

Hartford Primary School

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Dear Parents and Families

A very warm welcome back to the new school year from all the staff and from myself – it's lovely to see all the children coming back in after such a long break full of enthusiasm and excitement and sharing many stories of their holidays and family news! I hope everyone had a lovely summer.

I would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to the 18 new children starting throughout Years 1 to 6 in school and extend an equally warm welcome to all our families joining us in Early Years – 45 new faces to get to know, many of them with older siblings in school - welcome to you all, please don't hesitate to speak to any member of staff if there is anything at all you are unsure of. Lastly, Ruby, now in Year 6, is back in school full time – we are thrilled to have her back!

I am delighted to welcome 5 new members of our teaching team - Mrs Speed (Year 4), Mrs Lewis (Year 6), Mrs Hartill (Year 5), Miss Mullins (Year 3) and Mrs Morton (Year 2). I'm sure everyone here at Hartford will make sure they settle in quickly and are very well supported in their new setting.

I've attached to this letter the dates for the year so far – please make a note of them and if there are any changes I will of course let you know as soon as possible.

You might hear your child talk about the Core Values and School Rules over the next couple of weeks as we settle back into school's expectations. Our Core Values underpin our behaviour system and are Respect, Aspiration, Responsibility and Pride. Our school rules are

Always try your best

Always listen carefully and follow instructions

Always make our school a safe and happy place

Both the core values and the school rules are displayed prominently in and around the building; please support your child by talking to them about their understanding of both, many thanks.

My newsletter is sent home every Wednesday. At the end of each newsletter is a change to details form, in case your phone number or address changes. It's important that our records are up to date so if we need to contact you in an emergency we can.

No Readers of the Week this week, this will be featured as of next week's newsletter.

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Meet the Teacher meetings take place today and tomorrow, as informed dates in my newsletter on 13th July. At these meetings staff will share routines in the new year group, information about spelling and homework, our rewards and sanctions system and information about Bug Club which is an extra reading resource for home and school. It is also an opportunity of course for you to put a face to the name as your child's class teacher will lead the meeting. The children are welcome to attend.

Lastly, Mrs Rigby, our brilliant School Business Manager is sadly leaving us for pastures new! She has been appointed as a Headteacher's PA and office manager in a local school and finishes work at Hartford next Wednesday after just over 3 years of commitment and dedication to our school. Many of you have commented that our office team are always positive and helpful and Mrs Rigby will be much missed by the staff, the children and the governors. We wish her well – she'll be a hard act to follow!

I look forward to working with you over the coming year.

Kind regards

Miss M Fairweather

Headteacher

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AMENDMENTS TO SCHOOL RECORDS

Child's Name _____

Class _____

Teacher _____

Please amend details for my child as follows (e.g. phone number, address, contact details):
