



**Haslingfield
Endowed Primary
School**

Newsletter

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Learning to achieve excellence in a safe, happy environment.

Dates

- Football match away Weds 29th
- Christmas Fair Saturday 2nd Dec

Letters Home

- Christmas Play Tickets Reminder
- Non-Uniform Day
- Christmas Shopping Morning

Christmas jumpers and raffle tickets.

Next week the PTFA will be selling raffle tickets in the playground for those of you who can't make it to the Christmas Fair. We're also asking you to donate your old Christmas jumpers to be sold at the fair in preparation for the Christmas Jumper day later this term.

Thanks, PTFA

Barton Guides

Barton Guide unit is looking for new leaders from January 2018. The unit is thriving, attends camps and other activities in conjunction with other guide units in our district. If it is something you would be interested in helping with please contact Valerie Ridgman (vridgman@msn.com) for further information. Thanks, Barton Guide Leaders.

Reception Intake 2018 Open Evening

We will be holding an open evening for prospective parents on Monday 11th December from 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm. There will be a tour of the school, the chance to ask any questions that you may have and an opportunity for your child to play and explore in the early years foundation stage classroom. Please let the office know if you will be attending by Friday 8th December.

Out of School Club

"This week we did cat pictures: first we stuck cat stickers on a piece of paper then drew the background" –Gwen (at breakfast club). Breakfast club also designed spinning tops and made thaumatropes.

Spanish - Mrs Norris

This week Hazel Class continued learning Spanish phonics and played an exciting game of bingo with all the new words and sounds they have learnt. In Hawthorn Class we worked on the pronunciation of their Spanish and German Christmas songs. Oak Class also started to learn a Spanish Christmas song. Beech Class learnt how to conjugate the verb "desayunar" (to have breakfast) and they really impressed me with their ability to apply grammar rules.

Headteacher's Bulletin

The voices of children practising Christmas carols can be heard around the school as the excitement starts to build in the lead up to the children's productions, church service and village carol singing – only two weeks to go! We have had several exterior lights repaired over the last few weeks which have made a big improvement for people moving around the school in the evenings. The teachers have been working with me to analyse the children's learning progress where we also discuss individual child support interventions – a process that concluded this week.

Graeme McLeod

Ash Mrs Lightfoot and Mrs Fallon This week we have been continuing to practise our nativity play and look forward to sharing it with you soon. On Wednesday we enjoyed taking part in the Key Stage One sports morning and scoring points for our houses. On Thursday we had a fantastic day out at 'Fossils Galore'; the children were impeccably behaved and loved taking part in their own archaeological dig to find fossils as well as using a hammer to break open a geode. We have continued with our phonics and have learnt the sounds 'ee' and 'ai'. In Maths we have been learning to recognise coins up to 50p using pictures as well as real money.



Birch – Miss Peck We have had a fun week in Birch class this week. In English we have been looking at factfiles and thinking about interesting information that we would like to find out. We wrote a fact file about ourselves and then shared some of the information at the end of the lesson to see if the rest of the class could guess who it was about. Towards the end of the week we researched and found out information about Tim Peake and wrote a factfile about him. We found out lots of interesting information and enjoyed sharing it with each other. In maths we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We have been looking at these shapes in the environment, building models with them and playing games. Towards the end of the week we started to solve problems related to shape and sorted them into groups. We have lots of shape superstars in Birch class. On Wednesday we took part in the first of our intra competitions where the children had the opportunity to take part in running based activities against other houses. The activities included the pirate treasure challenge, tag relay, a fitness circuit and the 7 cone sweep! The children showed perseverance and determination throughout and enjoyed every minute! Go Birch class!! The Christmas play rehearsals are well underway and the children are doing a fantastic job with the songs, dances and their lines.

English- to write factfiles about ourselves and others
Maths- to name and describe 2D and 3D shapes



Hazel – Miss Turner We have had another busy week in Hazel Class. In English we have been using what we learnt on our Florence Nightingale day to write a diary extract about the changes made to the hospital. The children have worked really hard to add lots of description to their writing. In Maths we have continued learning about money and have been solving real life problems. We have been working hard to prepare the program cover for the play and the children have created some fantastic art work. We have also been creative in making our decorations for the school fete. This weeks homework is on Mathletics.

English - To write a diary extract as Florence Nightingale.
Maths - To solve word problems involving money.

Hawthorn – Mr Brown This week in Hawthorn Class we have been continuing our work on Fables by doing some comprehension work on some new fables to demonstrate our understanding of the text and the style of writing a fable is written in. We have identified traits of characters and using evidence from the text to inform the reader what dialogue and actions have helped us to understand this. We have also been practicing using a range of conjunctions to join simple clauses together to improve a piece of writing and revisited speech to further reinforce how the punctuation should be used. In Maths we have been using fractions walls to help us find equivalent fractions and then used multiplication and division to identify other equivalent fractions. We have also introduced the children to adding and subtracting fractions by creating bar models to help the children see the sums visually. In science we have been looking at a range of different rocks, finding out about how they are created and describing their properties. We then used these descriptions to begin to categorise them under their types; sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic. We are now in full swing rehearsal mode for practicing our two songs and our poem for the Christmas concert. I have been impressed with how the children have begun to learn a large amount of the lyrics already despite the challenge of learning songs in a different language - keep on practicing!



Oak - Miss Kimberley This week in English we have been looking at features of an information (non-fiction) text in preparation for this week's BIG Write. They have been planning and designing a double page spread on an aspect of the Ancient Civilisation of the Indus valley. In Maths the children have been revisiting triangles, different types and their properties. We've also been exploring angles. To keep the children's number skills sharp, they have been solving mixed problems. It's been a very busy week fitting in opportunities to practice for the Christmas Carol Concert and all the children have been challenged by learning the words to Christmas in India poem by Rudyard Kipling and two carols, one of which is in Spanish! Thank you to Mr Golden for organising and facilitating the Minecraft workshops, with the children planning and designing their own settlements based on their knowledge of different types of historical settlements including the great cities of the Indus valley. This is a very exciting opportunity and has been planned to tie in beautifully with our topic. Many thanks again.

English – to identify the features of a non-fiction text and compare layout and styles.

Maths - to identify the different types of triangles by their properties and to identify the different types of angle.



Beech – Mrs Petty With the Christmas carol concert fast approaching, we have been working lots on our pronunciation and singing in French and German. We are also learning an Austrian carol for the carol service although the lyrics are easier for this as they are written in English! Alongside the rehearsals, we have been continuing our understanding about fractions and learnt how to add and subtract these. In English, we started to read the fantasy story, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. The children described some of the fantasy characters from the story before creating their own. In addition to this, we also wrote festive poetry from different viewpoints.

English: to create and describe fantasy characters

Maths: to add and subtract fractions with like, unlike and related denominators.