



# Hartest Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I usually send out our weekly newsletter each Friday but the week took an unexpected turn! Thank you for your understanding last week regarding having to close the school due to snow. It is not an easy decision to make and not one that is taken lightly, but the potential risk to children, families and staff in getting to and from Hartest meant that remaining open would have been very unwise. Many thanks to various members of the school community for providing updates regarding local conditions, which meant that we could make an informed decision early on whether to remain closed, as well as giving families as much notice as possible. I hope our children had a great time playing in the snow!

Last Thursday should have been World Book Day – I know that our children really enjoy dressing up as a favourite book character, and it is great to celebrate reading in this way. We have therefore rescheduled World Book Day for this coming Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> March. Children may come to school that day dressed as a favourite book character and bring in a book to share with a child in another class.

This coming Friday is our special Mother's Day Lunch. Thank you to the number of mums who have confirmed they will be attending. To save people queuing for any longer than is necessary, we would like to stagger the arrival times if possible. If your child is in Hedgehogs, then please arrive at 11.50am. If you have children in the other classes, then please arrive at 12.00. I am aware that some of our families have children in Hedgehogs and children in older classes – we will make arrangements for any older siblings to go through early.

Also this coming Friday, children in Years 3 and 4 will be visiting the Life Exhibition at St Peter's Church in Bury St Edmunds. This is a great interactive experience for children where they learn all about the life of Jesus during this season of Lent. Mrs Atkins will be taking the children to visit the exhibition at 9.45 and they will be returning at midday in plenty of time for lunch.

Just a reminder that next week is Science Week, and on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March, parents are invited to join us at 1pm in the school hall for our big experiment! For this we still need lots of junk modelling materials and would be grateful for any to be brought into school anytime this week. The experiment will commence at 1pm so please be prompt so we can gather into our colour teams. Please see the attached letter with more information about this.

We would also like to remind you about our Parents Assembly at 2pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> where the children can share all of their exciting learning from our Science Week.

It is great that we have so many exciting learning experiences for our children each week at Hartest, and may I take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support.

With best wishes,

Matthew Coombs  
Head Teacher.

