



Newsletter

Autumn Term 2020

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Homeless Bear – Has Found a Home!

Karley from Birch is going to give the bear his forever home. Well done Karley!



Watching the Haslingfield Primary Christmas Concert

The concert is available to watch on the Vimeo platform. The video will be live for 4 weeks and is password protected.

Please see the Parentmail sent on Thursday 17th with details of how to view the performance.

Thank you to Mrs Golden for giving us her time, dedication and patience to help create this wonderful video.

Miss Peck

A message from All the Staff

All of the staff at Haslingfield this year wanted to say a huge thank you for all the gifts and well wishes that have been sent in to us this season. We have been truly overwhelmed by your generosity and the love and appreciation shown really does make all the hard work worthwhile.

We would also like to thank you for all the support you give us from home, getting the children into school in these very strange times. We really hope next year is a more normal year for us all.

Best wishes from all of us to all of you for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Headteacher's Bulletin

I am so proud of the children for the resilience they have demonstrated in coping with all the changes put in place this term; it really is an amazing school: children shine with graciousness, kindness and compassion for one another in all they do. In a time honored way, staff have included Christmas song, performance and the seasonal atmosphere, enjoyed so much by children. As a staff, while reviewing children's English books on Tuesday, we have been impressed with the amount and quality of work produced by the children in recent months – it appears staff and children have been working harder than ever in the run up to Christmas and truly deserve a well-earned break! I hope you enjoy watching the School Christmas Video over Christmas; organised by Miss Peck and includes staff and children sharing the Christmas Spirit. Happy Christmas to you all!

Graeme McLeod

Early Years and Key Stage 1

Ash – Mrs Lightfoot:

We have had a lovely festive end to a busy term. The week started with the Christingle service and the children enjoyed making their own Christingle and learning what each part represented. They then wrote a list of the items needed to make a Christingle. In Maths we have been making Christmas pictures using and naming different shapes and completing Christmas repeated patterns. They have also made some special calendars and cards to bring home for you to enjoy.

The children all looked fantastic on Thursday in their Christmas jumpers and spent the morning making festive hats to match. It was lovely having Christmas lunch all together and we all enjoyed the party in the afternoon. Thank you for all the support and understanding you have shown us during this difficult first term and we wish you a wonderful and restful Christmas holiday.



Birch – Mrs Noble and Mrs Williams:

We've got completely into the Christmas spirit this week. We started off the week making Christingle oranges to take part in the virtual Christingle Service by Ely Cathedral.

We had a lovely Christmas dinner, where we all looked really festive in our Christmas jumpers and our party hats. (Apologies for sticky hair – some of us got a bit over-excited about the glue!)

We concluded our RE topic on The Christmas Story, focusing in particular on the gifts that were brought to Baby Jesus and what types of gifts we would give to a baby and what type of gifts Christians might give to Baby Jesus if he was born today.

In between we have made Christmas decorations, Christmas cards, calendars and done lots of Christmas colouring. We rounded off our week with a party and a film.

We have sent home a Key Information Recall Facts sheet, a list of Common Exception Words and a list of phonics activities that you could do with your child (we will inform you of the phonemes we are learning each week in the newsletter). The children are expected to be able to read and spell the Common Exception Words by the end of Year 2, we suggest you start with the easier words first and don't try to do them all at once.

Last, but not least, we would all like to wish you a very happy and safe Christmas.



Hazel – Mrs Chapman Burton:

We've done it! We've completed our very first term as year 2's and what a term it has been. There has been lots of learning, excitement and laughter. Our classroom has been a wonderful place to be and that is because we have worked as a team to make it happen! This week has been filled with some amazing Christmas activities such as Christingle, Christmas lunch and Christmas card making!

In English this week, we wrote our own Christmas acrostic poems using alliteration for each letter of the word Christmas! I wonder if anyone could write their own at home?

In Maths, we have investigated the different ways an elf could be dressed! It was a really fun activity with lots of talking involved.

On Thursday, we went through all of the topic projects that had been completed. The children were able to explain what they did to complete their projects. I'm glad that they enjoyed making them.

We would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and hope that you all have a well-earned. We can't wait to hear all about it when you return in January.

Best wishes you amazing superstars!

Lower Key Stage 2



Hawthorn – Mrs Lees and Mrs Keen:

This week has been an exciting last week of school with all of the children being very excited about Christmas. We started off the week learning about, and then making Christingles. The remote service broadcast from Ely Cathedral was lovely and everyone joined in singing the carols, by torch light.

We have finished off our science topic, light, by producing fact sheets of information using the relevant Scientific vocabulary. I was delighted with the improvement in presentation and the quantity of information all the children have learnt and retained.

In Maths we have been solving clues, puzzles and cracking codes using skills we have learnt in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The different types of problems solving has seen everyone working hard and rising to the challenge.

We have enjoyed making gorgeous Christmas cards and carefully drawn calendars. We also made our traditional crowns ready for the delicious Christmas lunch.

We finished off our Anglo Saxon topic with the Battle of Hastings in 1066 with William the Conqueror becoming king and starting off the Norman era. We also learned how William told the story of his success in the Bayeux Tapestry. Did you know, this is the first time stirrups have been noticed?

The only homework we are setting is for you to read a book and maybe write a 'Thank you' letter to a relative.

We would all like to wish you a safe and merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Thank you also for your kind presents.



Oak – Miss Kimberley and Miss Houghton:

Well here we are at the end of the autumn term. It has flown by and I have to say I have had a ball with your children. What a fabulous class.

Despite Covid-19 restrictions, the children have adjusted incredibly well. All the precautions we have been taking to reduce the potential spread of the virus seem to have a positive impact. So much so that the whole class have been disgustingly healthy all term, without the usual coughs and colds etc. that are prevalent at this time of year.

The children have all worked incredibly hard and I am happy to report that I can see marked improvement from all. What I really love about this class is their endless enthusiasm.

I have particularly enjoyed teaching the children about the Tudors. In truth we could carry on for another term, it's such a huge topic. The children brought such a lot to the topic through their own research.

This week we have been finishing off in Science and Topic. The children have completed some fun activities in Maths and English. We have enjoyed doing some Christmas crafts, the results of which they will bring home.

As I'm not in on a Friday, we took the opportunity to have some party fun and games on Wednesday morning. The children will enjoy more party fun on Friday morning with Miss Houghton and Mrs Williams.

I would like to say a huge THANK YOU for your very generous and quite unexpected gifts and kind messages. It is much appreciated. I would also like to say a BIG thank you to Mrs Williams, Miss Houghton and Mrs Siddall who are highly valued members of the Oak Team, and add a whole other dimension to your children's education and emotional wellbeing.

It just remains for me to wish you ALL, a very Happy, Peaceful and Healthy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in 2021.

Upper Key Stage 2



Willow – Mr Brown

We have had a lovely last week of term in Willow Class where we have finally completed our multiplication work and I am pleased to say all members of the class are able to multiply 4 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers which is a huge achievement! We have progressed onto solving lots of missing number problems and various other problem solving activities where the children persisted really well with the challenges. We ended the week with a Christmas Maths mystery where the children used their previously taught subject knowledge to find out which person on Father Christmas' list lost their present.

We have fully embraced Christmas creativity by making some beautiful calendars using water colours and then creating some 3D writing to add a 2021 to them before sticking down our calendar tabs. The class also created some great pop up reindeer Christmas cards that looked equally as great.

We also took the opportunity in RE to discuss the Christmas story and fully understand what this event means to Christians. The class gave some very thoughtful responses and showed some lovely insights to the true meanings of Christmas.

May I take this opportunity to say how proud I am of the class as they have been truly wonderful to teach this term and they definitely deserve their hard earned rest over the holiday. I hope everyone has a lovely Christmas break, that everyone stays safe and I look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.



Beech – Miss Peck

Wow, we can't believe that it is the end of the autumn term already. We have had a fun and festive week in Beech class.

At the beginning of the week, we finished our unit on fractions in maths. The children learnt how to find fractions of an amount and how to find the whole of a fraction with the information that they were given. The children have truly wowed us with their knowledge and understanding that they have shown throughout this unit and their problem solving and reasoning skills are awesome! Well done Beech- you are mathematical superstars!

In English, the children continued to edit their cold writes from last week ensuring that they up levelled their punctuation and vocabulary. The children wrote some amazing descriptions and story introductions inspired by a festive picture. The description and ambitious vocabulary that the children used was absolutely amazing. We are so impressed with the progress that the children have made with their writing this term.

The children have had the opportunity to get very creative this week by making calendars that represent the four seasons. They look absolutely amazing and the children spent a lot of time and care over them. We hope you enjoy them. Towards the end of the week the children made their own Christmas cards, which they chose the design of themselves. We have a fabulous range of creations across the class.

The children all looked great in their Christmas jumpers on Thursday and the hall was filled with fun and laughter during our Christmas lunch. On Friday, the children enjoyed a festive day of music, Christmas films and a video call from a very special visitor! The children all had the opportunity to watch the school Christmas concert together- we hope you all managed to enjoy the concert at home too.

Thank you Beech class for being so amazing this term. We have been so impressed with the resilience, determination and positive attitude that you have shown throughout this term with everything that we have asked you to do. We can't wait for next term.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your hard work and support this term. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year- enjoy a well-earned rest and break with your families. We look forward to seeing you all in the new term.