



Haslingfield Endowed Primary School

Diary Dates:

Mon 26 – O2 Young Voices Trip
Tue 27 – School Work Show and Tell, 3.20pm



Letters sent out to parents this week:

- School Work Show and Tell
- Helen O' Grady Drama Flier
- Yr 5/6 Boys Football Team Training
- Favourites lunch



School Dinners

For KS2 children, school meals will cost £2.15 per day. The costs will therefore be £62.35 for the half term or £116.10 for the full term.



PTFA News

The Giving Machine

Congratulations to Alexandra Taylor who won the crate of Virgin wine in the Giving Machine prize draw! In 2014 we raised a total of £520 via TGM. A huge thank you to everyone who supports school in this way.

PTFA meeting

This term's meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th January at 8pm at 12 The Meadows, Haslingfield. We will be discussing the new play trail, introducing Gift Aid to school and Easter fundraising events. Everyone welcome, please join us.



Recorder Club

Junior recorder club (KS1) will now be on Thursday lunchtime at 12.45pm. Senior recorders (KS2) will be on Friday at 12.45pm.



O2 Trip

Please could parents who have ordered tickets for the O2 collect them from the school office. Thanks

Newsletter

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Coding Club for Spring Term

The existing class (8am Tuesdays) will continue for the next half term. In the second half of the Spring term (from week of Feb 23rd), there will be two separate coding club sessions each week i) Scratch at 8am on Tuesday for Reception through Year 2, ii) A Python class run by Royston Shufflebotham (details TBC). Both classes will start at an introductory level, and there are open spots available for each. Please contact Phil Golden (startsScratching@gmail.com) if interested.



Charity Magic Show

Congratulations to Ashley Evans, Benedict Roberts, Nico Campbell and Rhys Ansell-Jones who raised £37.50 for charity with their magic show at the end of last term. Thank you to all those who contributed.



Fowlmere Bullfinches

The Fowlmere Bullfinches is a RSPB Wildlife Explorer group for children aged 8 - 12 and their families. They run monthly nature events, often at the local RSPB Fowlmere reserve and sometimes further afield. This month they have a special trip to RSPB Ouse Washes in the Fens on Sunday 18th January 2015, 10:30am to 1:00pm. Email fowlmerebullfinches@hotmail.co.uk by Monday 12th January 2015 to book your place or for more information. Cost £2 members, £3 non-members.



Raising Children and Sibling Rivalry Course

Cambourne Village College. Starts on Wednesday 14th January for 10 weeks 10:00am – 12:00pm
The Raising Children programme is aimed at offering parents of children aged 5-12 years a supportive, informal environment, in which to gain information, knowledge and skills around parenting issues. Facilitated by Samantha Stacey and Clare Merrington. Booking essential, please call 01954 284604.
(Also Raising Teens and Sibling Rivalry Cambourne Village College. Starts on Tuesday 13th January for 10 weeks 6:30pm – 8:30pm.)



Headteacher's Bulletin

Welcome back from what I hope was an enjoyable Christmas break for all of you. Having returned to school we have wasted no time in getting children back into good routines. I have been leading a training course for our staff this week, updating them on the latest Child Protection procedures as well as providing assistance to staff, along with Miss Peck, to transfer some of our assessment data to a new system with improved links to the New Curriculum. You may have noticed several work men around the school over the last few days; they have been trying to fix a problem with our boiler. We will be monitoring the effectiveness of these repairs over the next few days but it's good to finish the week on a positive note!

Mr McLeod

Ash – Miss Peck and Mrs Hollins:

Happy New Year to you all, we hope you all had an enjoyable break and the children have had a well deserved rest. We have had a lovely start to the term hearing all about the fantastic things the children have been doing over the holidays, and all of the lovely Christmas presents that they received, during our circle time. The children produced some amazing writing in their work books about their holidays using their sounds to help them, we were very impressed. We have introduced our new topic 'Things that go' the children are very excited about this and have come up with some great ideas. I am sure you have all heard about our fantastic train that the children have painted for our role play area. This is encouraging some very imaginative role play and it has been lovely to watch. We had to do a very important job on Wednesday and find out how many cars passed our school and what colour they were. The children completed a tally with a partner and shared their results with their friends. We saw lots of black and silver cars!

- Literacy – Writing about our holidays, labelling a car.
- Numeracy – Writing number plates, tally charts.



Birch – Mrs Campbell and Mrs Lione:

Welcome back to everyone, it's been a good start to the new term. We've been thinking about Christmas and the holidays and we did some lovely writing about our presents. In maths we've been covering addition; adding 2 numbers together by counting on from the bigger number. We've also been looking at number in general, trying to get really comfortable with numbers up to 100. We've revised all our phonics so far and are looking forward to picking up new ones next week. Next week we will also be starting our new topic for the term - It's a Toy Story! Could we please ask everyone to bring in a favourite toy from home for **Thursday** next week.

- Literacy – Writing about Christmas presents
- Numeracy – Counting on

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



Hazel – Miss Hall:

Welcome back Hazel class! This week we have written down some of our New Year's resolutions and have started to plan a diary entry about Christmas day. In Maths, we have been looking at adding and taking away in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10. We have also been comparing numbers and practising our two times table. We have also started the new term's topic: Our Family and Other Animals. We have begun by learning about the location of Corfu. We have found out about the animals that can be found on Corfu and compared these to the animals we might find in Haslingfield. We have thought about why some of the animals on Corfu also live in Haslingfield and why some do not. After that, the children chose an animal from Corfu and sketched it.

- Literacy – To write about an event that we have experienced. To plan before we write.
- Numeracy – To count forwards and backwards to 100 in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10. To compare numbers.

Show and tell (Weds) – Alex Baptie and Barnabas Cooke.

Hawthorn – Miss Turner:

Happy New Year. We have had a busy first week back in Hawthorn class. Our topic for this term is 'Making Waves' which includes the history area 'Ancient Greece'. We have evaluated what we already know and have written ourselves a question to try to answer at the end of the topic. In numeracy, we have been learning about division and fractions. We have been halving odd and even numbers and learning about halves, quarters and thirds. We have also started to look at equivalent fractions. In Literacy this week we have been using a wide range of Literacy skills to research Greece and then use the research to create a holiday brochure or poster.

- Literacy – To write a holiday poster or brochure.
- Numeracy – Year 3 – To find halves, quarters and thirds of quantities including odd numbers. Year 4 - divide two-digit numbers by single-digit numbers, with remainders. To count in quarters, thirds and tenths saying the equivalent fractions.



Oak – Miss Wernham:

We have begun the term by researching Ancient Egypt, using atlases to map important cities and landmarks. We have also organised dates in Egyptian history into a timeline and thought about the changes that occurred within the time period. We started our first Gym Session this week on 'partner work' and obstacles with some very interesting results!

- Literacy – To use a variety of Literacy skills to research Ancient Egypt.
- Numeracy – To add and subtract fractions with different denominations.



Beech – Mrs Hughes:

Happy New Year to you all! We have had a very busy first week back in Beech class.

In numeracy we are refreshing our memories on place value, rounding and working with negative numbers. We focused on working with six and seven digit numbers to build our knowledge and understanding of how to use numbers.

The literacy focus for the next few weeks is Fantasy Stories which will lead to us eventually writing and publishing our own. This week we've read a few Shaun Tan stories and learnt how to summarise the story. Our topic this term is 'Vicious Vikings' and we have started to research the history of the people and their origins. We are looking forward to learning about the history of the Vikings!

- Literacy - To learn how to write a summary of a fantasy story.
- Numeracy – To revise place value for 6 and 7 digit numbers.

