



Hartest Primary School

Hartest Church of England Primary School

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"Inspiring – Nurturing - Caring"

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe that we have only been back at school for two weeks – it seems so much longer! All of our children have settled back into school well and our new children have made friends. The children are enthusiastically engaging with the tasks that they have been given in class. It is great to be able to drop into the classrooms and to see good learning in all year groups.



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

On Friday, following the sad news of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, we spent time talking about her. The Church of England sent us a presentation that we were able to use with our children to stimulate discussions about what we will remember about The Queen. The presentation also focussed on how we felt.

We have a prayer space in The Hub and all our children are able to go to the prayer space whenever they would like to in order to say a prayer or to have some reflection time.

This week, we have continued to talk about The Queen as well as how we are feeling. After the funeral we will also talk about King Charles III.

Monday 19th September

The Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth

Our school will remain closed on Monday 19th September.



Clarinet lessons with Mr Rowe

On Monday Mr Rowe from the Suffolk County Music Team came into school to teach music to some of our children. Each year the children in Year 4 take part in the WCET Music Festival where groups of schools that are working with the Suffolk County Music Team come together put on a concert for their parents sharing the music that they have been working on.

Each child in Year 4 will receive a clarinet for the year and will receive weekly clarinet lessons from Mr Rowe. These lessons are delivered to the in the hall and have been paid for as part of our Music Curriculum provision. Parents in Year 4 will receive information from Suffolk County Music Team regarding the clarinets.

When the children enter Year 5 they have the opportunity to carry on learning the clarinet for another year, however for these children there will be a rental charge for the clarinet. For families who are eligible for free school meals, there is no charge for the clarinet.

Hartest Institute Horticultural Show

Last week, our children used their art lessons in order to create entries for the Hartest Institute Horticultural Show.

Hedgehog class produced some colourful prints using fruit and vegetables.

Squirrel class produced collages of fruit and vegetables.

Kestrel class produced cartoons of fruit and vegetables.

The winners of the competition will be announced in next week's celebration assembly.

Harvest Art Competition at Brockley Church

Thank you to everyone who entered the Harvest Art Competition at Brockley Church. The entries have all been collected and will be put in display at the church.

The Harvest Art Competition is going to be judged this weekend.

Harvest Festival service

The Harvest Festival at Hartest Church is on Sunday 2nd October.

Our school's Harvest Festival will take place at Hartest Church and will be at **2:00 PM on Monday 3rd October**. All parents and grandparents are welcome to join us.

On Friday the 30th of September we will be taking artwork to the Church to display it ready for both the Church Harvest Festival and the school's Harvest Festival.

STOREHOUSE Foodbank **HARVEST 2022 SHOPPING LIST**

Deodorant	Bleach	Squash
Shampoo	Anti Bac Spray	Coffee
Conditioner	Washing Up	Hot Chocolate
	Liquid	
Chicken Curry		UHT Milk (whole/semi)
Chicken in White Sauce		Sugar
Minced Beef & Onion		Biscuits
Stewed Steak		
		Tinned Carrots
Ravioli		Tinned Peas
Macaroni Cheese		Tinned Sweetcorn
Meatballs		Packet Smash
Hot Dogs		
Tuna		Custard
Soup		Rice Pudding
		Tinned Fruit
Jam		
Chocolate Spread		Ketchup
Peanut Butter		Mayo

Storehouse Foodbank

For our Harvest Festival this year we would like to make a donation of food to the Storehouse Food Bank. We appreciate that this is a difficult time for many families across the country. Whilst we will collect donations for the food bank, we will not be asking our children to come home and ask their parents for food.

If you are able to make a donation, please see the shopping list that the storehouse food bank have sent to schools in the local area. Any donations can be left on steps at the front of school.

Sorry but we can't accept anymore:

Porridge	Pasta
Baked Beans	Sanitary Products
Cereal	Pet Food
Tea	

Mrs Liza Colville - Head of School

On Thursday, we were joined in school by Mrs Liza Colville, our new head of school. Mrs Colville spent much of her visit in the classrooms getting to know our children. Mrs Colville will be permanently joining us in January, but has started working with us as part of a transition into her new role at Hartest.

Mrs Colville enjoyed her day yesterday and asked me to pass on to our children her thanks for making her feel welcome and answering her questions. She's looking forward to seeing all the children in again in two weeks.

Mrs Lizzie Riddleston – SENCO

Mrs Lizzie Riddleston, our new SENCO, has been making contact with some of the parents of children on the SEND register during the last two weeks.

If you have a query or question relating to your child's SEND provision, or you have an SEN concern about your child, you can e-mail Mrs Riddleston on

senco@longmelfordprimaryschool.co.uk

Mrs Riddleston has also begun getting to know our children on the SEND register and has been observing them in classes.

Contact with Class Teachers

During the last two weeks, Miss Burroughs has begun sending out a newsletter to the parents in Hedgehog Class. We are working on developing something similar for Squirrels and Kestrels in a manageable way.

Our class teachers can be contacted through e-mail, although it would be sensible to copy in Mrs Miller to your message; that way we can ensure that the class teachers see the message as promptly as we can.

Hedgehog Class

Izzy.Burroughs@Hartest.suffolk.sch.uk

Squirrel Class

Karen.Temple-Nidd@Hartest.suffolk.sch.uk

Kestrel Class

Anne-Marie.Russell@Hartest.Suffolk.sch.uk

Louise.Burford@Hartest.Suffolk.sch.uk

School Dinners

Since the start of the Autumn Term, Vertas Eats, our school dinner provider has temporarily re-opened our kitchen. We are expecting it to be open for about another month whilst future arrangements are made. When we have further information from Vertas Eats we will let you know.

Secondary School Visits

We have now been told of the open evening dates when Year 6 pupils and their parents are able to go and look around Stour Valley, Ormiston Sudbury and Thomas Gainsborough High School.

Thomas Gainsborough High School (TGS) open evening: **Thursday 29th September 5-8pm.**

There is **no requirement to book.**

Stour Valley Community High School Open Evening: **Thursday 6th October 6-8pm.**

There is **no requirement to book.**

Whatever your child's talent,
WE WILL FIND IT.....

Please come along and see what our academy has to offer.

OPEN WEEK TOURS
26TH - 30TH September.
(extra tours now also available 3rd, 4th, 5th 7th October)

Tours are to be booked via OSA reception and will run from 9:15 - 10:30am
(please call 01787 375131 to arrange a tour)
Tudor Road, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 1NW
www.ormistonsudburyacademy.co.uk
(Virtual tours/videos also available [here](https://bit.ly/3Udk6ab) <https://bit.ly/3Udk6ab>)



Messy Church – Sunday 25th September

4-6pm

at Long Melford CE Primary School

Messy Church is an opportunity for parents and children to have lots of fun doing activities together. The activities might be craft, art or games. Then there will be time to worship God before everybody shares food.

For more information please contact Pam (Melford Family Worker):

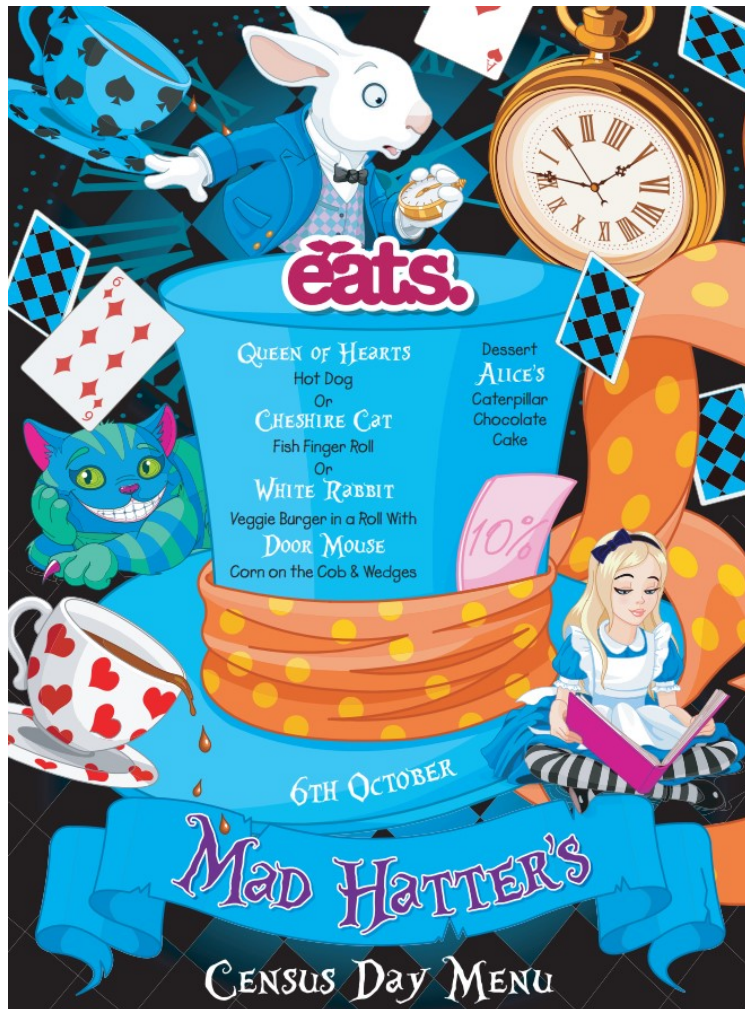
melfordfamilyworker@gmail.com



Census Day – 6th October

On Thursday 6th October it is the National Census Day for schools. This census day determines how much money we will get in our 2022/2023 budget.

We need your help! We need to try and ensure that we get as much money as we can!



If you have a child in Hedgehog Class, it would help us if your child has a school meal on the day of the Census as we receive extra funding for the number of Universal Free School Meals (for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children) that are served.

If you are the parent of a child who has Free School Meals, it would help us if your child has a school meal on the day of the Census. We receive extra funding for the percentage of Free School Meal children who are served a school dinner on Census Day.

If you think that your child might be eligible for Free School Meals, please see Mrs Miller and she will be able to guide you towards making an application.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and you already have the Universal Free School Meals, it is worth applying for free school meals as we then receive an extra sum of money called Pupil Premium that we are able to use to support your child's learning.

Vertas Eats have issued a special menu for the Census Day and have called it the **Mad Hatter's Census Day Menu** – this will be our school meal menu on that day.

Vertas Eats have announced a competition for children to design a Mad Hatter's Hat. Children can design and make hats at home and should bring them in to school on 6th October. We will take photographs of the hats and send them to Vertas Eats who will choose winners from all their photographs. The winners will receive a family cinema voucher.

TT Rockstar Day – Thursday 29th September

On **Thursday, 29th September** our school will be having a **Times Tables Rockstars Day!** We will be carrying out lots of fun games and activities based around learning times tables and launching our use of the TT Rockstar program for the year.

Over the past few of years, pupils from Year 2 upwards have been using the TTRockstars program to practise their multiplication skills. They have all been given an account on TT Rockstars in order to practise their tables. In doing so, most pupils have their own rock star avatar and rock name. This year, we will be using TT Rockstars to ensure that our children are confident with recalling the tables number facts. Our younger children will be using the opportunity to focus on numbers and number bonds. As part of the day, pupils can **dress up as a rock star**. We think it will be a fun day which the children will remember as well as encouraging the children to practise their times tables! They do not need special costumes – disco clothes, denim, messy hair (it can be coloured as long as the colour washes out easily!), sunglasses, nail varnish, eye shadow, transfers as fake tattoos work pretty well.

All pupils from Reception to Year 6 are invited to take part in the day and dress up as Rockstars.

I wonder what the adults will wear!?



School Photographs – Friday 23rd September

On Friday 23rd September the school photographer will be in school to take photos of individuals and family groups. The photographer will be with us first thing in the morning. Mrs Miller will send out more details on Tuesday.

And finally ...

For this term, until Mrs Colville starts her full-time post in January, I will be at Hartest each day for half a day. Normally it will be in the morning. If I am not at Hartest then I am at the end of the phone and can be contacted on 01787 379929. Alternatively, I can be reached via email headteacher@longmelfordprimaryschool.co.uk

My apologies for the fact that this Weekly Update has come out on Sunday. I left writing it to Friday and have discovered that writing two Weekly Updates and being in two schools in one day does not work! I will try again next week to have this with you on Friday!

Kind regards

Amanda Woolmer