



Report: Hartest Annual Parish Meeting - 26th April 2017

NOR – 52 Y6 – 2, Y5 – 4, Y4 – 8 Y3 – 11, Y2 – 12, Y1 – 8, YR – 7

Kestrels = Y4/5/6 = 14 pupils, Squirrels = Y2/3 = 23 pupils, Hedgehogs, YR/1 = 15 pupils

One child joined Y3 in February 2017. One child joined Y1 in March 2017. Siblings in Y3 & Y6 joining 21/04/17. Siblings in YR and Y3 joined 19/04/17. The school roll is growing and prospective new parents regularly visit the school, having had the school recommended to them.

BEHAVIOUR

Behaviour across the school continues to be at least good. Good learning behaviour was noted in all classes. Conduct behaviour has improved dramatically. The presence of a Head Teacher on site full time will continue to ensure that behaviour remains consistently good.

Christian values continue to be celebrated and embedded through collective worship, pupil of the week certificates, rewards, and follow up work in classes. This has a positive impact on pupils' behaviour.

Behaviour at lunchtimes is good. The school adopts a zero-tolerance policy regarding poor behaviour, and this is addressed quickly and assertively by the Head Teacher and staff. A good level of MDSA support at lunchtimes has ensured pupils are well supervised and generally behave well.

A newly-reformed school council has fostered a sense of responsibility and ownership for pupils regarding the leadership of the school, and has given pupils a 'voice'.



ACHIEVEMENT AND PROGRESS

Much has been done to improve the quality of teaching and learning and most pupils are making good progress. Some pupils have made exceptional progress due to improvements in teaching, and investing in training and resources for teachers. Pupils are accurately assessed using the school's new online tracking system, and many improvements in the quality of teaching have been noted by the headteacher and visitors to the school. The changes which have taken place this year continue to have a positive impact upon outcomes for pupils.

STAKEHOLDERS

The school's relationship with the pre-school is excellent. As well as providing hot meals via the school kitchen and using school facilities throughout the week, pre-school are regularly joining the school for assemblies and are liaising with Hedgehogs staff in order to find opportunities to work together, which will facilitate a smooth transition to Reception in September. 11 families have named Hartest as their first choice school for September, and 4 families as second choice.

Parents have continued to be invited to Celebration Assemblies and these have been well attended, and these monitored by governors.

Similarly, the Head Teacher has organised two parent forums this term after the celebration assemblies and been available for discussion or to answer questions; no concerns have been raised so it can be assumed that parents are happy. Subsidised Mother's Day lunch has resulted in 28 out of 36 families replying to join us for the roast dinner, an uptake of nearly 80%.

In February, parents in Squirrels joined their children for a science afternoon, and this was well attended. Children were able to share their learning with parents.

The school has supported charity work, and has enjoyed assemblies from Power2Inspire (Paralympian came in and gave inspirational talk), My WiSH (West Suffolk Hospital charity fundraising) and NSPCC (as part of their Keep Safe Speak Out campaign)

Parents were invited to watch a country dancing display by Hedgehogs and Squirrels on 28th March. We finished the term with a Church service. Both events were extremely well attended and supported by parents.

We have good relationships with all our major stakeholders.

CURRICULUM AND GROUNDS

The Head Teacher has undertaken a curriculum audit and looked at curriculum coverage throughout the year in order to ensure a broad and balanced curriculum across all subjects. The school is looking for ways to enhance the curriculum and provide exciting learning opportunities through activity days, educational visits, and visitors to the school. The school is also benefitting from a general 'de-clutter' and some refurbishments in order to provide the very best for pupils. We are looking into extending the trim trail equipment, refurbishing the swimming pool, and opening up the facilities for community use. One limiting factor is the absence of a caretaker, and the need for ongoing maintenance. The school is also looking into raising funds for proposed refurbishments. We are very grateful to the Friends of Hartest and other stakeholders for their generosity thus far.

The school has organised a Curriculum Week, the week beginning 22/05/17. A multi-cultural day has been organised, a whole school seaside trip to Felixstowe, a school percussion drumming event using the county peripatetic music teacher, a craft day, a whole school trip to Banham Zoo, ending with School picnic incorporating an Open the Book Assembly of the Feeding of the 5000 and a May Pole Performance.



DIOCESE – ACADEMISATION

The school received the Academy Order on 23/02/17 and the school will become part of the Diocesan Multi Academy Trust on 01/06/17. The new school name will be 'Hartest Church of England Primary School'. The logo and uniform will not change. Much work is being done in order to make the transition as smooth as possible, and the school will benefit greatly from being part of a strong academy trust with a distinct Christian ethos.

EVENTS

Our specialist PE teachers provide very different experiences for the children and offer staff the opportunity to further develop their skills. Two sports After School Clubs are running this term. We have offered these free to the pupils as part of the use of our PE grant.

Safer Internet Day (07/02/17) was supported across the school with interactive lessons and Smartie the Penguin and attended by the Safeguarding Governor.

Hedgehogs visited Tesco Sudbury Bakery for hands on learning session in the store Bakery. Behaviour was exemplary and the store even brought the baked goods to school in time for the end of the day!

School participated in the Suffolk Agricultural Association "Tractors in Schools" Event which was promoted in the press. A local farmer visited the school and explained rotation crops and sourcing food to all our children. The children had the chance to explore and sit in the tractor.

Local STEM Ambassador David Ackroyd has worked with Kestrels promoting engineering in school. He brought in a hand built racing car and on another occasion during Science Week, worked with the children looking at slip streams with a smoke machine.

Assemblies: My Wish Charity (10/02/17) NSPCC Keep Safe Speak Out (27/02/17) John Willis – Paralympian Power to Inspire (01/03/17) Parent Celebration Assembly (03/03/17)

Whole School Easter day event on 20th March.

Victrix Productions came into school to bring Vikings to life for Kestrels and the Great Fire of London for Hedgehogs. Squirrels anticipate a visit from a local resident who works with the Imperial War Museums to talk about WW2 by the end of term.

The school has many exciting things happening each week. Please subscribe to our Twitter feed @HartestPrimary

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