



**Haslingfield
Endowed Primary
School**

Newsletter

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Learning to achieve excellence in a safe, happy environment.

Dates

- School Choir Singing at Prime Brass Family Christmas Concert Sunday
- Piano Assembly Tuesday 9:15am
- New Parents Evening 4:00 – 4:45 pm Mon
- Whole school shopping morning Wednesday
- Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch Day Thursday



Letters Home

- Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
- Choir Concert reminder
- Caythorpe reminder
- Christmas Shopping Morning



Adverse Weather

If we have snow please either check the radio, or our school website regarding school closure. In the event the school is closed we will send out a parentmail by text.



Chess Team Results

Nov 11th we played 2 matches, 1-5 to Melbourn and 2.5-3.5 to Cherry Hinton B.

Dec 2nd we had 2 matches, we won 4-1 against Girls' Chess Initiative and Kimbolton took the 2nd match 4-2.

Headteacher's Bulletin

Thank you to our parents for assisting with a variety of Christmas related activities over the last few weeks and we also appreciate the support being offered to help organise events during the next few days. Between KS1 and 2 there have been a total of six performances this week which parents were able to attend; the children were brilliant if not a little exhausted by the end! There are still more exciting Christmas events to come which the children enjoy while benefiting from associated cultural and topical learning.

Graeme McLeod

Out of School Club

We have made Christmas decorations every morning this week; patterned tree decorations, pom-pom snowmen, greeting card bunting, paper snowflakes and paper lanterns. "Today we made paper lanterns. I loved the patterned paper." -Phoenix



Spanish - Mrs Norris

This week Hazel Class made Spanish Christmas cards and looked at different greetings. Hawthorn Class learnt how to write their birthdays in Spanish. Oak Class learnt lots of breakfast foods and asked their talking partners what they have for breakfast. In Beech Class we talked about school lunch times and pupils described what they have for packed lunches.



Spanish Club – Mrs Siddall

¡Buenos Dias!

Our group is now an impressive 20. We've enjoyed asking and answering questions moving onto colours. Monday's session is the last one this term so will be partly themed with games, music, recapping on what we have learnt so far. There maybe some Spanish treats involved too!

¡Feliz Navidad!

Ash Mrs Lightfoot and Mrs Fallon What a busy week! Well done Ash class for a very enjoyable performance. The children all enjoyed singing and dancing in the play. In maths, this week we have been sequencing events in the day and learning how to double numbers using Christmas trees and decorations. We joined in with the whole school cold write and did a super job. Other highlights of the week have included watching the KS 2 concert and being part of the Christmas buddy quiz.

We are all looking forward to Christmas jumper and dinner day on Thursday, watching Little Owls Nativity on Thursday and of course our Christmas party on Friday where we hope a special person will join us.



Birch – Miss Peck What a great week we have had in Birch class. The children were absolute superstars in our Christmas production 'A midwife Crisis.' They sang and danced beautifully and learnt their lines to perfection. Mrs Smart and I are incredibly proud of all of them. In English this week we talked about the Christmas Story and sequenced and wrote about it in our English books. On Thursday we took part in our first 'Cold write' with the rest of the school. We based our story on an image of two retired Superheroes. The children were very excited about the picture and came up with some fantastic ideas of adjectives and verbs that they could include in their story. Before we started our writing we turned into superheroes through our 5 a day tv programme and was then ready to go. The finished stories were a pleasure to read and included some very exciting endings! In maths this week we have been looking at Place value and finding tens and units in teen numbers and beyond. We walked to the post office to send our letters to Father Christmas. We turned around 3 times and sprinkled some magic so hopefully Father Christmas will respond.



Hazel – Miss Turner We have had a fantastic week in Hazel Class. I am incredibly proud of all the children for their performances in 'A Midwife Crisis'. The children really enjoyed every minute of it. In English this week we have written instructions on how to decorate a Christmas tree. We have also completed a cold write, they were given a picture and the start of a story and had to complete it. In Maths we have continued learning about multiplication, we have made arrays. We have also solved word problems.

Hawthorn Mr Brown The children have planned and written a story about a pair of retired superheroes who were called into action for one final mission. The children were responding really enthusiastically and came up with some fantastic ideas for their story. In Maths we have been doing work on shape where children were naming, describing and sorting 2D shapes based on their properties. This progressed onto 3D shapes where they described the properties using language such as faces, vertices and edges and then constructed their own shapes from a net (some of which required a lot of determination and resilience). We have also been learning about symmetry and how to use a mirror to identify lines of symmetry in shapes and how to complete symmetrical patterns. I would also like to thank all the parents, carers and other family relatives who came along to watch our performances during the week. It was lovely to see how the children grew and grew in confidence throughout the week, they have made me very proud.



Oak - Miss Kimberley In English we have been preparing for a BIG write on the theme of superheroes based on a picture and story starter from Pobble. The children really took to this theme and came up with all sorts of crazy ideas for super powers. In Maths we have been revisiting 2D and 3D shape, identifying properties and features of regular and irregular polygons, pyramids and prisms, nets and symmetry. Each child has been sharing their expert knowledge about an aspect of the Indus Valley civilisation with their Home groups in readiness for collating all the information together to make an information text of their own. Well what a wonderful week of performances from both Key Stage 1 and 2. The whole of key Stage 2 did us proud and I was so proud of Oak who all entered into the spirit and pulled together as a team. All knew their role and were word perfect and sang their little hearts out. I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Thanks to all who helped the children with learning their words and came along to support the events. Next week is equally busy with end of term Rising Star Assessments. BUT we also have more fun and excitement to look forward to. On Wednesday next week, we have the second of our Indus Valley Minecraft days with Mr Golden. We also have a visiting academic from Cambridge University who has actually carried out archaeological digs in the Indus valley and the children have come up with some interesting questions for him. But there's more, BBC Look East will be coming in to film and interview some of the children and adults involved with the project. We will let you know when this will be aired.



Beech – Mrs Petty At the beginning of the week, we practised lots in preparation for our Christmas concert which we hope you really enjoyed. After the concerts, we wrote an explanation text about our DT project, creating Temari balls. On Thursday, the whole school was given an inspiring image of two superheroes from which we wrote our own adventure stories about their last mission. We were all very excited about these stories so watch out for a number of them on Pobble. In Maths, we also improved our understanding of multiplication and division in preparation for our assessments next week. In Science, we created shadow theatres and puppets based on either World War 2 or Narnia. In addition to this, some pupils chose to attend an extra science session at lunchtime on Thursday with Mrs Walls in which they watched her dissect a pig's eye. They children were fascinated and it brought to life the learning they have been doing about light and the eye in their recent science lessons.