



Hartest Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term! The children have worked really hard this week, and settled back quickly in their classes. There has been a range of exciting learning going on this week, from learning about firework safety in Hedgehogs (as well as building a lovely firework picture) to some super writing in Squirrels all about rainforest animals, and a rainforest display! In Kestrels, children have been investigating light as part of their science topic.

We have lots of exciting things coming up during the half term. Next Friday, 10th November, our children will be leading an act of remembrance at the village memorial. We will be walking down to the green at 10.45am. Friends and family are warmly invited to join us for this. Please remember that poppies will continue to be for sale in school next week, so please do support this worthy cause by buying a poppy for you or your child.



As we move towards Christmas, practice for our combined Hedgehogs and Squirrels nativity play is well underway, and we have our Christmas service during the morning of the last day of term Friday 15th December. Mrs Clapham is in the process of organising our school Christmas lunch, and if you would like your child to have a Christmas lunch, we need to know by Friday 15th November at the latest, as the food needs to be pre-ordered. Please complete and return the slip below.

With lunch arrangements in mind and to make things easier, you can now email Mrs Clapham in the kitchen directly. She is more than happy to provide sandwiches or a jacket potato for your child instead of the advertised menu choice, but will need 48 hours notice for this. Please email the kitchen directly using hartestschoolkitchen@outlook.com. Dinner monies for any lunches, including the Christmas lunch, should continue to be sent via the school office on the Monday as per our current arrangements.

Once again, we would like to support Operation Christmas Child this year. I know this has been successful in the past, providing a shoebox of small gifts for a child in need somewhere in the world. This is a particularly good charity for children to support, as they are able to do something which will make a tangible difference to another child's life. I find children get very excited about choosing their items and making up their shoeboxes, and details of how to do this are attached to this newsletter. I will be leading a short assembly next week on this also. Please be aware that the deadline for getting shoeboxes ready is quite tight, and they will be collected from school on **Friday 17th November**. If you would prefer you can make a donation of items that go into the shoeboxes as we will be making up some boxes from school.



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On a less positive note, I must draw your attention to a recent incident of trespass on school premises, resulting in some damage and vandalism. Although the site is unattended and unsupervised outside of school hours, some local youngsters were observed to have climbed onto the roof of the school. I have been greatly encouraged over the last few months in the way the school has been such an integral part of the Hartest community, and have built up trust and rapport with local stakeholders. In discussion with the Parish Council, my current plans are to hopefully open up parts of our site to the local community outside of school hours, particularly the young people of the village, whom I know would like a safe recreation space. Plans are afoot to totally upgrade and refurbish our trim trail equipment, making our site a great facility for all to use. The site is monitored by CCTV, and the safety of those who use it, is paramount.



Well done to our Pupils of the Week this week, Isabelle, Charlie and Macey, who were chosen to receive a certificate and prize for their excellent learning behaviour and conduct.

Lastly, just a reminder that the Hartest Fireworks take place tomorrow, and we look forward to seeing many of you there. This will be a great family event, and starts 5.30pm at The Crown.



Wishing you all a happy and restful weekend,

Matthew Coombs
Head Teacher

School Christmas Meal – Thursday 14th December

Name of child(ren) _____

Turkey Vegetarian

Christmas Pudding Ice Cream

Will bring own packed lunch

If you are filling this in for more than one child, please indicate who would like what! Thanks.