



Hartest Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

No doubt you will have noticed the wonderful new outdoor classroom which has appeared on our field this week! The children and staff were very excited to see this go up, made possible by the generosity of Mrs Clarke, who has given the building as a retirement gift in memory of her 14 happy years working here. As a school community we are very touched and grateful to her and Jonathan for their kindness. It will be a great addition for outdoor learning and the children have already been busy planting the window boxes!



I am sure you will also have seen that some of our older outdoor play equipment has been fenced off and there are signs not to use it. Some of this equipment has been there a long time, and following an annual inspection earlier this week, it has been deemed unsafe to use. The large tyres are splitting and the metal wire inside is beginning to show through. I would ask that you keep children away from this equipment when they are on site, but the small newer tyres are still fine to use. I am glad to say that plans are already underway to renew and extend our play equipment anyway. In the meantime, if any of you have access to a large JCB or suitable machinery, I would be very grateful for having the large tyres removed! If anyone can help with this, please do get in touch.

Our Harvest Service is fast approaching, and I would like to remind everyone that this takes place on Thursday 05 October at 2pm in the church. The children will be singing songs, as well as sharing poems, prayers and other Harvest work. Once again, we would be very grateful for non-perishable food donations, in aid of Storehouse Food Bank which supports families in need. In addition to this, if anyone can provide fresh vegetables, flowers or other suitable items to decorate the church, please bring these to school by Thursday morning. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible at the service.

I would like to remind you that our cook Jackie Clapham has arranged a special ‘Harvest Favourites’ menu including Toad in the Hole on Thursday 05 October. Even if your child doesn’t normally eat a school dinner, I would recommend they do on that day, as the menu will be lovely! Congratulations also to Mrs Clapham, who in recognition of the wonderful job she does was presented earlier this week with a large bunch of flowers by Vertas, the company responsible for providing our catering services.

Our Great Hartest Bake Off takes place next Friday. Please bring the cakes into school in the morning where they will be displayed in the spare classroom. Mrs Clapham will be judging them during the day and winners certificates will be presented during Friday Assembly. The cakes will be for sale after school in aid of Cancer Research.

We are very lucky to have secured tickets for the whole school to go and see the pantomime Dick Whittington at the Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds on Friday 15th December. Friends of Hartest have kindly agreed to subsidise transport and we are asking for a contribution of £12 per child. What a wonderful opportunity to finish the autumn term with another whole school event!

Wishing you all a relaxed weekend,

Matthew Coombs
Head Teacher