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Dear Parents and Carers,

Annual Reports

Our newsletter this week is slightly different, as it contains your child's Annual School Report. You will find included in this a report from Forest Schools, and in the case of Kestrels, a separate report from the County Music Service tutors. In addition to this, we have a statutory responsibility to report results for Year 1 phonics check, and those pupils in Year 2 who were re-checked this year due to either not passing in Year 1 or being absent. The pass mark for the phonics check is 32 out of 40 marks.

If you have a child in Year 2 or Year 6, we again must report on results from the National Tests taken in May. These are no longer reported in the form of National Curriculum levels as in the past, and are now reported as 'working towards/below the expected standard', 'working at the expected standard' or 'working above the expected standard'. These are the statutory criteria set nationally.

We have arranged Parent Consultation Evenings next week, and thank you to the many parents who have signed up for these. If you have any questions regarding reports, or any other aspect of your child's progress, then please speak to their class teacher next week.

September Classes

I would like to take this opportunity to outline class arrangements for September:

Hedgehogs – Reception and Year 1, will be taught by Mrs Woozley on Mondays and Tuesdays, and Mrs Brown on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Squirrels – Years 2 and 3, will be taught by Mrs Atkins on Mondays and Tuesdays, and by Mrs Burford on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Kestrels – Years 4, 5 and 6 will continue to be taught by Miss Vaughan. However, I will be teaching Year 4 for three mornings per week, for English and Maths, whilst Miss Vaughan teaches Years 5 and 6.

We are fortunate at Hartest to have a high level of good-quality LSA support, and I am pleased to say that these support arrangements will continue next year for the benefit of all our children.

As you are aware, Mrs Clarke has not been in school recently due to ill health, and she has asked me to announce her intention to retire at the end of term. Although Mrs Clarke is retiring as a member of staff, her intention is to visit the school when she can, and children and staff have been delighted to see her on the occasions she has visited recently. I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Clarke for her dedication and commitment to the school over many years.



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County Music Tuition – Kestrels

As we have reached the end of our current ‘Play On’ cycle we regret that the current brass tuition will not continue in September. If you have a child in Year 4, please ensure that their brass instrument is returned to school by the end of this term. The children will have a chance to perform some of their pieces at our end of term service at the church on Friday 21 July. May I extend our thanks to Mrs Blyth for teaching them so well.

However, I am delighted to announce the next round of music ‘Play On’ and Mr Waters will continue to work with pupils in Years 5 and 6, developing their percussion skills. We look forward to working with him again in September.

In addition to this, we have organised Whole Class Ensemble Tuition for all of Kestrel Class, who will be learning to play the clarinet each week!

Other News

Photography

Looking back over the year, it has been wonderful to see the number of events we have hosted and the opportunities we have had to invite parents into school and share in the children’s learning. It has been particularly good to see our pool up and running and being enjoyed by all. Although I understand the frustration of not being able to capture this and take photographs, please may I remind everyone of our policy of no photography on site. Whilst we don’t wish to be killjoys, we do have children who cannot be photographed, and when we publish photos on Twitter or in the newsletters, we do check carefully that we have permission to do so in order to ensure that we don’t publish photos of children for whom we do not have consent. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sports Day

We look forward to seeing plenty of parents and visitors at our Sports Afternoon this coming Monday, 10 July. We are aiming to start promptly at 1.00pm as we have lots of activities to get through! Due to this, lunch will begin at 11.30 that day. Also, just a reminder that your child will need to bring in a T shirt for their team colour, as well as a sun hat and a water bottle.

Lastly, with this newsletter, please look out for information from the Friends of Hartest regarding the Summer Fete on 28 August, along with raffle tickets. It will be a great event and I look forward to seeing you there!

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Coombs
Headteacher.