



Haslingfield Endowed Primary School

Diary Dates:

Fri 22 – Bikeability Yr3 and Yr4

Letters sent out to parents this week:

- Helen O'Grady Drama Flier
- Favourites Day Flier

Science Week 8th – 12th February 2016

As part of the schools Science week the children will be learning about 'Animals including Humans' and across the school will be learning about the following areas:

- Nutrition and exercise
- The human digestive system and teeth
- The human heart and circulation system

If you feel you have any expertise in any of these areas that you would be willing to share. Please let your child's class teacher know or come and speak to me directly.

Thank you, Miss Turner.

School Dinners

School Dinners cost £2.25 per day so will total £65.25 for half a term or £119.25 for a full term. Please make your payments in advance via our online payment facility. Thank you.

School Menu Change

Due to Favourites Day on 21st January, the roast dinner option for 21st January will be moved to Tuesday 19th January.

Update to Contact Details

Please could all parents ensure that the school office has up to date contact details, including current mobile numbers where the school is able to leave messages in the case of an emergency. Thank you.

Free Cambridge United Tickets for Primary School Children

Cambridge United are offering free tickets for the CUFC v Hartlepool Match at 3pm, Saturday 23rd January. Go to cufcdirect.com, Scroll down to Hartlepool, Enter promo code SCHOOLSTICKET, Select your tickets/seats, Checkout, Enjoy the game!

Headteacher's Bulletin

Welcome back to school; I hope you have all had a wonderful time with your children over the Christmas break. Most teachers were in school on Monday to start the year by attending refresher training sessions on Child Protection and Prevent – delivered by Mrs Petty and myself; several follow up courses will be run over the next few weeks to ensure that all adults working in the school are familiar with the latest advice. Related to this; just a quick reminder for all those parents whose children received a new computer or game console from Father Christmas – it is advisable to ensure your children's internet access is monitored; you may wish to look at our e-safety documentation, for helpful advice, which is available on the school website.

Mr McLeod

Newsletter

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Learning and achieving excellence in a safe, happy environment

Messages from Haslingfield Methodist Church

Messy Church for ALL AGES: Friday 15th January, 3.30pm.

Come and join us at the Methodist Church for lots of different craft activities suitable for children at pre-school, K.S.1 and K.S.2, a short time of worship and refreshments. The theme this month will be Two Tiny Coins.

Junior Christian Endeavour:

Are you between 6yrs and 11yrs?

Do you enjoy games, singing and crafts?

Come and join us at Junior Christian Endeavour at Haslingfield Methodist Church on Wednesdays from 6.15pm-7.15pm

Messages from Haslingfield All Saints Church

Happy New Year! Please come to our Sunday Club New Year Social on SATURDAY 9th January 2016 at 10am. Meet by the pub in Harlton to join us for a walk, games and hot chocolate in Harlton woods. (Please wear waterproofs and wellies and bring your hats and gloves).

On Sunday morning there is a Baptism followed by Sunday Club at 9.30am on Sunday 10th January. New for 2016: We will be having 2 groups this term: Little Saints for 3-7 years in the vestry and Super Saints for 7 years and upwards in the vicarage. Meet at the church at 9.30am for the first part of the service and then we will take the 2 groups later on for various activities. All welcome, and there will be coffee/tea and biscuits at the back after the service and a chance to catch up.

Raising Teens and Sibling Rivalry Course

This will take place at Cambourne Village College.

Starting on Tuesday 12th January for 10 weeks, 6:30pm – 8:30pm. Being a parent is one of the hardest but also one of the most rewarding jobs. Unfortunately children/teenagers don't come with an instruction manual! The "Raising Teens" programme is aimed at offering Mum's and Dad's of children aged 11-16 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.

Kings College Choir

Does your son love singing? King's College Choir in Cambridge is on the lookout for new choristers. If your son loves singing and music and is in Year 2, 3 or 4, he could be the one they're looking for! The next audition is on Saturday 23rd January. Contact Lisa at Lisa@becomeachorister.org if you'd like to find out more, or see their website www.becomeachorister.org.

Ash – Miss Peck and Mrs Hollins:

Happy New Year to you all - we hope you all had an enjoyable and restful break. It was lovely to hear the children talk about their Christmas holidays and all of the lovely gifts that they received at the beginning of the week. The children wrote about their holidays in their work books and used their sounds to help them write their sentences. We talked about the importance of remembering to use finger spaces and full stops. On Tuesday we had our first balanceability session using the balance bikes on the playground. The children had lots of fun practising their balancing skills and were super sensible when using the bikes. Balanceability will run every Tuesday for this half term. On Wednesday we were car detectives and had an important job of counting all the cars that came past the school and produced a tally showing the most popular colour. The children were very excited about this and enjoyed sharing and talking about their results with the rest of the class. We looked at different cars in the playground and read all of the different number plates. The children wrote their own number plates using different letters and numbers once back in the classroom. The children have been busy drawing and painting large vehicles for our displays and they look very impressive!

- Literacy- writing sentences, phonics- ear, ow and er.
- Numeracy- data handling, number recognition/formation



Birch – Miss Hall:

Welcome back Birch class! It has been lovely to hear about your Christmas holidays and well done for a good start to the term. We have been practising writing clearly and neatly, about our favourite parts of the Christmas holidays. We have also been learning how to do corrections in our books independently, to help us to reflect on our learning and make improvements by ourselves. In Maths, we have been thinking about measuring how heavy objects are: sorting out light from heavy objects and comparing the weights of objects, using balance scales. We have been learning about the seasons in Science this week and we have made a calendar for the New Year, based on one of the seasons. We have also started a new unit in gymnastics and have been practising different balancing movements.

- Literacy: To write clear lower-case letters. To use finger spaces to separate words.
- Maths: To compare the weights of objects.



Hazel – Mrs Campbell and Mrs Lione:

Welcome back everyone; we hope you had a good Christmas and New Year. This term our topic is "Let's Go Exploring" and we have started by looking at our world in general, talking about what makes it special and looking at maps and globes. We have been thinking about the sort of questions we have about this topic and the areas we would like to find out about. We also wrote New Year's resolutions and have enjoyed describing our Christmas holidays and presents.

- Literacy: Writing questions and using connectives
- Maths: Addition and subtraction on a number line

Show and Tell: Bryony, Thomas, Coco and Zuhayb



Hawthorn – Miss Turner:

Happy New Year! We have had a very busy first week back in Hawthorn class. The children have come back to school brilliantly. This week in Literacy the children have been learning about Mystery Stories. They have read several short mysteries and have identified the features and started to understand some of the features that are specific to the genre. In Numeracy the children have been learning about multiplication and division. The children have started to use the grid method for multiplication and have been using informal methods for division. The work this week has helped them to see how important it is to learn their times tables. The children have started exploring our new topic 'Romans' and have found where the Romans came from. In Science the children carried out an experiment to find out which fizzy drinks contained the most gas.

- Literacy – To identify the features of Mystery Stories
- Numeracy- To use the grid method for multiplication.



Oak – Ms Wernham:

Welcome back! I hope everyone has had a fantastic Christmas break. This week we have mostly focused on finishing last term's sewing project. The class have made a variety of lovely items, we hope you like them! We have also begun our 'Space' topic, starting off by naming the planets in our solar system and calculating distances from the sun. Homework this week is topic-based and mathematics. Next week's Big Write is a description of a story setting

- Literacy - to write a detailed description of a favourite present using powerful vocabulary
- Numeracy – To understand and use negative numbers. To construct line graphs from given data.



Beech – Mrs Petty:

Happy New Year and welcome back! It sounds like the children have had a wonderful break and are ready for our new adventures into learning about the Victorians and the Industrial Revolution. We have placed the Victorian era on a chronological timeline and discussed the major changes in monarchs from as early as 1066 so that the children can see how the topics they have studied through primary school are related. In Maths this week, we have launched ourselves into the wonderful world of algebra and expressions. The children have grasped this concept superbly and have found algebraic expressions for sequences to find the nth term relatively easy! Using the inverse to find an unknown value proved a little more complicated when more than one step was involved but, in the face of these challenging questions, it was excellent to see so much perseverance and resilience- values we will be focussing on this term. In Literacy, we began to read our class text, Street Child, which over the term will inform us about the terrible conditions of life in the Victorian workhouse and about the story of Dr. Barnardo's.

- Literacy: to infer and deduce about character's thoughts and feelings using the text as evidence
- Maths: to write and simplify expressions and use simple formulae to find missing values.

