



**Haslingfield
Endowed Primary
School**

Newsletter

Spring Term 2015

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Diary Dates:

Mon 16 – Fri 19 – Half Term

Mon 2 – Fri 6 Mar – Book Week

Mon 2 Mar – Parent Consultation Evening 5.30-8pm

Tue 3 Mar – Parent Consultation Evening 3.30-6pm

Thu 5 Mar – Dress Up for World Book Day

Letters sent out to parents this week:

- Yr 5 & 6 NetworkCB23 Orchestra
- Book Week
- Red Nose Day
- Volunteers for School Library
- New Lunch Menu
- Hilltop Update

Girls Football Club

To replace the cancelled sessions, the girls lunchtime football club will additionally run on the following dates; Wednesday 25th Feb, Wednesday 4th March, Wednesday 11th March.

Wine Tasting Evening

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent wine tasting evening. We raised a fantastic total of £630. All the proceeds are being spent on the school swimming pool which provides weekly swimming lessons and after school clubs during the summer term.

PTFA.

Denny Abbey Farmland Museum

Denny Abbey are running a Twilight at the Museum event on Wednesday 18 February, 4.30pm - 8.30pm. Grab a torch, wrap up warmly and explore the museum as night falls! Follow the trail around the site, make a shadow theatre & visit the Abbey for a ghost story! Free Admission - last entry 7.30pm. For more information see www.farmlandmuseum.org.uk.

Swimming Holiday Courses at Parkside Pools

There will be holiday swimming courses from 16th to 20th Feb at Parkside Pools. Contact reception on 01223 446100 for more information or to book a place. Places in group classes can also be booked online at www.betterlessons.org.uk.

Super Sunday at Parkside Pools

Parkside Pools are running family fun sessions from 12 - 4.15pm on Sunday 22nd Feb and then on the last Sunday of each month. They will include an inflatable assault course, giant beach balls and water polo (children need to be 8 and over and able to swim at least 25 metres for the inflatable). For more information call 01223 446100 or email parksidepools@gll.org.

Home Visiting Volunteers

Home-Start Royston and South Cambridgeshire are looking for Home Visiting Volunteers. The volunteers are all parents and grandparents who can give a few hours a week to help families who are finding it difficult to cope. A 10 session training course for new volunteers is being held during June & July 2015. The course will run from 9.30am – 2.30pm - dates to be confirmed. For more details contact Sarah or Jackie at:- Home-Start Royston & South Cambridgeshire, Unit 6, Valley Farm, Station Road, Meldreth, Royston, Herts, SG8 6JP, on 01763 262262, or admin@hsrsc.org.uk or at www.hsrsc.org.uk.

Headteacher's Bulletin

This has been a very exciting and busy half term with staff working incredibly hard to make the children's time at primary school a success in every way. One again this week, I have been joining teaching assistants in their staff meeting where they continue to share and support each other, leading to better provision for children. It has been good to see Mrs Lovett in school on the occasional day this week working with some of our younger children. Some of our older children had some good news to share regarding a gym competition they went to this week - coming joint second! I was pleased to hear of a child in school making a point of saying that they were having a great time learning Key Stage 2 Spanish and Music this term. I hope you all have an enjoyable half term.

Mr McLeod

Ash – Miss Peck and Mrs Hollins:

This week in Ash class we have been learning all about the story of Chinese New Year and have looked at how they celebrate it. We took part in races in our outdoor classroom and placed ourselves in order of who came 1st, 2nd, 3rd just like the animals in the story. We have decorated the classroom with Chinese lanterns and made our very own money wallets. We have been practising our Chinese writing using paint and gold pens and are getting very good at it. We opened our own Chinese restaurant and tried some yummy Chinese food which included noodles, sweet and sour sauce and prawn crackers. There weren't any knives and forks in our restaurant so we all had a go at using chopsticks. We were very impressed with the children's fine motor control. We would like to say well done to all of Ash class on a fantastic half term. We hope you all have a well deserved rest over the half term holiday.

- Literacy – Phonics revision
- Numeracy – Ordinal numbers and weight



Birch – Mrs Campbell and Mrs Lione:

This week we have been busy putting into practice all the maths skills we have learned this half term. Mrs Campbell and Mrs Lione are very pleased. We have continued covering the history of toys and looked especially at the teddy bear. We made our own teddy timelines with pictures of teddy bears from as early as 1920s. We made our own non-fiction book about toys and how they move and what they might be made of.

- Literacy – Independent writing (Assessed)
- Numeracy – Assessments

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



Hazel – Miss Hall:

This week in Hazel class we have been working on our descriptive writing. We have written a long description of a friend or family member. We have also written a recount of a day at school, remembering to using interesting adjectives, adverbs, time connectives and full stops and capital letters in the right places. We have worked on some Maths word problems and practised measuring out and drawing accurate straight lines. In the afternoons, we have continued with our weather forecast dance as well as doing a Valentine's day craft. We hope that you all have a lovely holiday.

- Literacy - To write descriptively. To write a recount. To use capital letters and full stops in the right places.
- Maths: To solve word problems. To use place value to solve problems. To measure and draw a straight line accurately.

Show and tell (Weds) – Thomas and Sam



Hawthorn – Miss Turner:

We have had another busy week in Hawthorn class. In Literacy this week we have edited our work and created story maps of a known myth. We have also been learning about the origins of –logy words. In Numeracy we have continued to learn about addition and subtraction. In Science this week we have carried out an investigation into the effect of adding components to a simple circuit. Earlier this week as well as completing their usual times tables the children also completed a division task, please help your child in practicing both their multiplication and division. I hope you have a restful half term.

- Literacy – To edit own writing
- Numeracy – To use expanded addition and subtraction.



Oak – Miss Wernham:

What a week! We have made 'Egyptian Death Masks' using Modroc, a task which has been extremely challenging but successful! As part of 'Internet Safety Day' we have made information posters which will be displayed in our ICT suite. Finally we have consolidated our understanding of 'factors' and 'prime numbers' by creating factor trees in Maths! Have a lovely half term everyone!

- Literacy – To create fact files about Egyptian Gods.
- Numeracy – To solve problems involving sums, differences and times tables.



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 identify 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.