



Hartest Primary School

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“Developing the whole child”

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have finally reached the end of the spring term, and what a busy time we have all had! I have been looking back at our Twitter feed and am amazed at all the excellent events and learning opportunities since January. If you haven't yet subscribed to our feed, @HartestPrimary it is well worth a look!

Our Mother's Day Lunch last Friday was a huge success and we were delighted to have 31 parents join us for this. The hall looked fantastic, and the children worked hard making cards, crafts and decorations. A big thank you to children, staff and parents for making this event a success, but a special thank you also to Mrs Clapham for cooking such a lovely lunch.



On Tuesday, children in Hedgehogs and Squirrels were able to share what they had been doing in PE during our hugely successful 'Country Capers' performance for parents and visitors. It was enjoyable to see the children having fun performing their traditional dances, with a dance for parents at the end!

Well done to Eli W, Sienna and Courtney, who received Pupil of the Week certificates along with a sparkly pencil, for their good behaviour and attitude this week.

Squirrels had a visit from Llewela Selfridge from the Imperial War museum today. Mrs Selfridge brought in lots of WW2 artefacts for the children to touch and try on, including gas masks and an air raid siren. This really helped bring their topic to life, a great way to finish it off for the term.



Sadly, we say goodbye to two members of staff this term. Firstly, Mr Pruden, who has been leading PE and Games sessions since September, working alongside our class teachers and LSAs. We wish him every success in his new role as Head of Education for Ipswich Town Football Club. Also, Mrs Waller, who has been teaching Squirrels this half term whilst Mrs Burford has been on maternity leave. We are looking forward to welcoming back Mrs Burford, who will be teaching Squirrels once again Wednesday to Friday.

We also say 'au revoir' to Mrs Harman, who has been leading the school with Mr Kearns and I since September. Her dedication, hard work and commitment to our school community has been brilliant, and we are very grateful to her. Mrs Harman will still be coming into school occasionally during the summer term and supporting the school.

We have some exciting events planned for the summer term. Just to remind you that KS2 pupils are visiting the Schools Agricultural Farm and Country Fair at Trinity Park on Thursday 20th April. Please return outstanding reply slips and payments into the office by Wednesday 19th April. We also have an exciting Activities Week planned for the week commencing 22nd May. Lots of activities are planned including two whole school visits out. Further details including a payment schedule will be issued in the first week of next term.

After Easter, we have two new after school clubs starting – Maypole Madness, run by Jodie Healy and Deidre Newman on Mondays 3-4pm, and KS2 Multi-skills, on Wednesdays.

Hartest Parish Council and school Governors would like to consult the school community regarding the use of our swimming pool, which we plan to refurbish shortly - would you support Hartest school offering public access to the grounds and the swimming pool out of school hours? Access to the pool may require a cost to support a lifeguard. If you would, please fill in the slip in Contact magazine, drop a note into school or email chair.gov@hartest.suffolk.sch.uk. Your support will hopefully enable the school to access money to pay for improvements to the school play area and swimming pool. The consultation closes on 21st April 2017.

Lastly, may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this term, and wish you all a happy and restful Easter break. We look forward to seeing the children back at school on Wednesday 19th April.

Yours sincerely,



Matthew Coombs
Acting Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 18th April
Wednesday 19th April

PD Day no children in school
Start of Term

Thursday 20th April
Friday 21st April

Schools Agricultural Fair Years 3-6
Hartest Pre-school Easter Fundraiser

Monday 24th April
Monday 24th April
Tuesday 25th April
Wednesday 26th April

St Georges Day lunch – menu change
Maypole Madness – 3pm open to all
U11 Netball TGS 2-4pm
KS2 Multi-Sports

Week commencing 8th May
Week commencing 22nd May

SATs Week
Activities Week

Half Term
Summer Term 2

Monday 30th May to Friday 2nd June
Monday 5th June to Friday 21st July

PD Days
Return to School
Weds 6th – Friday 8th Sept

Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September – no children in school
Wednesday 6th September
Kestrel Class Residential Trip