

Hartlip News



Trust - Forgiveness - Thankfulness - Peace - Friendship

Hartlip Endowed C of E Primary School

Term 1 2020

Written by the pupils for their local community to enjoy.

Hartlip Harvest Fun

A full week of fun and activities was enjoyed by pupils at Hartlip School as part of their healthy minds, healthy bodies week.

During the week beginning Monday 5th October 2020 pupils from the rural school took part in a fun packed week of activities including; apple toss, spoon decoration and needle in a haystack, which were organised by the school's PTFA.

- Mrs Barratt and Mrs Jerome launched the new house groups, as pupils voted for house captains and deputy leaders.
- Mrs. Jerome had a super surprise in store for the whole school.

Turn to page 2 and 3 to see the full story.



Eagles class off on a hunt.

Help a Hedgehog

Did you know our prickly friends are at risk of not surviving the winter?

Zak, a pupil in Eagles, and his family are doing their bit to help hedgehogs survive the winter. This is a good deed that takes a great deal of time in their day and costs a lot of money. They need your help!

Read page 4 to find out the full story of how you can help and what happened when our special spikey friends came to visit.



Zak and one of the hogs

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'Learning to live, living to learn'

A message from St Michael and All Angels Church

Whenever we have just begun to settle into a new routine, it has seemed as though the shifting sands of uncertainty have bought yet more change and required us to adapt again. In recent days, the government announcement about a second nationwide lockdown has bought this into sharp focus. However, amidst these uncertainties about what the near and far future will look like, we find constants to hold on to and anchor us. The school staff and pupils have worked hard to anchor themselves in their core values of forgiveness, friendship, trust, peace and thankfulness creating an atmosphere of resilience to support each other and qualities that support those around them too. As the church community we have been praying for all involved with Hartlip school and have been pleased to work with the school to find ways we can maintain links and help support their good work. Online assemblies that can be accessed at appropriate times in the school day each week, have been a key part of this process and it has been lovely to hear that the pupils are enjoying these.

Prayers and Blessings

Rev. Simeon

Hartlip Harvest Fun

Continued from front page.

Hartlip was very busy on the 9/10/20. The PTFA had set up loads of games and fun things to do throughout the day. They had their zoom assembly then they watched a play! The crow house, organised by Mrs. Jerome.

Amazing Acrobats

Friday morning, there was a van parked on the school drive; lots of equipment came out onto the playground. There was a massive tall broken house. It was for the show!



The Crow House performers acrobatics.

The whole of Hartlip watched.

There were three actresses performing, they were also acrobats. One of the characters was a young girl, one a mum with a fussy baby and one a Sales person. They were all

searching for a home. The mum even played a harp to try to convince the other two to let her stay. Was she allowed in? The school loved it!

Two members of staff: Mrs Barrett and Mr. Ewan were used in the play. Mr. Ewan had to be a nanny to stop the moaning baby from crying and they brushed his hair with toilet brushes. (Hoping he washed his hair after!). Mrs. Barrett had to be a police woman and eat food from their smelly feet. (They are still wondering if it was a cheese sandwich or it was just the scent from their toes.)



Pupils watching The Crow House performance

A Bale of Laughs!



Pupils in Robins hunting for needles

Pupils from Hartlip School were invited to take part in finding a needle in a haystack, apple toss and spoon decorating, as part of the PTFA Harvest Fun Day.

Wooden spoons were hidden by teachers, one class at a time, in a giant bale of straw on the school field. The teachers started the search with a blow of her whistle. Pupils scrambled to find the wooden spoons by pushing their hands into the bale until they found one. Then the pupils could decorate them for a competition. "That was so much fun!" they all shouted.

Exploding Apples

What a smashing time had by all pupils in harvest activities.

Friday afternoon everyone in Hartlip School had lined up (one class at a time) in front of a cardboard 2D pumpkin. The person at the front was handed an apple then had to try and toss it through the pumpkins mouth. The pumpkin was painted orange, yellow and black with two triangle eyes. It was really tricky but great fun, with lots of mess.



Pupils taking turn in pumpkin apple toss.

Spectacular Spoons

All pupils got to decorate a spoon (needle) they found in the haystack to a harvest theme of their choice.



Some of the spoons decorated by pupils

They came into the classroom and rushed to the pen box so they could decorate their spoon.

Little did they realise at the time that it was a competition, they all had to decorate it in harvest theme!

It was so difficult to pick as they all looked amazing!



Robins class decorating their spoons

Competition Winners of the spoon decoration

Congratulations to needle in the haystack winners: Florence, Kathleen, Ryan and Mia! A prize went home with them as well as a lolly to everyone for taking part. Thank you to our PTFA for organising .



Peacocks enjoying fundraising dress-up

Donations and dress up

During healthy minds and healthy bodies week the PTFA organised some wonderful activities for every child to enjoy (and the staff). The pupils are aware and appreciate the amount of organisation and money that goes into arranging these fantastic events.

To support the PTFA with future fun activities, the whole school came in dressed as a harvest theme. They had to bring in one pound if they wanted to dress up, which goes back to the PTFA for future fun.

There were scarecrows, farmers, vegetables and Ethan in Eagles, came in as a banana!

Happy Hedgehogs

On Thursday 22nd October 2020 Hartlip got to see, cuddle and stroke some adorable hedgehogs.

This took place in the school hall; the teachers had sprinkled straw all over the floor (to make the hedgehogs feel like its home).

A boy called Zak, with the help of his dad, brought them into school -for the pupils to see. They look after underweight and ones that are not ready for the wild then they release them.

Zak had been talking about the hedgehogs a lot so he decided to bring them in. They are called: Sonic (a boy), Peanut (a boy), Curlyboy (a boy),

Jayne (a girl), Pickle (a boy) and Hagrid (a girl, they thought it was a boy but it turned out to be a girl).

Zak only brought in 4 out of 8 hedgehogs (he couldn't remember the other two's names). Due to Covid 19, his dad had to stay outside.



Pupils getting close –up with their prickly friends

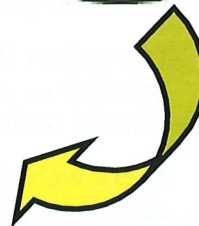
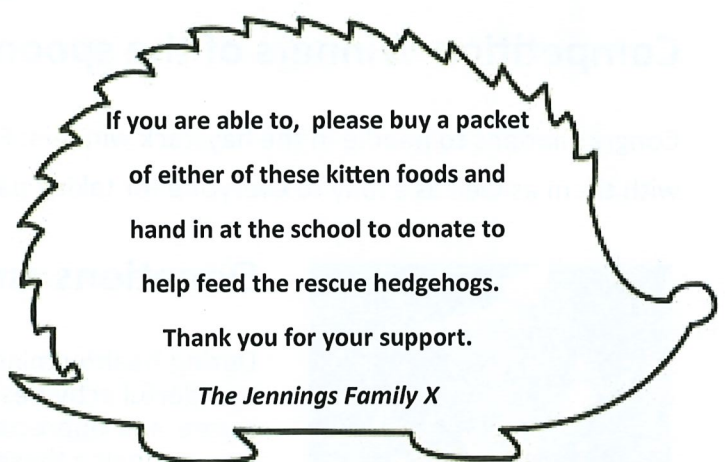
How you can help the hedgehogs

Looking after rescue hedgehogs takes up a great deal of time and so much care is needed for them to be well enough for them to be able to be released back to the wild in the spring.

Every hedgehog needs to be fed using kitten food, which can become quite expensive!

Zak's family, and Hartlip school would like you and your family to get involved to support these beautiful spiky friends.

When out shopping, pick up a box of this kitten food and bring it to school to donate. Please help save our wildlife.



Thank You

Zak's Hedgehog Diary

September – Early October 2020

When I was in bed, when my mum and dad found two baby hedgehogs and they were under weight, which meant they couldn't survive the winter.

So they took them in and put them in a box and put straw, food and water, the next day when I woke up, they said they had a surprise for me, and they showed me the baby hedgehogs and said we needed to look after them and to get them up weight so they could survive the winter, after that we took them both to a person we know that takes care of hedgehogs.

After we did that, we went home, put them in a rabbit cage with water, food and straw the straw was in their sleeping area so they could nest in there.

Three days later when I was in bed, my mum and dad went on a baby hedgehog/ underweight hedgehog hunt, they found three more baby hedgehogs, we've only named four and their names are Jayne, Pickle, Curly boy and Hagrid there is one more to name, we don't know what to name him yet. My family will release them in April 2021. But until then I will look after the hedgehogs by weighing, filling up their food plate and their water bowl and then when the time comes we'll release them.



One of the rescued hedgehogs



Zak holding one of the hedgehogs his family have rescued

October 2020 – Hedgehog update

The hedgehogs are still ok but we have found some more and we now have 8 hedgehogs, one of the new ones called Peanut had to go to the vet, as he had way too many ticks and the vet gave us a liquid to feed Peanut, to make all the ticks come off by drying up as the liquid goes into Peanuts blood and the ticks drink the blood and dry up and die which then means Peanut can survive longer with no ticks.

The other hedgehogs are fine and we are doing the same by feeding them a full pouch of poultry kitten food and a water bowl, we weigh them every day still and clean out their cage once a week.

And Peanut and another hedgehog are separated from the other six because they have a either a tick problem or a problem just generally.

That's the update for this term. Watch out for further updates in term 2.

Zak. J

Hartlip House Captains Revealed!

Hartlip have been very busy! -Thursday 8th October 2020- the pupils voted for a captains of their newly named house groups.

This was carried out by way of a democratic vote. All candidates, in year 6, running for the position of house captain had to prepare their own speech. This was delivered to the whole school over Zoom at 2pm on Thursday. The following day, during worship, the results were given to the whole school.

Afterwards, Y5 and Y6 voted for a vice captain in the same way and Mrs Jerome read the results of vice captain.

These VIPs have important jobs like: counting the amount of tokens in each class, helping the teachers, leading the sports day teams and reporting and writing the Hartlip Newspaper every term with the support of their team members.



Hartlip's new House Captains and Vice Captains

The captains are: Ella (**Brave Blues**), Imogen (**Radiant Reds**), Oliver (**Gallant Golds**) and Isabella (**Glorious Greens**).

The vice captains are: Sophie (**Brave Blues**), Olivia (**Radiant Reds**), Megan (**Gallant Golds**) and Zak J (**Glorious Greens**).

Congratulations !

Brave Blues



Trophies for Brave Blues

Trophy Winners for Term 1

Brave Blues win hands down this term in new house point system.

Brave Blues are the overall winners this term in the new house point system which was released this term.

House points (counters) are given out to show pupils have shown a positive attitude to their learning, others or the school values. This includes wowing their teachers and being kind to others which shows a good example to others as well.

Cuppa, Cake and Community Chat

Everyone needs support! All were welcome to the virtual coffee mornings during healthy minds, healthy bodies week to support the adults that support the children.

It's not just the children that need support during these difficult and changing times. At Hartlip they recognise that the adults that care for the children need time to talk and get support too.

These virtual coffee morning, run by Mrs Ranson-McCabe and Mrs Stanford, were an ideal time for the adults to unwind and received friendly chat and support.



Source: <https://coventrypride.org.uk/events/virtual-coffee-morning-2020-09-12/>

Some just went along for a chat and a shared virtual cuppa and slice of cake, but for whatever reason they attended, a friendly smile, a sympathetic ear and a good natter was enjoyed by all.

Kind Donations to Help the Hungry



Mrs. White's car full of food donations

Packed boot of donated food destined for Swale Food Bank collected by Hartlip families.

Kind donations of food came flooding in from Hartlip School children and families to support a worthwhile cause, as the harsh reality of those less fortunate and their needs were clearly understood by the whole community.

The school was overwhelmed with the donations received which were taken to Swale Food Bank and greatly received.

These donations will go a long way to support families in the local area to be able to eat properly at a difficult time of year. And a year that has already been so hard for many.

Head to their website to find out more about how Swale Food Bank support the local community.

<https://swale.foodbank.org.uk/>



A Hole lot of Bother

Emergency repairs spring up over the weekend requiring quick change of bubble drop off procedure to ensure safety for all.

Nothing stops Hartlip School, even an unplanned hole in the driveway.

As emergency repairs were carried out week beginning 11th October, strict guidance of drop off and collection procedures were put in place to ensure pupil and family safety.

During bubble (Covid safe distancing) drop off times, all parents and carers were asked not to enter the school drive from the front gates or the church. This was due to a large hole having to be dug by electrical company workers for urgent repairs.

Adults bringing children into school were asked to queue along the church path and be escorted at a safe distance for each allocated time.



Hole and barriers in school drive



New house point counting jars

Counting Commitment

New house point system goes live during healthy minds, healthy bodies week.

Counters are placed in house containers to be counted each week by house captains. The house with the most points is given out in celebration worship on a Thursday and totals added for the overall house with the most points at the end of each term. Who's going to be next?

An End of Term Message

I think there's been three phrases that I've been heard to mention continuously as we have returned to a new academic year:

'Where there's a will there's a way!'

'Business as usual!'

'The new normal!'

This publication is testament to all of these statements.

The idea arose when staff were thinking about how best to share with you the activities of Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies week, given that we now have to operate in a very different way. As a result, this publication has been born! The children are so enthused with the idea that they would like it to become a regular feature of school life. And who can deny them this!

So here it is, our first issue which celebrates everything unique about our school. It evidences and reflects 'business as usual,' fiercely demonstrating that 'where there's a will there's a way and celebrates our mantra of our continued 'learning to live, living to learn' in our existence of a new normal.

We hope you receive as much pleasure from reading this as the children have done in creating it and we look forward to sharing further publications in the year ahead.

We're proud to be Hartlip School!



Source: <https://hartlip.kent.sch.uk/>

Mrs Jerome

'Learning to live, living to learn'