



# Hartest Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone! It has been lovely to see the children return to school ready for the fresh challenges of a new year. As well as welcoming our youngest members in Hedgehogs as they start school, we are also delighted to welcome new pupils in Year 2 and Year 5. During our first assembly of the autumn term, it was great to see a hall full of children due to a significant increase in our pupil numbers!

You may recall that last term the children were very busy making butterflies for the Hartest Art & Craft Market. It was excellent to see these decorating the church during the Hartest Summer Fete on 28<sup>th</sup> August. The fete was a huge success and may I extend a big thank you to the Friends of Hartest for all their hard work. It was very well supported by the community and raised much needed funds for the school. We are yet to know the final figure, but this will be in excess of £3000. Thanks very much!

Although we are approaching autumn, we are pleased that we are still able to use our swimming pool following the total refurbishment back in May. Whilst the warm weather holds, we are therefore going to continue swimming lessons as long as we can. Children from Years 1-6 will be swimming with Mrs Coe on Tuesdays and Mrs Ackroyd-Cooper on Wednesdays, starting next week.

Starting next week, we are providing a Key Stage 2 Gymnastics Club, on Wednesdays from 3.15-4.15. This will be run by Kayleigh Steed who has worked with us before. As part of our commitment to offering quality sporting opportunities to all, the club will be free of charge, but we do need a minimum of 10 children and a maximum of 16 in order for it to go ahead. Please return the attached form to the office and places are on a first come, first served basis.

It has been a busy and exciting week for all our children, but particularly for Kestrels, who have had a great time on their residential visit to Flatford Mill. I visited for the day yesterday, and the children were having a super time, bug hunting, mammal trapping, orienteering and doing bushcraft. We look forward to hearing all about it when they return this afternoon!

This year we are continuing to work with Forest Schools each Friday – please make sure that your child has the appropriate Forest Schools kit in school as it does continue in all

weathers. The children need old clothes, layers are best in cold weather and welly boots. We would also be very grateful for some more regular parent helpers to assist with Forest Schools on a rota basis, if you are able to help with this, please see your child's class teachers in the first instance. We encourage parents to help across the school and not necessarily in your child's class.





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Mrs Clapham our cook would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new families. All our school lunches are cooked fresh daily on site and are popular. Mrs Clapham gets to know the children’s likes and dislikes very quickly but please also let us know as soon as possible about any specific dietary requirements. Every child from Reception to Year 2 inclusive is entitled to a Universal Infant Free School Meal, but if you think you may be entitled to the County Councils’ Free School Meal scheme, please do apply using this link

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals/> as this could provide extra funding for your child for the next 6 years. Families in Years 3 to Year 6, school meals are £2.30 per child. Please put the correct money in a clearly marked envelope on Monday for dinners that week. You may also pay online using the ParentMail website and app. On School Census Day, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, there will be a menu change to Toad in the Hole, Herby Diced Potatoes and Lemon Cheesecake. This is one of our popular menus, please encourage your child to have a school dinner that day as our funding formula is based on the take up of meals that day.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Coombs  
Headteacher

## Dates for Your Diary

### *September*

Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Hartest Gardening Club Show at the Institute
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>		Forest Schools HH & Kestrels
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Friends of Hartest Meeting in Staffroom – all welcome including toddlers!
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>		School Open Afternoon with Pre-School
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup>		Forest Schools HH & Squirrels
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9am	Individual Photos with Pre-School
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup>		Forest Schools HH & Kestrels

### *October*

Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup>		School Census Day – menu change
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Harvest Festival Church Service
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>		Forest Schools HH & Squirrels
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>		Forest Schools HH & Kestrels
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	5 - 6.30pm	Parents Evening
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	3.30 - 5pm	Parents Evening
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup>		Forest Schools HH & Sq

HALF TERM 23rd to 27th October



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## *November*

Friday	03 <sup>rd</sup>		Forest Schools HH & Kestrels
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup>		Forest Schools HH & Sq
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup>		Flu Immunisations Yrs R - 4
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup>		Forest Schools HH & Kestrels
Monday	20 <sup>th</sup>		Whole School RE Christmas Day
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup>		Forest Schools HH & Sq

## *December*

Friday	01 <sup>st</sup>		Forest Schools HH & Kestrels
Thursday	07 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	KS1 Nativity Matinee Performance
Thursday	07 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	KS1 Nativity Evening Performance
Friday	08 <sup>th</sup>		Forest Schools HH & Squirrels
Friday	08 <sup>th</sup>		KS2 Sharing Assembly
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup>		Reports Out to Parents
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup>		Whole School Christmas Dinner
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Church Service
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Pick up for whole school Panto Visit – return to school 4.15pm
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>		END OF TERM

## **Dates 2018**

### *January*

Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	January	PD Day
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup>	January	START OF TERM
W/C	12 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	HALF TERM
Thursday	29 <sup>th</sup>	March	Church Service - 2pm
Thursday	29 <sup>th</sup>	March	END OF TERM
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	April	PD Day
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	April	START OF TERM
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	April	Parents Eve 5 - 6.30pm
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	April	Parents Eve 3.30 - 5pm
W/C	14 <sup>th</sup>	May	KS2 SATs – no absences will be authorised during this week
W/C	21 <sup>st</sup>	May	KS1 SATs – no absences will be authorised during this week
W/C	28 <sup>th</sup> to 01 <sup>st</sup>	Jun	HALF TERM
W/C	11 <sup>th</sup>	June	Phonics Screening – no absences will be authorised during this week
W/C	18 <sup>th</sup>	June	Activities Week
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	June	Sports Morning
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	June	Reserve Sports Morning
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	July	Reports out to Parents
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	July	END OF TERM