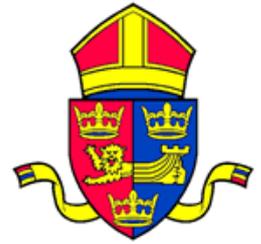




# Hartest Primary School

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## *"Developing the whole child"*

17<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We come to the end of another exciting week's learning at school!



In Hedgehogs, the children were keen to tell me about all the wonderful things they have been learning this week. As part of their 'Australia' topic, the children have been painting Aboriginal patterns, and making puppets of Australian animals. The warm weather encouraged Hedgehogs to do some outdoor maths learning. Harry was pleased with his platypus puppet, Winnie made a kangaroo and Harley enjoyed making a crocodile! Henry explained how they learned the Story of the Lost Sheep, and managed to find the sheep in the classroom, which turns up in very unusual places! We are delighted to welcome a new pupil, Archie, to Hedgehogs this week.

Squirrels have had a week packed with exciting learning! Bo was keen to tell me about their World War II topic and pretending to be evacuees, and Hayden and Barnaby enjoyed speaking about their maths, expanding their maths vocabulary and different methods they were using for addition. Tyler said he enjoyed the spellings and getting 10/10, so he could earn house points! Charlie was excited by his ICT work, creating an algorithm to program an on-screen turtle.

Kestrels have had a busy week too; Macey explained how she had enjoyed playing netball this week, Poppy described having arguments in English - referring to the learning focus which was Arguments and Persuasive Writing. Their impressionist watercolour pictures in the style of Monet are coming along nicely and the children mentioned a range of other learning opportunities this week, ranging from algebra to Buddhism.

This week in assembly, Mrs Harman presented each of the newly-named houses with a soft toy to represent each house. The children loved the cuddly cheetah, wolf and lion, and a very big thank you to Mrs Harman for giving these to us.

We are looking forward to welcoming 28 parents to our Mother's Day Lunch next Friday. Thank you for your overwhelming response to this, and please arrive at school at 11.45am ready for a delicious roast dinner!

Well done to Winnie, Finlay, George and Logan, who received Pupil of the Week certificates along with a sparkly pencil, for their good behaviour and attitude this week.



We are pleased to announce that once again, Jodi Healy and Deidre Newman will be running 'Monday Maypole Madness' every Monday after school, 3-4pm, starting after Easter. They really need a minimum of 12 children to run this and it is open to all children. Please complete the attached reply slip if you would like to join. Parents are very welcome to stay, join in and help out, please just let us know. It's a fun, traditional activity for all to get involved in.

Hedgehogs and Squirrels are also inviting parents, grandparents and siblings to come and watch their Country Dancing display on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm. The children will need to bring in a change of clothes for the display, smart trousers/skirts, tops or dresses. Normal school shoes or plimsolls (not trainers) as footwear please.

A final reminder that all are welcome to our Easter Service at 2pm on the last day of term, Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Coombs'.

Matthew Coombs  
Acting Headteacher

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## **Country Dancing Display – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm**

For parents of Hedgehogs and Squirrels

I will be attending the country dancing display (name) \_\_\_\_\_

Please return form to school office by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

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## **Maypole Monday Madness – 3 - 4pm**

Starts Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May (not 1<sup>st</sup> May – Bank Holiday)

My child/ren (name) \_\_\_\_\_ would like to take part in Maypole Monday Madness.

I would like to be a parent participant (name) \_\_\_\_\_

Please return form to school office by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March