



## Haslingfield Endowed Primary School

### Diary Dates:

- Mon 1 Dec – Hilltop Info Evening 6pm  
Tue 2 Dec – Music Assembly 9.15am  
Fri 5 Dec – Mr McLeod & Governors Tea & Chat,  
9.15am  
Fri 5 Dec – PTFA Christmas Fayre, 3.30pm



### Letters sent out to parents this week:

- Infant Charity Christmas Shopping Morning
- PTFA Christmas Fayre



### PTFA News

#### Raffle tickets

In book bags today! The Christmas raffle is the single biggest fundraiser of the year. We hope you will support it this year. Top prizes are iPad mini 2 and £100 cash!

#### Snowflakes

Thank you for all the beautiful snowflakes. We are sure Santa will love them! All snowflakes will be displayed in Santa's Grotto at the Fayre.



### Family Guide to Cambridge

A new website has recently been launched to help Cambridge families spend more quality time together. Family Guide to Cambridge [www.familyguideto.co.uk](http://www.familyguideto.co.uk) has a wealth of useful information for families with comprehensive listings of local events, things to do, groups, classes & activities, as well as recommendations for family friendly places to eat & drink, ideas for day trips, free activities and rainy day activities.

# Newsletter

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### Joint Service

There is a joint service for the local villages this week at Comberton Leisure this Sunday 23rd November at 10.30am. All welcome. This is a lively service and there will also be children's activities going on.



### Christmas Photos

There are still some spaces left. Anna Marriage ([www.marriagephoto.co.uk](http://www.marriagephoto.co.uk)) will be at the Methodist Church on Tuesday 25th November between 3pm and 6pm. The session is open to families and children of any age. Please could you let Poppy Short ([poppyshort@gmail.com](mailto:poppyshort@gmail.com)) know if you are interested in booking a slot (10/15mins each).

### Banding Together Orchestra Day

Serious about music? Want to play in a large orchestra with other young musicians? Calling all musicians of Grade 2 standard and above. Cambridgeshire Music Ensembles are running their first Banding Together Day for this year on Saturday 22nd November, St Faith's School, Cambridge. They will be focusing on playing the BBC Ten Pieces in a large orchestra. If you are not already a member of the Cambridge Area Music Centre you are welcome to join for the introductory fee of £15. To book your place please email : [mark.aldous@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:mark.aldous@cambridgeshire.gov.uk). For more information on the Cambridgeshire Music Ensembles see [www.cambridgeshiremusic.org](http://www.cambridgeshiremusic.org).



### Race Night for Little Owls Preschool

Friday 28th November – Race Night at the Little Rose, 1st race at 8pm. Try your luck on the horses and support Little Owls Preschool. Also, auctioning Frankie Dettori's breeches, signed photos and even a winners prize from Dubai !

### Headteacher's Bulletin

Rev Gilbert, our new local Vicar from St Matthews Church visited us, taking her first assembly at Haslingfield School. Afterwards, I had the pleasure of meeting her; we are appreciative of the continuing support the churches in Haslingfield provide to our families and children. Mrs Baptie officially started her new role as Office Administrator this week and I have appreciated the thoughtful approach taken by those visiting the office and for understanding the complexities of working in a busy school environment. Our leadership team have been looking at specific areas of learning in 'reading' across the school this week, while reviewing and evaluating the effectiveness of our systems. The school is beginning to show the signs that Christmas is on its way; some of our new displays reflecting this seasonal change!

Mr McLeod



### **Ash – Miss Peck and Mrs Hollins:**

We had a fun start to the week at Elsa's ball; dancing and eating yummy party food. In literacy we have been thinking of different words to describe the different characters in the story of frozen and have written thank you cards to Elsa for inviting us to the ball. We have made some fantastic shape snowmen and sorted and cut out different shapes to help produce our corridor display. Towards the end of the week we had to help Anna solve a problem. Elsa had frozen some of our toys! Thankfully the children came up with some fantastic ideas and managed to melt the ice to free them. We have started learning the songs for our Christmas production and we are very good at them already!

- Literacy – Describing words, thank you card. Phonics- ch, sh, th, ng.
- Numeracy – Shape



### **Birch – Mrs Campbell and Mrs Lione:**

This week in Birch class we have been continuing our learning on light and dark and have made candles and candle holders. We used clay to make coil pots for the holders and completed a science investigation by melting wax to make our candles. We also talked about candles as a Christian symbol and have been learning about Christian celebrations and important occasions. In maths we have been measuring and have really enjoyed using different tools and choosing lots of different objects to measure. We have also started rehearsing our Christmas production and we are already sounding great!

- Literacy – writing about baptism and belonging and joining our ideas using words such as and, because, so.
- Numeracy – measuring using standard and non standard measures.

Show and tell (Weds) – Clara, Sophie, Elizabeth



### **Hazel – Miss Hall:**

This week in Hazel Class we have continued to practise telling the time. We have moved on to working out the time that has passed between things that have happened. This has included solving time word problems. We have also worked on ordering the months of the year and discussing the differences between the seasons. The children have been working hard on rehearsing the Christmas play and practising the songs. We have heard some great expressive reading and we look forward to seeing the children continue to bring the play to life.

- Literacy – To understand a text. To read with expression.
- Numeracy – To tell the difference between times. To solve time word problems.

Show and tell (Weds) – Barney and Max.

### **Hawthorn – Miss Turner:**

This week in Hawthorn class has been very busy. The children have worked incredibly hard preparing for their class assembly and practicing for the Christmas play. We have really enjoyed putting together the assembly and I hope you enjoy it as much as we have. In Numeracy this week we have learnt about line and rotational symmetry and have used it to make snowflakes. In Literacy we have looked further at the rhythm and rhyme of poems and have created a chorus for our very own rap.

- Literacy – To understand the importance of rhythm and rhyme in poetry.
- Numeracy – To use line and rotational symmetry.



### **Oak – Miss Wernham:**

This week in literacy we are continuing to analyse and unpick 'The Highwayman' poem by Alfred Noyse. Activities include defining adverbs and adverbial phrases and discussing characteristics of a good recital, which will also support our forthcoming Christmas production. During P.E. we have enjoyed participating in trust and team building skills. These include guiding each other verbally whilst one is wearing a blindfold, crossing a 'river' working as a group!

- Literacy – To understand what is read by identifying how language contributes to meaning. To participate in performances, speak audibly and clearly.
- Numeracy – Yr 4, Telling the time to the nearest minute. Use AM/PM appropriately. Yr 5, Convert grams to kgs, m to km and ml to l (to one decimal place).



### **Beech – Mrs Stepney:**

We had our first rehearsal for the Christmas play on Monday afternoon. The children worked really well together and are all enjoying the songs.

In numeracy we have been investigating ratio and proportion. The children had fun creating a numeracy display to explain these concepts, which is up in the corridor by the library.

We have continued our topic Awesome Oz by finding out about the first convicts that were sent to Australia, many of them children. The children will be writing newspaper articles reporting these events.

- Literacy – To know how to write reported speech. To write a report using reported speech.
- Numeracy - To investigate ratio and proportion.

