



# Hartest Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Harvest Service yesterday was a lovely occasion, and I would like to once again thank everyone for the non-perishable food donations, in aid of Storehouse Food Bank which supports families in need. It was lovely to see so many parents there, and the church filled with the children's artwork.



Our Great Hartest Bake Off was a great success this morning with the cakes sold after school in aid of Cancer Research. Congratulations to all the winners!

Congratulations to our new School Council members, elected by their classes to represent the school: Maizy & Ralph; Winnie & Henry; Sienna & George; Isabelle & Barnaby; Poppy & Rufus; Macey & Logan. They will receive their badges and be officially 'announced' by Mrs Burr and myself in assembly this afternoon.

The Schools Cathedral Service is being held at St Edmundsbury Cathedral in Bury on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm. This is a lovely interactive service for all the family, including songs and stories, with many schools across the county participating. We would like some of our pupils to carry our school banner this year too. Please let the school office know if you think you could do this. The children will need to attend in their school uniform and meet Mr Coombs at the cathedral entrance at 2.45pm.

Parents Evenings are on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October from 4.30-6.30pm and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October from 3.30-5pm. The sign up sheets will be outside the school office as usual from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October. If you are unable to make either of those dates please contact us to arrange a more suitable time to see your child's class teacher.

The Friends of Hartest group will be serving teas during the Parents Evening session, on the afternoon of Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, following their AGM in the staff room at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to attend the AGM. They are a very welcoming group who support the school in many ways as well as raising important funds for all the extras the children enjoy. I do encourage you to come along and see if you can help them out in any way. There is no pressure for regular commitments and there is often the added bonus of cake!

Can I put out a plea out for parents of children in Squirrels or Kestrels to come and help out in Hedgehogs Forest schools sessions this term please. We could really do with another pair of hands on a Friday morning from approximately 9-11.30am. It's always a fun session, and even doing one Friday this term would really help. We encourage the Hedgehog parents to help during the afternoon Forest Schools with Squirrels and Kestrels whilst the new children settle in to school life. All volunteers, even if it is just for one session, are very welcomed. All the children get a great deal from the outdoor curriculum provided by Green Light Trust and we need to maintain the adult:child ratio in order to keep running the sessions.

Wishing you all a wonderful autumnal weekend,

Matthew Coombs  
Head Teacher

