



# Hartest Church of England Primary School


## Weekly Update – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October

### Upcoming Dates

<b>Monday 10th</b>	Mr Rowe's Clarinet lessons (Year 4, 5 and 6)
<b>Tuesday 11th</b>	Mr Potter's music lessons Swimming for Squirrel and Kestrel Classes
<b>Wednesday 12th</b>	Open Day for parents of children starting school in September 2023 Potential Powercut to The Row. Please see note in the Newsletter.
<b>Thursday 13th</b>	
<b>Friday 14th</b>	

### Weekly Attendance

to 7/10/22

<b>Hedgehog Class</b>	94%
<b>Squirrel Class</b>	97% 
<b>Kestrel Class</b>	94%

**Well done Kestrels on your awesome attendance this week!**

If your child is ill, please ring or email the school and leave a message. Thank you.

### Certificate Winners

#### **Certificate of Achievement:**

Alice G, Bradley, Charlie L, Daisy, Eli, Finley, Hattie, Jakob, and Tyler

#### **Pupil of the Week:**

Albert, Blayne, Ezra and Matilda

#### **30 Housepoints:**

Amelia, Brei, Hattie, Alice G, Blayne

#### **60 Housepoints:**

Josh

#### **90 Housepoints:**

Freddy W, Ronnii, Skye, Bea, Matilda, Eva

#### **120 Housepoints:**

Eva, Phoebe

**Well done everybody!**



### Dinner Menu

<b>Monday</b>	Traffic Light Pizza
<b>Tuesday</b>	Classic Beef Lasagne
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Gammon & Pineapple
<b>Thursday</b>	Smokey Joe Chicken
<b>Friday</b>	Battered Fillet of Fish



### Christian Value

**Our Christian value is Perseverance**

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

#### **Harvest**

*Thank you to everyone who attended the Harvest Festival Celebration this week.*

*Well done to Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Kestrels for their contributions to the Service and for their singing.*

*Thank you to everyone who donated to the Sudbury Storehouse Foodbank Collection.*

*If anybody needs a referral to the Stonehouse Foodbank in Sudbury, please contact Mrs Miller or to me and we will make an online referral for you.*

## Hartest Church

The Church are starting an informal food box project that is located in Hartest Church porch. They would like parents to know that the aim is for it to work very simply - please leave what you can and take what you need.

If you are making a donation, please leave tins and jars on the bench. All other things should be put in the box.

Some of the food will be used to support families and food boxes will be put together from the donations that have been received.

If you are in need of a food box, please contact Mrs Miller in the short term until we have further information.

This is a brilliant community support project and one which is there to support any of our families who need it. If you are in need, please reach out to school or to the Church.

## TT Rockstar Day

Thank you to everyone who dressed up as Rockstars last week.

TT Rockstar Day was our way of launching the work on Multiplication Tables for the year, which of course includes TT Rockstars.

Every child from Year 2 to Year 6 has a login for TT Rockstars. They are encouraged to learn their multiplication tables and to use the program to promote rapid recall of the multiplication (and division) facts.

At the end of Year 4 the children undertake the statutory Multiplication Check where they are asked 25 multiplication or division questions. They are given 6 seconds to answer each question – after this another question flashes up on the screen. TT Rockstars is an excellent way to help children achieve rapid recall of these important number facts and therefore to prepare them for the Multiplication Check.

Year 6 also need to have a rapid recall of multiplication and division facts to help them with their maths and their end of Key Stage 2 SATS.

Every time the children log into TT Rockstars and practice they generate points that can be spent dressing up their avatar. They also generate an average time for answering their multiplication questions.

This week every child has been able to log on at school and have a go at answering the questions.

To support your children's learning at home, it would be great if every child could be encouraged to log on and practice their tables at least once a week.

From next week we will be looking to see who has the most points and the fastest average time of the week and will be giving out certificates. Once a month we will repeat the RockSlam that we launched during TT Rockstar Day to find the child with the fastest average time.



**Huge congratulations to Tom and Ronnii who were our awesome RockSlam winners, with an average answering time of only **2.73 seconds** per question!**

Congratulations to our other finalists:

Eli, Phoebe, Matilda, Josh, Freddy, Charlie, Merida, Brei and Harry C who all came in the top two places in their year groups or who missed the competition in class and were given the opportunity to have a go..

**More photographs of TT Rockstar Day have been placed on the school Facebook Page.**



### **Hedgehog's Trip to Colchester Zoo**

Hedgehog Class had a very enjoyable day at Colchester Zoo.

The children saw many of the African animals that they had learnt about in class. Thank you to all the children who have told me about what they saw on the trip – my favourite story was the children nearly got eaten by a hungry lion when he kicked the glass and then licked it!

**More photographs of Hedgehog's Trip have been placed on the school Facebook Page.**



This trip was postponed from the very hot days earlier in the Summer and we were very grateful to Colchester Zoo for letting us fix the cooler date.

### **Mad Hatter's Hats**

A huge well done to all the children who made hats for the Vertas Mad Hatter's Hat Competition. Miss Johnstone has taken photographs that have been forwarded to Vertas. As soon as we get the results we will let you know.

### **Open Day for Parents of Children starting School in September 2023.**

Do you know anyone who has a child who will be starting school in September 2023? If so, please could you make sure that they are aware of our Open Days on 12<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Phonics Workshop**

A huge thank you to all the parents who joined Miss Burroughs last week for her Read Write Inc Workshop for Parents.

Miss Burroughs explained to parents about reading in Hedgehog Class and how each child has two reading books as well as a Love of Reading Book from the school library. If you were unable to attend the Workshop, Miss Burroughs is in the process of sending home the information packs that were given out on the day.

If you have not received your copy by Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October, please let us know.

### **Transition for Year 6**

Being in a small school is a truly nurturing school experience – everyone knows and cares for each other. Some of our children however, become quite anxious when it is time to move to secondary school.

In order to try and reduce the anxiety, our aim is to try and give our Year 6 children opportunities to spend some time carrying out activities and making visits with children from other Year 6 classes. In doing this our aim is to ensure that our Year 6 children have more opportunities to work as part of larger groups and to make friends with other children who will be going to the same secondary school as they are.

### **HARTEST CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**



Hartest, a small school with a big heart.



Hartest, a family where everyone knows your name.



Hartest, where every child is seen as an individual.

Is your child due to start school in September 2023?

We have two open days on

**Wednesday 12th October**

**Friday 18th November**

We would really like to show you around our school between 9.30 am and 3pm.

Please ring 01284 830343 to make an appointment.



## Year 6 Residential

From this summer we will change how we approach the Residential Trip. From July 2023 the residential trip will only be for Year 6 children. It will be an opportunity for children to celebrate the end of their time at primary school, develop their independence and to mix and make friends with other children who they will be moving on to secondary school with.

The residential trip will be to Hilltop Outdoor Centre at Sheringham, Norfolk. A letter containing information will be sent out to all Year 6 parents this week. The residential trip will be a three night trip.



## Half Term

If your family are eligible for Free School Meals or if your child has SEND, you may be eligible for some of the activities being run by ACLeisure during half term. The activities can be investigated and booked through their website:

<https://www.acleisure.com/haf/>



### ADVENTURE DAYS

#### EVERYONE SLEEPS WELL AFTER ONE OF OUR OUTDOOR, ADVENTURE DAYS!

For children aged 8-12, action-packed, safe, structured activities with fresh air in abundance, all under the careful eye of experienced outdoor instructors.

Includes forest games, fire-lighting, combat archery, archery, catapult building and Geocaching.



### FAMILY PARK COOKING

Adults and children take part in an amazing unique experience, away from the normal pressures of life.

These sessions are only available for families in receipt of free school meals.

**These sessions are for parents and children age 5-16 years (younger siblings may attend)**

The days run from 10:00-14:00 and include:-

- Outdoor family activities
- Outdoor cooking class and lunch provided
- Recipe book and videos
- Food box for a family of 4



### FREE SWIM & LUNCH

We're offering unlimited **FREE** swimming sessions with a lunch, to support children who are entitled to free school meals, young carers, and those with special educational needs and disabilities (**SEND**)\*. Sessions are available to those aged 5-16. The rest of the family can now swim for **FREE** with their children!

*Abbeycroft Leisure are the company who run the Leisure Centres for West Suffolk and Babergh and Mid-Suffolk District Councils.*

*They have Leisure Centres in Bury St Edmunds, Sudbury and Haverhill.*

## Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October – 3.15 to 4.15pm**

**Open Classroom** – An opportunity to come in to class with your children and look at what they have been doing during this half term. They will be able to show you their books and you will be able to see the classrooms that they are working in.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – PD Day:** Staff Training Day; school closed to children

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

## Half Term

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October Messy Hair Day** – The Friends of Hartest have arranged a Messy Hair Day on this day. Children are able to come in to school with messy hair on this date, but please note, this is **not linked to Hallowe'en**. As a

Church school we are not able to recognise Hallowe'en so we ask that you do not use face make-up, decorations in hair, tattoos etc.

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – 8.30am – 6.30pm**

**Kestrel's Class Learning Conferences** – These will take place virtually. Parents will be able to make a ten-minute virtual appointment with the class teacher to discuss their child. A form to book an appointment will follow next week.

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – 8.30am – 6.30pm**

**Squirrel's Class Learning Conferences** – These will take place virtually. Parents will be able to make a ten-minute virtual appointment with the class teacher to discuss their child. A form to book an appointment will follow next week.

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – afternoon**

**Flu Inoculation for all children** – The school nurse team will be in school to administer the flu inoculations again this year. Further information will be sent out. To those people who have not experienced this before, children do not have injections, the inoculation is a spray that goes up the nose.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November - 8.30am – 6.30pm**

**Hedgehog's Class Learning Conferences** – These will take place virtually. Parents will be able to make a ten-minute virtual appointment with the class teacher to discuss their child. A form to book an appointment will follow next week.

**Powercut for The Row**

We have been notified by the power company that around the 12<sup>th</sup> October the power will be cut to the buildings along The Row in order for the trees to be cut back.

The power company have offered the school a generator, so that we will continue to have electricity throughout the day. School dinners will continue as planned.

**And finally...**

Mrs Louise Burford will be leaving school on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Mrs Burford will be exploring avenues of working with schools developing Phonics and Reading outside of the classroom. We will be sad to see Mrs Burford leave as she has been at the school for her entire teaching career. We wish her every success for the future.

Mrs Russell and Mrs Burford have been sharing a class this half term. Mrs Russell will lengthen her teaching time in Kestrels until Mrs Liza Colville, our new Head of School) arrives in January.

Mrs Mary Roberts has decided that she will not be returning to school at the end of her maternity leave. She is thoroughly enjoying motherhood and has decided that she wishes to spend more time with her gorgeous son. We wish Mrs Roberts and her family good health and happiness in the future; we will miss her.

Kind regards

*Amanda Woolmer*