



Hartest Primary School

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"Developing the whole child"

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Children have returned to school after the half term break full of energy and enthusiasm! In Kestrels, Jack told me "We have been learning to solve algebra using the inverse," and Charlie told me all about the explanation text he was writing. Barnaby said "We have been learning about the German attack plans in our World War II topic." Kestrels have also made the fantastic medals pictured on the right.



In Squirrels, Harry explained "We have been looking at traditional stories like Little Red Riding Hood," and Lyra said "We have been learning to divide." Henry told me all about the different word families the children have been learning about in phonics. In Hedgehogs, Ronni spoke about their latest topic, 'Wheels', and said "We have been writing about how wheels were invented!"

Hartest is celebrating the wonders of Science by taking part in the nationally run 'Science Week' in the week beginning 12th March. Hedgehogs are focusing on the topic of 'Explorers', Squirrels 'Super Scientists' and Kestrels the 'Ordinary to the Extraordinary'.

We would like to invite you to join your children for an exciting whole school experiment on the Monday of science week, where we will be in our House teams starting at 1pm in the school hall. For this experiment we will need lots of junk modelling materials and would be grateful for any to be brought into school by Monday 5th March. The experiment will commence at 1pm so please be prompt so we can gather into our teams.

On the Tuesday we are lucky enough to have Erica Clark, highly respected botanist, into the school for a day of botanically inspired activities. Also on Wednesday we are excited to have David Ackroyd, STEM ambassador and school governor, running sessions with all children throughout the day. Our Forest School sessions on Friday will also link to our science week!

We would also like to invite you to a Parents Assembly at 2pm on Thursday 15th where the children can share all of their exciting learning from our Science Week.

Kestrels also have the exciting opportunity, on the Friday morning, to visit County Upper School for their STEM Festival.

On Friday 9th March, we have a special Mothers' Day Lunch, and for this we need to know numbers of mums or grandmas who would like to join their children for lunch that day. The menu will be roast beef or turkey with all the trimmings and roasted vegetables, with a vegetarian alternative of butternut squash and lentil lasagne. We have decided to heavily subsidise this to have as many guests as possible, but would ask for a voluntary contribution of £2 per adult meal in order to cover costs. Please fill in the attached reply slip and return it to the school office by Friday 2nd March.

On a more serious note, we have been asked by local residents once again to remind parents about parking at the beginning and end of the school day. It is wonderful to see Hartest School grow significantly in numbers, but with that the volume of traffic has increased, creating congestion. I would particularly like to mention the zig zag opposite the Forest School area, where this is on a blind bend and adjacent to the turning for the Institute. Where possible, we would be grateful if people could park at the Hartest Institute and avoid parking on the zig zag area. Thank you for your understanding.

Lastly, well done once again to our Pupils of the Week, Louie-James, Paige and Stanley, who each received a certificate and a prize for their excellent learning behaviour and conduct.



Wishing you all a happy and restful weekend,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Coombs'.

Matthew Coombs
Head Teacher

Mothers Day Lunch – Friday 9th March – 12pm

Please return to the school office by Friday 2nd March

I would like to order (insert number) Mothers' Day lunch meals.

I enclose £2 per meal

I would like the vegetarian option

Child(ren) name.....

Any other dietary requirements.....

Signed.....