



Haslingfield Endowed Primary School

Diary Dates:

Mon 5 – KS1 Dress Rehearsal 10am
Mon 5 – KS1 Performance 2.15pm
Tue 6 – KS2 Dress Rehearsal 10am
Tue 6 – KS2 Carol Concert 1.45pm
Tue 6 – KS1 Performance 6pm
Wed 7 – KS2 Carol Concert 6.30pm
Fri 9 – Non-Uniform Day
Wed 14 – Infant Shopping Morning
Thu 15 – Christmas Lunch
Fri 16 – Parent Forum Internet Safety
Sat 17 – Christmas Fayre

Letters to parents

- Stars Holiday Club Flier
- PTFA Event Information
- Spellodrome Hazel and Beech Class
- Village Walk and Photo Consent - Ash Class

Christmas Performance Tickets

Tickets for the evening performances have now all gone but there are still afternoon tickets available for the KS1 and KS2 performances. Please contact the school office.

KS2 Christmas Concert

Please can the children arrive for the evening performance (Wednesday 7th) by 6pm. The children will need to wear school uniform. Thank you.

Hilltop Residential Trip

All permission slips and deposits of £45 must be received by the school office by Monday 5th December at the latest. Thank you.

Choir Performance – Christmas Fayre

The Choir will be performing at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 17th December. Please let Mrs Lihoreau know if your child will be unable to come along at 11.30 on 17th December. Thank you.

Wonderful writers of the fortnight-

Well done to the following children for being chosen to be the wonderful writer of the fortnight in their classes. The children's work will be displayed in the library for the next two weeks.

Ash- Eloise Patterson
Birch- Scarlett Keynes
Hazel- William Reavell
Hawthorn- Zach Benjamin
Oak- Stanley Smart
Beech- William Winton- Smith

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Cross country at Wimpole

Well done to all of the children that attended the Cross country event at Wimpole this week. I was very impressed at how well they all ran and how well they represented our school! They should all be very proud of themselves!

Miss Peck

Bag2School

We raised £130! Thank you everyone for your donations.

Non-uniform day - Friday 9th December

In return for coming to school not in uniform we kindly ask for a donation towards the upcoming Christmas Fayre and/or Infant Shopping Morning: chocolate or sweets (even better if they are in a jam jar!), preloved toys, bottles of wine, small items such as unwanted gifts, bric-a-brac, books, unopened toiletries. Thank you for your support. PTFA

Guitar Lessons

Our resident guitar teacher, Mr Cory, may have some available slots for the forthcoming school term. If your child is interested in learning the guitar, please contact Mr Cory via email at jimmypagefans@hotmail.com. Please note that if you have already joined a waiting list, then your child will be the first to be offered lessons. Please include: pupils name, parent/guardian name, school name, lesson duration requirements, home telephone number & mobile phone number.

Raising Children and Sibling Rivalry Course

This will take place at Cambourne Village College, starting on Wednesday 18th January for 10 weeks (excluding half term) 10:00am – 12:00pm. Being a parent is one of the hardest but also one of the most rewarding jobs. Unfortunately children don't come with an instruction manual! 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. Facilitated by Samantha Stacey and Clare Merrington. If you are interested in attending please call- 01954 284604 or 01954 286008.

A Night at the Opera: Saturday 3 December, 8pm

Please join us for 'A Night at the Opera' at All Saints' Church, Haslingfield in support of Little Owls Preschool. Tickets are £15 and include a glass of mulled wine on arrival, delicious choice of puddings, cheese and biscuits, served on vintage china. There will also be a licensed bar and a silent auction. Tickets available on the door, and in advance from Haslingfield Village Shop, Country Kitchen, and from Poppy Short (poppyjshort@gmail.com) & Jenny Reavell (jennyreavell@gmail.com).
Little Owls Preschool

Haslingfield Church

There is a Family Service including a christening this weekend on Sunday 4th December at 9.30am

Headteacher's Bulletin

This week teachers have been meeting with me to discuss the attainment and progress of every child in the school; we discuss the effectiveness and successes of teaching methods used to maximise the engagement of individuals. Where progress or attainment is not in line with our threshold levels, our SENDCo, Miss Kimberly, provides further support. The School has been looking increasingly Christmassy this week and children can now post their cards in our Christmas post-box; they are then sorted and delivered by the older children in the school.

Mr McLeod.

Ash – Miss Peck:

Ash class have had a very exciting week this week! On Monday the children had to help rescue Elsa, Anna, Olaf and Hans as they had been frozen in a block of ice! The children thought of lots of different ways that they could melt the ice to free the characters including putting the characters in the sun, by the radiator and in hot water. The children were very excited when they managed to free them all! We wrote a list of some of the things that we would like for Christmas and a letter to Santa! The children were very excited about going to post their letters to Father Christmas and made us very proud with their amazing behaviour on the way to the post box. Once at the post box the children sprinkled some magic over the postbox and turned around 3 times- we are hoping this means our letter will get to Santa quicker. Our Christmas production is coming along beautifully and the children have been working so hard- we really hope you all enjoy it.

- English - lists and letters to Santa
- Maths- number formation and recognition



Birch – Mrs Lightfoot & Mrs Hollins:

We have had another busy week rehearsing for our play which we are looking forward to performing next week to you all. We have enjoyed a creative 'Buddy Time' today making Christmas decorations to make the School look festive. In English we have been covering some of our grammar work, deciphering the soft and hard 'c' sound in words and learning more about split diagraphs. In Maths we have been making up different amounts from coins, remembering that there isn't a 3p, 4p, 6p, 7p, 8p or 9p coin so these need to be made out of smaller coins.

Next week in our Big Write we will be writing a letter to Father Christmas. Please talk to your child about what they might like to include in this!

In our last full week we will be designing and making our own vehicles to conclude our topic on transport and our Science work on materials. If you have any boxes, kitchen roll tubes, milk bottle lids, yoghurt pots, or anything else similar, please could you send them in next week.

- English – I can use the sounds I have been taught to read words.
- Maths - I know the value of coins.

Show and Tell: Lizzy, James, Phoenix and Finn



Hazel – Miss Turner:

We have had a very busy week this week. We have carried on looking at books by the same author and have been learning about Stick Man this week. In maths we have been learning about money and we have been making amounts of money using a range of coins. The children have been really enjoying preparing for the Christmas play and have worked really hard to learn their lines, the songs and dances. I know you will be really proud of them. Over the next two weeks the children will be designing and making a vehicle and we would appreciate it if you could send in some small cardboard boxes (tea, cereal etc). For next weeks Big Write the children will be writing a letter to Santa but with a small twist. They will be explaining that he seemed to drop a parcel when he did his test flight over the school.

- English - To answer comprehension questions by going back to the text.
- Maths - To make amounts of money using a variety of coins.



Hawthorn – Mr Brown:

Our Maths lessons have consisted of building upon the knowledge of time from the previous week, to understand the 12 and 24 hour format of digital time. We have then been accurately reading both digital and analogue times and calculating the differences.

In English lessons, we have been comparing Beowulf and Grendel as characters, coming up with good ideas to how they can be viewed as similar and different in parts of the story. We have then used the Beowulf story to practice writing in more detail with a range of complex sentences and then further improving them with -ing, -ed and -ly sentence starters.

As of Tuesday, the children have been practicing rehearsing for the Christmas Concert without their words and it is evident that a lot of the class have confidently memorised the songs and poem. Let's keep encouraging them to practice further so we are treated to an extra special performance!

In science we have focused on reversible changes and we have been using scientific language to describe the processes of how water changes states of solids, liquids and gases.

- English: To improve the amount of detail in our writing.
- Maths: To convert between 12 and 24 hour time. To calculate differences in time.



Oak - Miss Kimberley

Another busy week. Christmas is taking a firm grip. We are in full pelt with our rehearsals for the carol concert.

In maths we are still grappling with fractions, this week we have been simplifying fractions so that we can order, compare, add and subtract fractions whose denominators are multiples of the same number.

We have also been finding fractions of numbers, quantities and shapes. Time permitting, we will move on to decimal equivalents.

We have also been revisiting Roman Numerals.

In between rehearsals, in English we have been looking at different strategies we can employ to help us learn and recall spellings and practicing handwriting and developing presentation skills.

In PE the children have been learning the New Zealand Haka, they are now developing their own versions in pairs. I was impressed with their focus and energy in the task.

- English: I can use effective strategies to help me spell new and unfamiliar words.
- Maths: I can compare and order a set of Fractions whose denominators are multiples of the same number. I can add and subtract Fractions whose denominators are multiples of the same number. I can read and write Roman Numerals up to 100 and beyond.



Beech - Mrs Petty

This week, we have completed our digital booklets on bullying and edited our poetry work. After some revision of the maths concepts we have covered this term, we moved on to the concept of algebra, introducing letters to replace a missing value and using the inverse to find the missing value. In Science, the children worked on their festive light project, looking at how to create their own resistors and began to make their projects - they will be continuing with this next week. Throughout the week, we have also had several practices for our Carol Concert next week- well done to the class for learning complicated melodies and learning their lyrics.

Whilst half the class were out at the Cross-Country competition on Tuesday, the rest of the class learnt how to create the Christmas crafts before being helpers at our special Festive Buddy Time on Friday. Each House made a different decoration and they will be displayed around the school so look out for Earth's snowflakes, Water's stars, Fire's wreaths and Air's Christmas trees.

- English- to elegantly present information digitally, being as concise as possible and using a range of sentence structures and layouts.
- Maths- to use the inverse to find an unknown value