



**Haslingfield
Endowed Primary
School**

Newsletter

Summer Term 2017

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Learning and achieving excellence in a safe, happy environment



Reminder No children should be riding bikes or scooters on the school grounds after or before school



Dates

Monday 22nd 9am Resus training or swimming parents
Wednesday 24th Child protection training for anyone joining the swimming club
Thursday 25th Beech Class Swimming at CVC
Friday 26th Oak Class Assembly and BUN day
Friday 26th 6pm Choir performing in Cottenham

Notices

Netball club will resume after the half term

Hilltop Residential Trip payment reminder:

The next instalment for Hilltop of £50.00 is due Friday 26th May; please make your payment online. Cash or cheques payable to Haslingfield Primary School. Thank you.

Parklife 2017

Milton Country Park 2017 Sunday 25th June 10am-5pm Free event for the whole family. Canoeing, kayaking, paddleboarding, hoveraid, balance biking, mountain biking, scalextric, den building, archery and a bouncy castle will all be available plus more!

Summer Camps

Netball and Athletics camp available in July please contact holiday.camps@scamps.gov.uk or tel 01954 713070 for more information.

Eco Family Funday

Queen Mary Wisbech Tuesday 30th May 10am-2pm. Many stall and games including Superworm wormeries, the bean bag game, craft activities and more!

Harlton Church pet service

Pets, owners and pet carers can get to know each other on the Glebe – weather permitting starting at 11am, and we'll process to the church for a short service in event of bad weather we'll meet in the church instead.

Nearly new uniform sale

Thank you to all who donated to and bought from our last sale. £78 was raised, an amazing amount for a cold and, at times, drizzly day. The next sale will be after the half term holiday. There is also going to be a small sale at the new parents evening at the end of June. Please continue to donate uniform which can be left at the school office.
Thank you once again, Clare and Lisa

Headteacher's Bulletin

Everyone in school was excited to see the chicks hatch in Ash class, which occurred shortly before their butterflies emerged! The planning of our new school budget has been accepted by Cambridgeshire County Council; the school has looked carefully at all areas of expenditure to identify where savings can be made and will continue this process over the next few years. Cambridgeshire is still poorly funded compared to many other counties; also, under the latest guidelines we will receive an even smaller proportion of Cambridgeshire's funding which considers the social makeup of Haslingfield and Harlton – many thanks to all who wrote in earlier in the year to highlight Cambridgeshire's funding issue. Thank you to all our parents who completed the latest school survey, for which a summary of results has been sent out today; it includes evidence of 'outstanding features' to external organisations and is used to make judgements of our school. Thank you to the PTFA for organising a quiz for parents and staff last night!

Breakfast Activity Club

This week we have painted with watercolours, made pop up cards and woolly pom-poms. We have also made clay shapes using cookie cutters which we will decorate when they are dry.

Swimming

Any parents taking part in the resus training will also need to attend Child Protection and Prevent training with Mr Mcleod. This is being held on the 24th May at 6pm and will take approximately 1 1/2 hours. There was also an information pack sent to all parents, please complete all forms and return to the school office.

Spanish Mrs Norris

This week Hazel Class have been listening and responding to a story in Spanish about animals. Hawthorn Class finished their monsters and aliens pictures and began learning family members in Spanish! Oak Class have been practising expressing opinions. Beech Class have been listening to and decoding a rap song.

PTFA

Save the date - Sponsored Village Walk - Saturday 8th July

Please save the date for our summer fundraiser which this year is a sponsored walk around our beautiful village. There will be three challenges - a 2, 4 or 6 mile course - followed by a bbq and hopefully a swim in our school pool. More details to follow!

Haslingfield Colts Under 9's – Plate Final

On Saturday 20th May Sam Greenhalgh, Charlie Therechevulm, Barney Cooke and Jacob Queen from Year 4 all represented Haslingfield Colts U9's in the Final of the Cambs Mini Soccer League Plate Final at Soham Town Football Club. Despite going behind twice to opposition from 5 divisions above them (Exning Youth) the Colts showed great determination, never gave up and were rewarded for their efforts with a last minute equaliser to take the game into extra time. The two teams couldn't be separated in extra time so the game went to a dramatic Penalty Shoot out which Exning went on to win.

It was a fantastic achievement from Haslingfield Colts and whilst they may not have left with the Plate Trophy, thanks to their hard work and team spirit they left with the respect and admiration of everyone who was there to support them. Even the Chairman of the League had a tear in his eye when he was talking to the team afterwards.

Ash – Miss Peck: We have had a VERY exciting week in Ash class this week! On Monday some chick eggs arrived and starting hatching on Tuesday evening. We have had the opportunity to watch some of the chicks hatch and the children have been mesmerised and very excited! We have talked about the importance of looking after the chicks and thought about all of the things that we need to do to care for them. The children have been busy making lots of cards and signs for the chicks during their child initiated play. We have learnt about the life cycle of a chicken and some very interesting chicken facts too! Now the chicks are a little bigger we have been getting them out to cuddle them and watch them play in the builders tray. In maths we have been learning about capacity- we had to fill and empty containers to feed the chicks and talked about the language full, half full and empty. We also thought about which container may hold the most sand and why. On Thursday our butterflies were strong enough to be set free and we let them go in the sunshine- it was very exciting to see them fly off. At the end of the week we wrote an invitation to our family to invite them to come and see our chicks. We all looking forward to another fun week next week with the chicks.

English- To practice sentence writing and writing invitations

Maths- To learn about capacity

Birch Mrs Lightfoot and Mrs Hollins We have been completing Maths activities this week based on our castles topic. We have ordered the swords according to length and measured them in centimetres, we have put the crowns in order according to their weight and have looked at how many millilitres there were in each knights goblet! In English we have been recapping alphabetical order and remembering that names, places, days of the week and months all begin with a capital letter as well as checking what we have written makes sense. We had a fun morning on Wednesday making castles. The children worked so well trying to find the best place to attach their pulley system so that their drawbridge or portcullis would move. There were lots of modifications to the original plans needed! We intend to finish these early next week. We are looking forward to different activities next week for Science Week.

Maths - To measure and record length, weight and capacity.
English – To use a capital letter for a person or place. I can check that my writing makes sense.

Hazel – Miss Turner The children have worked really hard this week completing their SATs. We are very proud of the positive attitude that they have shown towards them. This week we have been looking at the work of Paul Klee who created 'The Castle and the Sun'. We have worked hard to make our own castle pictures using shapes. These look very effective and we look forward to sharing them with you. The children have also been working on rhythm and beat in music and have practiced and performed 'In the Scary Castle'. This weeks homework is to carry out a Science Investigation at home, there are 100's available online but if you would like any further help please ask.

Hawthorn – Mr Brown: This week in Hawthorn Class the children have been working extremely hard to complete lots of assessments covering plenty of skills they have been learning throughout the year. They have made me very proud at how well they have conducted themselves during this week and have all tried their hardest to impress. Although we were disappointed that Wednesday's invasion games were cancelled, we still had great fun on Wednesday morning where we took part in a Pilates lesson led by Miss Houghton. The children learnt and made lots of great contributions towards explaining how breathing and stretching can help them to stay calm and de-stress themselves in times of need. Their behaviour was impeccable during this session which was only meant to last 30 minutes but extended to over an hour as they were so engaged by the content. In topic this week we used an atlas to identify mountainous regions in the UK and the tallest mountains in the countries. We then looked at the tallest mountains in Europe and the World and discovered by doing a few quick calculations that Mount Everest is over six times larger than Ben Nevis! Afterwards we watched a short video clip of a mountain rescue and wrote a recount of the key events as if we were the person stuck on the mountain by imagining how we felt and what we needed to do in order to get rescued.

Oak - Miss Kimberley This week has been assessment week with the children sitting the end of year Rising Star Assessments in Reading Comprehension, Spelling and Grammar and Maths. The children have been fantastic and managed these tests with determination and perseverance. In between testing, the children have been doing some more low key, self-chosen challenges in guided reading. In Science the children constructed their own circuits incorporate bulbs, buzzers and or motors (and in some cases all three) and used standard symbols to record them. In RE with Miss Houghton the children have begun this terms Topic on Judaism, looking at key facts about Jewish history and introducing symbols important to the Jewish faith.

Next week is Science Week, which will be the key focus in everything we do.

It is also our class assembly next Friday which will also have a Science bias. And of course BUN Day!

Beech - Mrs Petty: This week, Beech class had their first of two science weeks. On Monday, we turned our classroom into a model of the circulatory system. The children had to organise the major organs into the right locations and pretend they were blood moving around the body, visiting the heart and lungs. They also had to show whether the blood they were carrying was oxygenated or deoxygenated by holding the appropriate coloured salt dough. Once we had understood how the system functioned, the children then created their own 3D hearts out of the salt dough they had made for homework. After understanding the heart, we moved onto study the lungs and again to make our learning as real as possible, we recreated the lungs in class before drawing and labelling these vital organs. On Wednesday, we learnt about the different components of blood and described the functions of these. In the afternoon, we investigated our lung capacity and considered the things which might improve lung capacity.

- English: To write an explanation text, using scientific language
- Maths: To draw scatter graphs and calculating the mean