



# Hartest Primary School

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## *“Developing the whole child”*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the summer term. I do hope everyone had a good half term. As we begin this new chapter as part of the Diocesan MAT, we have plenty of exciting things for our children and families to look forward to.

I am pleased to say that our swimming pool is almost up and running. It is filled with water and is currently being prepared for us to start swimming the week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> June. We are extremely grateful to the Friends of Hartest for making this a reality, and for funding the huge amount of work. The pool looks brand new! There is a separate letter attached to this newsletter, and we would be grateful if you could complete the swimming form as soon as possible.

A special mention this week to Charlie and Demi, who managed during half term to climb Mount Snowdon (with Prickles the Hedgehog) during their trip to Wales! They managed to raise around £300 for the swimming pool – well done to them both! Demi wrote a fantastic piece in Prickles’ Diary!



On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June Kestrels will be going to the Apex to join other schools in an event Celebrating the Whole Class Ensemble music teaching going on at schools around the county. We are awaiting the ticket allocation for our school which should arrive next week. It is anticipated that there will be one ticket per family for the performance that will start at 1.45pm and finish at 2.45pm. We will transport the children there by minibus in the morning but all Kestrels will need to be collected from the Apex that afternoon please.

We ended last half term with a very successful celebration assembly, followed by a maypole performance on the field and refreshments. This was very well attended and a fitting way to finish. A big thank you to Mrs Newman, Mrs Maskell and Mrs Healy for running the maypole club, which is continuing on Monday this half term.

It is great to see lots of exciting learning going on in the classes. Yesterday, Squirrels were learning how to make a mummy... Barnaby said “We played a game to see all the steps of mummification!”

Hedgehogs too were excited by their farm topic, and are looking forward to their farm visit next Wednesday. Also, I was very touched as a group of children made me a magnificent picture collage, which they had organised (and stuck together) themselves – this was a delight to receive!

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Coombs  
Headteacher