



Hartest Primary School

Hartest Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of term, it is wonderful to reflect on all the good things that have happened this year; refurbishment of our swimming pool, whole school trips, sports competitions, exciting topics, events for parents and numerous visitors in school. It was great to join the Diocesan Multi-Academy Trust on the 1st June. More importantly though, is seeing how the children have progressed in their learning and have been inspired to do their very best. Well done to them all for working so hard and making our school such a great place to be. As I reach the end of my first year here, it has been a pleasure and a privilege to be head teacher here, and I look forward to leading the school forward, knowing that teachers have some great topics and learning opportunities planned for the coming year.

It has been a very busy final week at Hartest, and we have been able to continue to celebrate learning and all that is good about being here. Thank you to the Friends of Hartest for organising a treat for our leavers as they prepare to go to their respective new schools. They had a great time at Planet Lazer! Reggie, Henry and Riley said “It was great and thank you to the Friends for organising it for us.”

It was lovely this week for the children to watch a Maypole performance – well done to all the children who took part and a big thank you once again to Deirdre Newman, Jodi Healy and Claire Maskell for running this. I am pleased to say that the club will be running again next spring!

Children in Squirrels also enjoyed an extremely successful French café, where they were able to taste a variety of French foods whilst practicing their conversational French! A big thank you to Julia Pears for helping to run this with Mrs Atkins. George said “We really liked the food and we had lots of flags and French decorations!”



The butterflies made by the children were well received at the Hartest Art & Craft Market last weekend, and we will be displaying these again at the Hartest Fete on 28th August. Money from all the entries is being split between East Anglian Children’s Hospices and Hartest School. Well done to Boe in Hedgehogs, for winning the 4-11 age category with his wonderful butterfly! Boe said “I got lots of colouring pens and they are really nice!”

We look forward to seeing parents, friends and relatives at our End of Year Celebration Service, tomorrow at 1.30pm in Hartest Church. This will be an opportunity to celebrate all that has gone on this year, to hear the children sing, and to say goodbye to our Year 6 leavers. We hope to see you there. Lastly, I wish to thank you all for your support throughout the year, for working in partnership with us and sharing in your child’s learning. I wish you all a happy, relaxing and successful summer break, and look forward to seeing you on 5th September.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Coombs
Headteacher

Term Dates 2017- 2018

Autumn Term 2017

PD Day	Monday 4 th September
Term Begins	Tuesday 5 th September
Half Term	Monday 23 rd October to Friday 27 th October
Term Ends	Friday 15 th December
PD Day	Monday 18 th December
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Spring Term 2018

PD Day	Wednesday 3 rd January
Term Begins	Thursday 4 th January
Half Term	Monday 12 th February to Friday 16 th February
Term Ends	Thursday 29 th March

Summer Term 2018

PD Day	Monday 16 th April
Term Begins	Tuesday 17 th April
Half Term	Monday 28 th May to Friday 01 st June
Term Ends	Tuesday 24 th July

NATIONAL TESTING WEEKS

****Please note no absences will be authorised during these dates****

Key Stage 2 SATs	Week commencing 14 th May
Key Stage 1 Test Period	Week commencing 21 st May (tbc)
Phonics Screening (Yr 1 & 2)	Week commencing 11 th June