

# A message from St Michael and All Angels Church

I wonder....

If you could choose, where would you have been born? A sumptuous palace, with a star-shaped swimming pool and floodlit football pitch? Your own, personal, Legoland? A tropical island, where you could snorkel all day and eat mangoes straight from the tree?

When God's son was born, he could have had the pick! And he chose to be born in a small, unimportant town, where his parents didn't even live; they had to camp in a barn, with animals and no proper beds. No friends or family, no carefully prepared room for the baby, just the animals' feeding trough. And after he was born, they realised it wasn't safe to go home, so they had to go and live away from their family.

Jesus was born into a really challenging time. So he understands how we feel when things are tough, that the world is a scary or lonely place sometimes.

Jesus, God's Son, was born into an ordinary family so he could show us how much God loves each of us. We don't have to be important, or rich, or talented; he loves us just as we are. And that is what Christmas is really about.

Have a very Happy Christmas!

Rev Amanda



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## An End of Term Message

And so ends term 2! Wow! Where do I begin?

I begin by congratulating each one of you. We were optimistic that term 2 would be settled and in school. This was not meant to be and for Robins Class, they have now experienced three separate lockdown periods.

You know that I have a number of different sayings, my own children are always amused by them, if not somewhat teasing of them! One is: every day a learning day. At Hartlip school, we pride ourselves on: 'Learning to live, living to learn!'

My reflections on this term, demonstrate to me that we have been doing just that at Hartlip School. We have had to 'Learn to live' with the current situation. Through it, you have learnt resilience. That means that you are little 'toughies' coping with the challenges life brings. You can adapt and change because of them and you have shown this in the way that you continue to learn even when you have to switch to remote learning.

Another saying is 'business as normal...in the new normal!' What I mean by this is that despite all the challenges that we have faced, school has continued with the usual termly and day to day business. We have just had to learn to adapt and find new ways of doing things. Mrs Jabbour talks about this in her letter. We have indeed 'carried on regardless!'

These last few days, you have heard me say: "Christmas as normal, in the new normal!" We have been committed at Hartlip School to still ensuring, facilitating and delivering all the joy and specialness the season of Christmas brings. Remember our third Advent Candle: "Joy to the world!" We have enjoyed this joy together, whether at home or at school and I feel this newspaper really endorses and reflects this.

So, as we end term 2, all that is left for me to say is to wish you all a very "Happy Christmas!" Go and enjoy Christmas. "Christmas as normal in the new normal! Whilst yes, Christmas may well be different for us all this year, the message and meaning of Christmas remains unchanged. Light your Christingles to remember Jesus, the Light of the World, came in to the world at Christmas and shines brightly for you always.

Thank you for a special and happy term. One in which I believe that we have learnt much and are all the stronger for as we prepare to start a new year.

I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Mrs Jerome**

*'Learning to live, living to learn'*

# Hartlip News



Trust - Forgiveness - Thankfulness - Peace - Friendship

Hartlip Endowed C of E Primary School

Term 2 2020

Written by the pupils for their local community to enjoy.

## Crazy Christmas

We all know things have been so different this year and Christmas celebrations have been different too. But the festivities still continued at Hartlip School.

The lead up to this special time of year has been a complete contrast on previous years. Bubble closures, circuit break and changes in plans at the last minute have all added to the crazy chaos!

However, in true Hartlip style, nothing stops making Christmas a special occasion for it's children.

Turn to pages 6-9 For more Christmas celebration delights.



Hartlip's outside Christmas tree

## Poppies, Poppies Show Support, To Remember The Fallen And Brave That Fought.



Display designed by Hartlip for locals to see.

A beautiful display was left in church during Remembrance week for local parishioners to reflect and enjoy.

Remembrance is always a time to remember those that fought for us all. These heroes made it possible for us all to be free and live without fear.

All the children At Hartlip School decorated bunting to hang in the local church and made a poppy to be placed on the display.

Full Remembrance write up on page 4.

*'Learning to live, living to learn'*

# We Choose Kindness week

In this special week the children in the UK did many activities and reflected on how they can help themselves and victims of bullying.

This special week started on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and ended on the Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020. The week is all about being kind and coming together as one big family and that if the kids are united they will never be divided.

## Odd Socks

On the first day of the exciting week the children of the UK had to come in with odd socks!! They then had to take on the challenge to design and create a colourful odd sock. The children loved this activity. Sophie (in Eagles class) at Hartlip School had reported to us that 'she absolutely loved the challenge, it shows that we are all different, unique and important. ' Have a look on these pages to see what Hartlip school got up to during this week.



Sock design by some children

## Advice Jigsaws

Then they, had to do another activity which was creating a double sided jigsaw piece. On the first side, the children would put a scenario of someone bullying someone-else. For example, it would be a group of friends not letting another student play or join in. When you flip the first side over it will show how you could solve the problem. Zach (aged 9) quoted that he enjoyed the experience of this activity. Lacy (also aged 9) loved it and thought it was a really good idea to help stop bullying.



Class Rap from Eagles



Eagles support hub wall

## Anti-Bully Rap

Eagles' class wrote anti-bully raps to a piece of snazzy music. They came up with some amazing songs that will hopefully inspire people to not be a bully and help people who are being bullied. The lyrics to one of the most popular song started, "Yo dog stop bullying stop bullying it's not cool" . Mrs Jerome (Head Teacher) played their raps during assembly for the whole school to enjoy and listen to the message.

# Trophy Winners for Term 2

Congratulations !

Radiant Reds



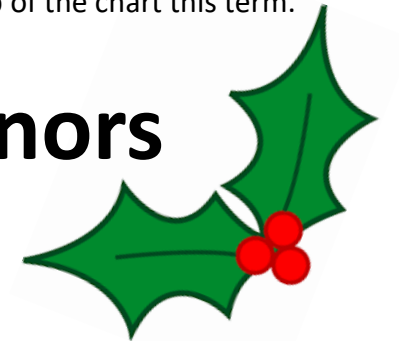
Trophies for Radiant Reds

**Radiant Reds win the trophy for house points this term.**

Radiant Reds are the overall winners this term in the house point system .

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. As a team they showed great effort during home learning too and were awarded points that made them top of the chart this term.

## A Letter from Our Governors



Dear Mrs Jerome, members of staff and children,

Many congratulations on your second most excellent newspaper!

This year has certainly been a very different and challenging year for everybody but these past two terms have demonstrated just how determined and committed you all are to 'Carry on regardless!' It is true that you have not always been able to learn in School, as usual, due to the current situation. However, remarkably, you have been able to work and learn remotely when necessary; this splendid publication illustrates just how much you have achieved and experienced during this period.

I have been very privileged and happy, as one of your Co-Chairs of Governors, to join in with you, via Zoom, some of your Maths lessons and Special Events. (You may remember that Mrs Hadley, the other Co-Chair of Governors, addressed you on Founder's Day). During the Zoom sessions, it was very reassuring to observe your continued enthusiasm and engagement in your lessons and I had a real sense that you all remained united as a School, albeit remotely. The Nativity presentation was, for me, a wonderful and touching start to the Christmas Season.

Well done everybody!

Many thanks to Mrs Rogers and Year Six for compiling this newspaper and to Mrs Jerome and all members of staff for their unstintingly hard work and the extraordinary efforts they have made to keep children as safe as possible and, at the same time, maintaining their educational provision either in school or remotely.

With my very best wishes for a Peaceful and Joyful Christmas. May God's Blessings be with you and all your loved ones at this Christmas Season and throughout the coming year!

All good wishes,

Mrs Joan Jabbour

# Isolation and Circuit Break

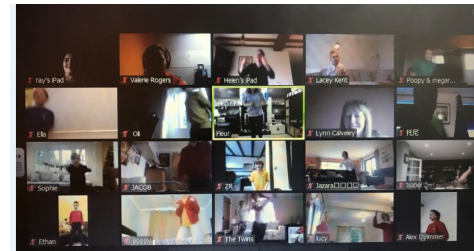
Many people in Hartlip primary school had to self-isolate due to this diabolical pandemic.

Over a quarter of the children at the unfortunate school had to isolate themselves out of class and stay home to protect their friends and teachers, they took part in zoom lessons as they would if they were on school premises and had daily learning put on the purposely designed virtual school website.

Zoom lessons took place for every lesson and even included music and PE sessions.

All the children of Hartlip school respect the many varies of people that have suffered as a result of the life changing virus as they have been though it themselves.

The whole Hartlip primary had to work from home for two weeks this term as numbers around Swale and Medway soared to the highest in the country! This happened for two weeks (24th of November-6th of December 2020). The school has suffered two terms with the appalling disease disrupting their learning, the children are hoping the next four terms go differently. The pupils hope to never encounter the dreadful virus in the school premises again.



Active zoom session in action

Thank you to Mrs (Music) White and Miss (Office) White who joined in and ran active zooms of keeping fit and music with actions.

# Zak's Hedgehog Diary (Term 2 update)

Yesterday my mum and my dad went to go pick up four hedgehogs from someone that we knew and was another hedgehog helper once the new hedgehogs were home we put them all in a cage with straw, food, water and shelter then we separated our other hedgehogs because one of them had a problem.

After we had separated them our microscope had arrived and we checked their poo and they all had a problem, Then we decided to put them all back together and separate the new ones and they all had a problem too, but the now twelve hedgehogs we have they are all good and well and are still gaining weight which is good.



Zak holding one of the hedgehogs his family have rescued



Reflection posters made by Peacocks

## Diwali Celebrations

Robins were learning about Diwali and had a wonderful time taking part in their own Diwali celebrations. What beautiful colours they used and found out that they make different colours when mixed together.



Robins Diwali art

# BBC Children In Need

**BBC Children in Need support so many children and their families with every aspect of their life and what better way to round off " we choose kindness week" than to raise money for this fantastic charity?**

On Friday 13th November 2020 Hartlip School brought in 2 pounds or more to celebrate Pudsey day one pound was for dressing up Pudsey themed. The other pound was for decorating cupcakes and biscuits. Your Pudsey themed outfit could be something yellow, something to do with bears or something spotty. You could even come in your Pudsey themed pyjamas if you wanted to. They decorated their treats with vanilla icing and smarties.



Dress-up fun in Eagles



Outfits in support worn by many pupils



Blackbirds class decorating cookies

# Remembrance Day

School pupils remember and give thanks for what others have done to secure their future.

Pupils in all classes wrote poems and made bunting to celebrate those that died in past wars and still support those in need today.



Children's display and bunting and poems

## Singing sensations!

For Hartlip schools Remembrance Day each year group apart from reception and year 1 due to coronavirus government guidelines of 2 weeks of isolation sang a song for the service.

Eagles year 6 sang This is my command to you, Shalom and Light a Candle for Peace. These songs were used on the power point zoom as well as songs from the other year groups.



Children in their costumes at school and home so all could join in.

# Cathedral Schools Day

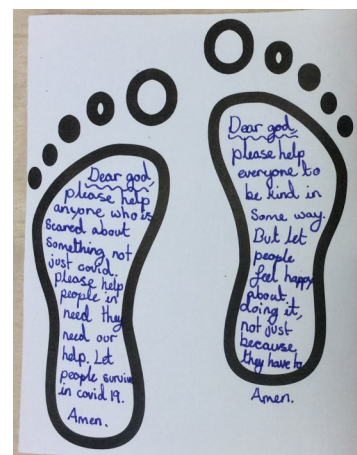
On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020 Eagles` did some activities after watching a video: writing prayers, drawing and colouring in letters and making notes on stained glass windows.

This is a spectacular occasion where year 6 pupils, from church schools, get together to share in reflection and activities organised by Canterbury Diocese.

Usually it is held at Canterbury Cathedral, but instead year 5 and 6 joined in and had a virtual tour and lots of fun activities set up in school.



An activity they took part in.



Prayers and messages for a journey.



Stain glass reflection and identifying

# Christingle and Super Surprise



Christingle service held on last week of school before Christmas.

The smell of the orange is a clear scent of Christmastime time and age old Christian traditions which still take part today.

Every year at Hartlip, a Christingle service is held and children learn about the meaning behind Christingle. They find out what the orange , red ribbon, four sticks with treats and the candle mean. Remember to ask the children what they found out. Do you think they can remember it all?



Eagles' Christingles

Surprise visit from the Snow Queen

Blackbirds' Christingles.

# Hartlip Nativity 2020



**Nativity has been a little different this year but it was still just as special and all classes were able to join in.**

Children and their families will definitely remember Christmas 2020 for it's changes from what they are used to. Within the new normal so much has had to change to accommodate government regulations. But at Hartlip there is always a way to make it work.

A special zoom took place on Friday 11th December for families and those not in school to join in with a grand production of the school nativity.

Each class were recorded in their nativity costumes and videoed singing their class Christmas songs. They were able to be filmed in the church in their year groups which made it really memorable as they would have usually all been in church together as a school.



# Fond of Our Founder

**In November every year Hartlip School takes time to celebrate the school's founder Mary Gibbon.**

All the pupils at Hartlip School got handed a party bag to fill with delicious treats and gifts they won from playing class party games.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of November pupils had the best day ever as celebrations and surprises were in stall for all

Founders day afternoon everyone had a go to hold a sparkler. Mrs Jerome had told everyone to bring in gloves on class dojo so we were able to do it, she still kept it a surprise. However Eagles class found out. The bins gave it away! The wrappers were layered all over the top of the school bin. They had to stand far apart so no one caught fire. After you had finished you had to drop it in a bucket of water then you could go and play!

Pupils learnt about the history of Hartlip school and the amazing work of Mary Gibbon and her support for education for children.

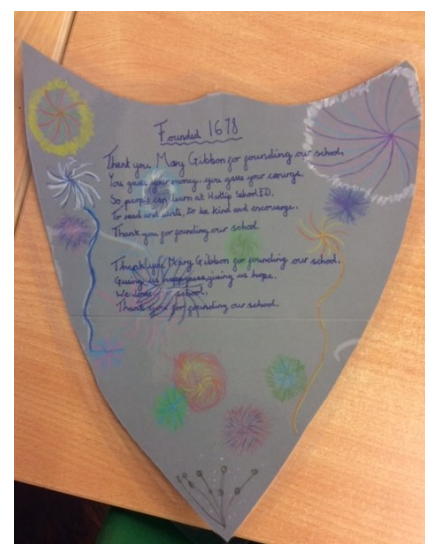


Above, pupil enjoying a sparkler  
Right, pupils creating founders art.



## Founded 1678

This is the special poem that was written by girls in Eagles class and read near Mary Gibbon's grave:



Decorated poem for Mary Gibbon

Founded 1678

Thank you Mary Gibbon for founding our school  
 You gave your money, you gave your courage,  
 So people can learn at Hartlip School,  
 To read and write, to be kind and encourage,  
 Thank you for founding our school.  
 Thank you Mary Gibbon for founding our school,  
 Giving us happiness, giving us hope,  
 We love our school,  
 Thank you for founding our school.

## Awesome Assembly!

Due to covid 19 robins class – Yr and Y1 – weren't at school to join in with all the fun activities. However, they could still do assembly because the classes join on zoom. Each pupil isolating had to join one by one; classes join together. On zoom each year had a video of them singing then it was put on the PowerPoint. Some years had more than one.

# Christmas Never Stops At Hartlip.



Christmas is such a special time to celebrate and even more so given the current situation around the country. How have Hartlip School still managed to make it special for its pupils?

## Christmas card competition

### Pupil wins card competition with beautiful unique design

Traditionally Hartlip School does a card competition at Christmas time, the pupils draw a festive design incorporating their school values. Children taking part in this competition usually get a small prize for entering, but the overall winner gets their design made into a real card which is sent out by the school.

This year 2020, the winner was Samuel Weller from Peacocks and his design was amazing well done!



Samuel's winning design.

## Robins Making Their School Festive

Robins class had great fun sorting all the baubles and adding a wish to each before placing it on the school tree for all parents and children to enjoy.



Robins decorating the tree

## Hartlip Helping others

Hartlip families have helped many this Christmas by donating shoe boxes for a special presents appeal for the less fortunate in other countries. Also bag to school donations of clothes and hampers for those who need food in the community.



Donations of shoe box appeal and hampers.

## Festive Cheer Crafts

All classes have been joining in the festive cheer with making their own decorations and Christmas cards for their family.



Blackbirds making their paperchain

Even during the two week circuit break, the staff were busy ordering specialist supplies for their classes to be able to make Christmas cards and crafts on their return. Children have been busy making decorations to hang in their classrooms

Blackbirds had great fun working together to make their fantastic festive paperchain. It's so colourful and looks amazing!



## Fun Games and Delicious Dinner

Christmas jumpers, roast dinner and party hats set the scene for a wonderful Wednesday.

What a fun packed day! Wednesday 16th December saw the pupils of Hartlip enjoy in full Christmas theme as they celebrated with a tasty roast and festive dress and games.



Thank you to our cook Maria and our dinner lady Mrs Jackson.

Making Christmas hats

Hot potato

Pass the parcel