



Hartest Primary School

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"Developing the whole child"

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Dear Parents and Carers,

May I begin this week's newsletter by extending a huge thank you to the number of parents, governors and friends of the school for all their hard work last Saturday, and thank you to the Friends of Hartest for organising a working party (and for providing cake!) A huge amount was done, including gardening, sweeping leaves and general tidying up of the site. Most importantly, much time was spent jet-washing the swimming pool area and getting the site ready for the pool refurbishment, which will commence shortly. We hope the fully refurbished pool will be up and running after half term; we are hugely grateful to the Friends of Hartest for leading this project, and we look forward to being able to open up the pool to the community.

Earlier this week, Key Stage 2 children had a visitor, Mrs Draper, who led a workshop all about Online Safety. This was informative and interesting, and reinforced the important message to children about keeping safe online. Staff also underwent CEOPs (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) training and we look forward to sharing what we have learnt with parents at a future point in time.

Children have been doing lots of exciting activities as part of their topic work. In Kestrels as part of their RE work on Buddhism, children have made some great 3D artwork, and Squirrels have been making Egyptian flatbread!

As the weather seems to be warming up and summer has arrived, please may I remind you about sending your child with a sun hat and water bottle.



Thank you to those who have responded so far to the letter about activities week and for the voluntary contributions of £25 per child in order to cover the costs of the activities and trips. We are all looking forward to a great week. We are very aware that there has been an element of cost to our families already this term. With this in mind, we are reviewing the payment schedule for the Kestrels residential trip in September and will ask for the balance of the payment to occur after half term. Thank you to those who have already handed in their £20 deposit.

Just a reminder that there will be an assembly for parents on Friday 26th May at 2.30pm, followed by a Maypole performance, to which you are warmly invited to attend.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Coombs
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