



## Haslingfield Endowed Primary School

### Diary Dates:

**Mon 13 – Fri 19** – Favourites Lunch Week



### Letters sent out to parents this week:

- Scholastic Book Club Flier
- Ash Class Half Term Newsletter
- Change4life Sports Club
- KS1 Spanish Club



### Welcome Back

Happy New Year and welcome back to everyone to the start of the Spring term. We hope you had an enjoyable break and we are looking forward to a really wonderful year ahead.



### New Caretaker

We would like to welcome our new caretaker, Bob Cowlan who has started at school this term.



### Parent Helper

We are looking for a parent who is a doctor, who would be willing to come and do a talk for the Year 3 children on the Human Body and organs. If possible perhaps they could bring in resources such as a skeleton, body model etc. If you can help please contact the school office or Miss Wernham.

Thanks.



### Scholastic Book Club Orders

Please return your Scholastic Book orders by 24<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you.

# Newsletter

Spring Term 2014

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Website: [www.haslingfieldschool.co.uk](http://www.haslingfieldschool.co.uk)

*Learning and achieving together in a safe, happy environment*

### Policies

Haslingfield School Drugs and Sex and Relationships Education Policies are available to view on the notice board in the reception waiting area. Any comments to the School Office. Thanks.



### Spanish Club

Children in Ash, Birch and Hazel (Key stage 1) classes are invited to take part in a Spanish club on Wednesdays after school. As well as the basic language element they will look at Spanish culture using songs, games, puppets and familiar stories to learn and practice Spanish. The club will cost £1.50 per session and will run from straight after school until 4.20pm, including a snack. To enroll your child ask the school office for a form or for more detailed information see [www.haslingfieldspanish.com](http://www.haslingfieldspanish.com). The club is due to start on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January.



### Lost Property – Boys Shoes

Please could you check that your son has the correct shoes. We have a pair of size 2F, Black, Velcro, Clarks shoes in lost property and a pair of Size 3, Black, Velcro, Startright shoes have been reported as missing. Thank you.



### Haslingfield Messy Church

Messy Church will be on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January at the Haslingfield Methodist Church from 3.30pm to 5pm, free entry (donations welcome). This time it's "Yippee Yellow" and there will be all sorts of painting and craft to do. Children of any age welcome with parents.



**Ash – Miss Peck and Mrs Campbell:**

We have really enjoyed starting our new topic ‘Things That Go’ and have been focusing on cars and bikes this week. We talked about and made a graph of the different ways we travel to school and did a tally of cars passing the school. We designed and built our own cars and had a go at drawing a bicycle. In literacy we wrote a report on our traffic survey and wrote our own licence plates.

- Literacy – To hear and write sounds in words.
- Numeracy – Tallies, graphs, most and least.

Show and Tell: Stanley & Gwen.



**Birch – Mrs Lovett and Mrs Lione:**

Our new term began really excitedly when we watched a clip of the Ice Age DVD. It introduced us to our new topic, learning about Polar lands in ‘lets go exploring’. We have already looked at and learnt lots of things! We have set up our role play area and are hoping to make an igloo, so please send in all of your large plastic milk bottles. Thank you.

- Literacy – To use interesting words to write a character description.
- Numeracy – To understand and use ordinal language up to 20.



**Hazel – Mrs Stepney:**

Happy New Year and welcome back to the new term. On Tuesday we received an exciting package that contained a bear called Augustus who had brought with him lots of clues to help us work out what we will be learning about this term. Our theme for this term is ‘dig, dig, dig’ and we will be finding out all about farming in the past, today and in another country. We then thought of questions about farming we would like to find the answers to and we set to work straight away and sowed some cress seeds. We have created a patchwork field backdrop for our display in the classroom, using our colour mixing skills.

- Literacy – To use a thesaurus to expand vocabulary choices. To use connectives in writing.
- Numeracy – To compare and measure capacity in litres and millilitres. To read a scale.

Show and tell: Ashton, Archie, Stanley, Joseph



**Hawthorn – Miss Wernham:**

We have had a fun start to our topic by researching where our ancestors are from. We have shared what we know about Ancient Rome and what we want to find out. PE days this half term are Mondays and Tuesdays. Homework for this half term is 3 pieces of project work, please refer to the letter sent home.

- Literacy – To examine features of Newspapers.
- Numeracy – To use basic strategies to aid addition. To learn the column method of addition.



**Oak – Mrs Nussey:**

After a relaxing Christmas holiday we have all bounced back into Oak Class with energy and enthusiasm. This week we have made our own Oak Class jigsaw, choosing elements of our individual characters to write on each piece. We have discovered our new topic of ‘Japan – Samurai, Shogun and Sushi’, using a museum box containing an original woven basket and four pairs of ‘geta’ which are shoes a bit like our flip-flops. We have celebrated New Year (‘oshogatsu’) by playing a Japanese ‘pin the features on the face’ game and making New Year cards. The Little Theatre in our room changes every day and is inspiring us to write our own stories based on the changing action and characters. The Pizzas we made for beginning our learning in fractions had some strange toppings, from frogspawn to just plain hot chilli.

- Literacy – Identifying the features of playscripts.
- Numeracy – Fractions that total 1 and equivalent fractions.



**Beech – Mrs Creamer:**

Happy New Year to you all! We have started our term by making bookmarks with our New Year’s resolutions on, made Puritan-style hats, generated theme-based questions to investigate and begun our new class reader, King of Shadows. All of this has been an introduction to our new termly theme of ‘Puritans, Plots and Plagues’. Can I take this opportunity to thank all of you who, so generously, gave me a Christmas gift (Thank you cards have been given to individual children). It was lovely to read and hear about how the children completed their Christmas homework tasks.

