



**Haslingfield
Endowed Primary
School**

Newsletter

Spring Term 2015

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Learning and achieving excellence in a safe, happy environment

Diary Dates:

Wed 11 – Yr3/4 Gymnastics at CVC

Mon 16 – Fri 19 – Half Term

Mon 2 Mar – Parent Consultation Evening 5.30-8pm

Tue 3 Mar – Parent Consultation Evening 3.30-6pm

Letters sent out to parents this week:

- School Milk Scheme
- Parent Consultation Evenings
- Ash Class Assembly reminder

School Library

Miss Peck would like to say a huge thank you to all of the parents that came along to sort the library on Wednesday. It is looking fantastic, and all of your help is very much appreciated.

Trip to the O2

Thank you very much to all the choir parents for the flowers. It was a lovely surprise yesterday. I hope you like the photos of the O2 trip in the window of Beech class.

Mrs Jukes

1st Step Sports Half Term Camps

These will be running at various sites over the holidays including on Tuesday 17th February at Haslingfield School. Bookings can be made online at www.1ststepsports.co.uk or by calling their office on (01638) 666879.

Fowlmere Bullfinches, Build a Bird Home

RSPB Wildlife Explorers are holding a Build a Bird Home day for Ages 7 to 12 at Fowlmere RSPB on Sunday 8th February, 10am to 12pm

Email fowlmerebullfinches@hotmail.co.uk

by Thursday 5th February to book your place.

£2 members, £3 non-members.

Football Fun Day

Cambridge City FC Development Centre are holding a football fun day on Wednesday 18th February 2015 at Impington Sports Centre, Cambridge, for boys/girls aged 7-15 years, £8 for the full day and just £5 for current development centre players. The day will run from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm (All abilities welcome). For bookings see www.1ststepsports.co.uk/football-development-centre/ or call 01638 666879.

Netball and Athletics Camps

South Cambs School Sports Partnership are running netball and athletic camps for 7-15 year olds during the Easter holidays. Netball camps will be at Impington Sports Centre on Tuesday 7 April and Wednesday 8 April 2015 and Athletics camps at Wilberforce Road Athletics Track, Cambridge on Thursday 9 April & Friday 10 April 2015, all 10.00am - 3.30pm.

For more information and a booking form, please contact: Helen Stepney on 07732 222905 or email:helen.stepney@scambs.gov.uk
www.scambs.gov.uk

Cambridge Science Festival

Cambridge Science Festival takes place from 9 to 22 March with bookings for events opening at 10.30am on Monday 9 February. For more information see www.sciencefestival.cam.ac.uk.

Headteacher's Bulletin

Our library has just had a big sort out and although there are still plans for further changes in the near future it looks marvellous; thanks to a team of highly efficient parents! Also, thanks to Miss Peck for organising the day and providing refreshments. Our SENCO, Ms Wernham has been monitoring the effectiveness of our 'support learning pack' and sharing results with teachers. Teachers took part in resuscitation training during the week and we are now ready for the Summer; that's forward thinking! Staff have been reinforcing procedures which help with personal hygiene during the week and the cleaners carrying out a deep clean of classrooms!

Mr McLeod

Ash – Miss Peck and Mrs Hollins:

We had a very exciting start to the week exploring and playing in the snow. We made giant footprints, snow pies and a very cute snowman. The children were very proud of themselves. We enjoyed listening to the story 'The Pirate Cruncher' and thought of our own pirate names. We made our own boats for the pirates and thought carefully about the different materials that we were using and talked about whether our boats would float or sink. We are going to test them out next week. We have been working very hard on our assembly this week, we hope you enjoy it.

- Literacy – lists, handwriting, phonics
- Numeracy – Capacity



Birch – Mrs Campbell and Mrs Lione:

This week we have been covering history and have looked at some old toys and the history of toys. We had a fantastic trip to the Folk Museum where we were toy detectives and had to sort toys into old and new and figure out how some of the old toys worked. We also had a chance to make our own wooden peg dolls - they were wonderful. We read the Old Bear stories and described old bear and wrote about the history of teddy bears. In maths we have been revising subtraction and strategies for working this out as well as looking at some missing number calculations.

- Literacy – Writing factual accounts/information
- Numeracy – Adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers

Show and tell (Weds) – Imogen, Harry, Alice



Hazel – Miss Hall:

We've been having a 'Have a Go' week in Hazel class.

The children have been working very hard, and they have done some great work. In the afternoons, we have been thinking about how animals have characteristics that make them well suited to the environment in which they live. The children then designed their own animal, which had the characteristics that it needed to do well in a particular environment. We also thought about what makes up our identity: our likes, dislikes and our family and friends.

Show and tell (Weds) – Ella and Molly

Hawthorn – Miss Turner:

We have worked really hard this week in Hawthorn class. We have continued to read Greek myths and have practiced using powerful verbs in our writing. The words 'said' and 'walk' are now banned in Hawthorn class as we would like to use more interesting verbs. We have continued working on addition and subtraction and have been finding the difference by counting up. This week in Science we have continued learning about electricity. We have learned how to wire a plug, we found this very fiddly and we have used our knowledge of conductors and insulators to make our own switches. We tested our switches within a simple circuit and then evaluated their effectiveness.

- Literacy – To use notes to write a paragraph
- Numeracy – To subtract by counting up



Oak – Miss Wernham:

This week we have been doing literacy and numeracy assessments during our morning sessions. In history we have found out about the main pharaohs; when they died and how long they ruled. Next week we will be investigating their death masks in preparation for making our own! In PSHE we have looked at ways to resolve conflict and have understood what it is to have empathy for others.



Beech – Mrs Hughes:

In numeracy this week we revised units of measurement, practised converting between the units, and read and interpreted scales. Nearing the end of the week, the children are focusing on constructing and interpreting data in graphical formats; bar, column and pie graphs.

The literacy focus this week involved reading parts of the 'The Hobbit' and identifying the difference in sentence structure and the rich language Tolkien used to describe characters and their traits. The children revised the different sentence types and practised extending their writing to include relative clauses. The outcome is rich text to provide more information to the reader about a character.

Our topic 'Vicious Vikings' focused on the children designing their longboats with the task of building their boats as a home project. There is time next week for the children to paint their longboats if needed.

A reminder, can all children remember that PE is on Wednesday and Friday; they need their PE kits.

- Literacy - To identify the language features used in an adventure story.
- Numeracy – Measurement and handling data in a graphical format.

