on 07778444515 or chele.roper@gmail.com for more information. More details to follow but in the meantime, put the Hartest Institute from 7-9.30pm on Friday 24th March in your diary to get your Mother's Day weekend off to the fab start that you deserve! All monies raised at this event will go towards the maintenance of our pool. Thanks FoHS, for your continued support.



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Today we say goodbye to Mrs Temple-Nidd, who has been teaching Squirrels since September. We are very sorry to see her go, but wish her every success in her new role at Cavendish Primary School. We said farewell in assembly today, and presented her with a gift and cards from staff and children. We welcome Mrs Waller who will be teaching Squirrels Wednesday to Friday.

Well done to our pupils of the week, Immy, Lara and Henry. Who all received a certificate and sparkly pencil. Due to celebration assembly being held on Friday last week, last weeks stars missed the newsletter! So we also say well done to Dewi, Harry and Macey.

It has been noted that a handful of pupils are regularly 5 to 10 minutes late into school. Can we remind you that this is counted as a late mark in the class registers and our Education and Welfare Officer, Sophie Rose-Thompson does monitor these. We have uploaded a useful attendance guideline document from her onto the website today. School starts promptly with the children in class at 8.45am and they should be dropped off onto the playground no later than 8.40am.

Just to remind you that we are on half term next week, and the children return to school on Monday 20th February. At the bottom of this letter are a few advance dates for your diary. May I end by wishing you all a happy and restful half term.

With best wishes,

Matthew Coombs
Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

Monday 20 th February	new half term begins
Tuesday 21 st February & Wednesday 22 nd February	Open Classrooms where you can informally see your child's work and teacher. No appointment necessary 3-3.30pm
Thursday 2 nd March Friday 3 rd March	World Book Day, details to follow Celebration Assembly for parents, 2.30pm, followed by Parent Forum.
Monday 20 th March Wednesday 22 nd March	Whole School Easter Day, details to follow Great Fire of London & Vikings topic day
Friday 31 st March	School Easter Service, 2pm at Hartest Church – last day of term
Tuesday 18 th April Wednesday 19 th April	PD Day, children not in school Summer Term begins