



Hartest Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been brilliant today to see so many of the children coming to school wearing something spotty for Children in Need! Well done to the children once again for their fundraising efforts, raising over £70 for this worthy cause.

On Monday, all the children at Hartest School are taking part in an RE activity day, making a ‘Jesse Tree’. The children will be working in teams to make craft items to hang on the tree, linked to the theme of Advent. There will be a sharing assembly on Monday, starting at 2.15pm in the school hall, to which parents and visitors are warmly invited. On the theme of Advent and Christmas, we have another couple of events coming up. On Friday 1st December, we are having another ‘dress down day’. Children may come to school in non-uniform and bring in a chocolate selection box; these are for the Friends of Hartest Christmas Fair, on Saturday 16th December.

On Friday 24th November, we have a research student, Amy Ward, in school to undertake some questionnaires with children in Years 1, 2 and 3. She is from University of East Anglia, and is conducting research about outdoor learning through Forest Schools. The questionnaires are anonymous, but if you have a child in Years 1, 2 or 3 and you would NOT like them to take part in the research project, please let the school office know in advance.



Well done once again to our Pupils of the Week this week, Eli, Paige and Rufus, who were chosen to receive a certificate and prize for their excellent learning behaviour and conduct. It is lovely to celebrate these achievements each week in assembly and a testament to the consistently good behaviour at Hartest.

We took 19 of our students to Thomas Gainsborough School for the Youth Sports Trust Indoor Athletics competition. Our students are to be commended on their sportsmanship and enthusiastic participation in the event. Despite coming 6th they gave every event their complete dedication and concentration.



Lastly, it seems as if the weather is finally turning, with ice and frost on the ground. Just an advance reminder of the procedures regarding severe weather in the event of school closures due to sudden snow! We would try to make a decision early (between 6am – 7am) if possible. Information would be broadcast on Heart FM on 97.1 or 96.4FM and Radio Suffolk 95.5FM, 95.9FM, 103.9FM or 104.6FM. Information also appears on the following websites: www.bbc.co.uk/suffolk, www.heart.co.uk and a special Suffolk County Council website <http://schoolclosures.suffolk.gov.uk> (please note that our school is in the Western Area). In addition, we would update the school’s Twitter account at the earliest opportunity. Please do not ring the school. Thank you.

Wishing you all a happy and restful weekend,

Matthew Coombs
Head Teacher.