



## Haslingfield Endowed Primary School

### Diary Dates:

Mon 30 – Fri 3 June – Half Term  
Mon 6 June – Staff Training Day – No children in school  
Tue 7 June – Children return to school  
Tue 14 June – Sibling Rivalry Talk, 9.15am

### Children's Sports Events

Thu 9 June - Yr 5/6 QuadKids Athletics

### Letters sent out to parents this week

- Ash Clas Technology Questionnaire
- Yr 5/6 Caythorpe Information
- School Swimming Information
- Yr6 Athletics festival
- Catering and Cleaning CCS Flier

### Bike Maintenance Course

There are still places for the bike maintenance course on the 7th and 14th June. Please contact the school office asap if you are interested. This club is now open for children in years 4, 5 and 6.

### Access to School over Half Term Holiday

There will be contractors on the school site during half term. During this time there will be no access to the school site until Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June. This is to manage/reduce the health and safety risks associated with the preliminary roof removal work.

### PTFA Upcoming Events

Please save the date for the following PTFA events:

#### School Disco - Friday 8th July

Reception and KS1: 5.30pm - 6.30pm KS2: 6.45pm - 8pm.  
Professional DJ booked.  
Entrance is £2 per child, no need to buy tickets in advance.

#### Fundraising Aquathlon - Saturday 16th July, 2pm - 4pm

All children are invited to participate in a fun swim and run at school and will be awarded a medal and certificate. Afternoon tea will also be on offer. Full details to follow after half term.

#### PTFA Swimming Club

Please return completed membership forms and payments as soon as possible. The rota will be drawn up over half term and the swimming club will commence on Monday 13th June.

#### Parents of Year 6 Leavers

The PTFA has set aside funds to buy our 2016 leavers a farewell gift. We are looking for parents of leavers to organise this. Please get in touch at [ptfahaslingfield@gmail.com](mailto:ptfahaslingfield@gmail.com).

### Headteacher's Bulletin

It is great to see the children enjoying the full use of the school field now we are seeing more of the sun. Arrangements have been made for preliminary work to begin on the school site during the half term break; risk assessment having been completed which will result in restricted access to school staff. This week I have been involved with governors and staff, interviewing candidates for positions in September; it is always a privilege to meet people so committed to improving the lives of children. Hope you have a nice half term!  
Mr McLeod

# Newsletter

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### Sibling Rivalry Talk

Samantha Stacey and Clare Merrington, the Early Intervention Family Workers will be giving a talk in school on Tuesday 14th June, 9.15 to 10.15am about Sibling Rivalry. All welcome.

### Nearly New Sale

Nearly New raised an amazing £93.50 from the last sale and the pre-school sale. Thanks to all for donating and purchasing items. The next sale will be early in the summer term on Thursday 9th June before and after school. There will be plenty of summer dresses, shorts and sports day T-shirts available. Also some Comberton uniform items for those year 6's moving up. Please come and support us and bag a bargain! All proceeds help support the school.  
Thanks, Julia & Clare

### Haslingfield Church

This week Haslingfield Church would like to welcome you to an All Age Family Service with a christening at 10.30am on Sunday 29th May in All Saints' Church, Haslingfield.

Please note the later service time and there will be no Sunday Club this week. There is a creche area at the back of the church for parents and younger children to use.

There will be tea, coffee and biscuits at the back after the service. All welcome.

### Denny Abbey Farmland Museum Half Term Events

There will be a 1940's event on Sunday 29 & Bank Holiday Monday 30 May 10.30am to 5pm. Step back in time to the 1940s - Vintage vehicles, 1940s songs and music, Costumed re-enactors, Home Guard & GIs, 1940s artefacts, Children's activities & much more!  
Event admission prices apply

Free entry for Season Ticket holders. Reduced entry price for English Heritage Members - no free entry to Abbey on event days. There are also family craft activities taking place on Wed 1<sup>st</sup> and Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> June 12-4pm. For more information see [www.farmlandmuseum.org.uk](http://www.farmlandmuseum.org.uk)

### Fowlmere Bullfinches

There will be a Slither and Creep Youth Group Event for ages 7 to 12 at Fowlmere RSPB on Sunday 12th June, 10am to 12.30pm. Things will take a cold-blooded turn with a look at the reptile and amphibians of Fowlmere. They will hunt for the dinky descendants of dinosaurs before learning about their habitats, diet and life cycles. Please email [fowlmerebullfinches@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fowlmerebullfinches@hotmail.co.uk) by Sunday 5th June 2016 to book your place. £2 members, £3 non-members.

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

We have continued learning about dinosaurs this week and have been writing our own dinosaur stories. The children thought about what would happen at the beginning, in the middle and at the end. The children planned their stories and thought carefully about what they wanted to include. It was fantastic to see the children write another story during their child initiated play the next day. The children enjoyed watching dinosaur facts and videos on the IWB and wrote about some of the interesting facts that they had learnt. The children showed an interest in fossils and had a go at making their own using clay; they look very impressive! In maths we have been weighing different objects in the classroom and deciding whether they are heavier or lighter using the scales. On Wednesday we made our own dinosaur volcanoes using bicarbonate of soda, washing up liquid and vinegar. The children were very excited about watching their volcanoes and made some very good predictions about what might happen when they added the vinegar. If your child shows an interest in writing over the half term break, it would be fantastic if they could write a diary of the exciting things that they have been doing or their favourite day out. There will be an opportunity for the children to share these with the rest of the class after half term. Wishing you all a happy and restful half term break.



### **Birch – Mrs Campbell:**

We have been really busy this week practising for our class assembly. We hope you enjoyed it. We've continued our pirate theme and have read some more pirate stories and wrote our own pirate adventures. We've been revising all the maths we have covered so far this half term; trying to remember how to do basics like adding and subtracting after all the fractions and multiplication and time-telling! As part of our seaside topic we looked at the work of Turner and had a go at our own watercolour seascapes. They are really great. We wish you all a good half term break and a well deserved rest!

- English: story writing and drama
- Maths: revision



### **Hazel – Mrs Lione and Mrs Lovett:**

We enjoyed drawing fish and looking at pattern in art. We used the patterns to create foil fish. We are now writing our wishes from last week's writing lesson on the computer and they are being displayed in our classroom. They look very shiny and colourful! We have also listened to the Bible story of Noah's Ark and have learnt a song about it.

- English - Reading Comprehension – writing out literacy using MS Word.
- Maths – solving missing number type problems. Using the inverse to work out a missing number in a subtraction calculation.



### **Spanish - Mrs Norris**

This week Year 2 in Hazel Class have been learning the days of the week and should be able to sing them! Hawthorn Class have been performing the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar in Spanish. Oak Class played clock dominoes to check their understanding of different times. Beech Class talked about food in school and expressed preferences about packed lunches and school dinners.

### **Hawthorn – Miss Turner:**

At the start of the week in Hawthorn class the children worked really hard on their end of year assessments. We are so impressed at their hard working attitude and determination to do well on some quite tricky tests. All the children should be very proud of themselves. In Literacy the children finished looking at 'Stories from Other Cultures' by writing their own story, based on a short animated film with a focus on African culture. In maths we have continued with division and learnt a new method called chunking. The children have applied this method to a problem solving activity in which they had to work out which pirate treasure chest was worth the most! In P.E. we have had a go at some athletics, and practised our running, throwing and jumping techniques. Our afternoons have taken a PSHE focus, and we have talked about how to stay safe in different situations, including near roads, in the case of fire, and near water.

The children have worked incredibly hard this half-term and thoroughly deserve a rest. The first week back after half-term is Science Week – if you have any empty shoe boxes at home we would be grateful if the children could bring these in on the first day back at school.

- English – To learn about and write a story from another culture.
- Maths - To use chunking for division.



### **Oak – Ms Wernham:**

During our topic sessions this week we have explored Indus Valley houses in more detail and created aerial plans of them. We have also looked at everyday life, investigating food and comparing it to Indian food today. In Science we have responded to concept cartoons about how light travels; this has prompted us to plan an investigation on light and shadow.

It's been a very busy half term so enjoy the break – see you in just over a week!

- English – To practice editing skills, improving punctuation and grammar.
- Maths – To understand square and cube numbers. To create 3d shapes from nets.



### **Beech – Mrs Petty:**

Over the term and especially in the last two weeks, the children have been considering how to accommodate a growing community with eco-friendly eyes. On Monday, they enjoyed a DT day, creating 3D nets in order to make their miniature models of their village, designed from card. This entailed a lot of scaling, measuring and accurate cutting and scoring. It also required team work and patience! Throughout the rest of the week, the children developed their persuasive skills, encouraging the public to buy their eco-houses in a persuasive explanatory poster and encouraging investors to support the build of the village through a persuasive and compelling speech. Following this, the views of the opposition were considered and the class participated in a debate, after they had composed individual speeches opposing the build. The week ended with each group presenting their persuasive speeches - 'Dragons' Den' style! Well done Beech on a hard and busy term - looking forward to next half-term already though.

- English: to use persuasive techniques in explanatory posters, speeches and debates
- Maths: to scale quantities and measure accurately

