



Haslingfield Endowed Primary



Diary Dates

- Monday 19th – Hazel and Birch Castle Day
- Wednesday 21st July – Yr 6 Leavers Party 6-8pm
- Thursday 22nd – Yr 6 Leavers Assembly 2pm
- Thursday 22nd – End of Term



Massive Thank You

As a school community of staff and parents we would like to extend a huge thank you to both Mrs Fletcher and Ms Brown for their tireless efforts and enthusiasm raising funds for the school over the past few years. We have enjoyed working with them both and have been amazed by their ingenuity and perseverance with the rest of the PTFA Committee to keep funds rolling in. Thank you!



Guitar Lessons

Our resident guitar teacher, Mr Cory, now has 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 include:- pupils name, parent/guardian name, school name, class teachers name for 21/22 term, lesson duration requirements (15mins (£8.25) or 30mins (£16.50)) & mobile phone number. Please book early to avoid disappointment.



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Learning to achieve excellence



The PTFA needs a new Chair and Treasurer!

We are looking for new people to join the PTFA from September? Could you help?

Our current Chair and Treasurer are stepping down after 2 years and 5 years respectively in those roles. If the PTFA is to continue raising money and supporting the school then we *need* to appoint successors. You don't have to already be on the committee to volunteer for either role. Any applicants will be welcomed and supported by the existing committee members.

A brief description of the roles:

Chair- This person (or people- there could be co-Chairs) is responsible for the overall running of the PTFA, liaising with school, overseeing events and communicating with the school community. The commitment is probably about 1-2 hours per week at normal times (more at busier times like Christmas).

Treasurer- This person is responsible for the financial running of the PTFA, including paying invoices and expenses, producing the annual return, keeping financial records up to date, producing floats for events and collecting up the money. There is no need for any accountancy experience, just good common sense and numeracy.

With a new Headteacher starting in September, this is a great opportunity to get involved and to contribute to this new phase in the life of Haslingfield School.

If you would like more information and a more detailed job description just email ptfahaslingfield@gmail.com or speak to Charlotte Fletcher or Kathryn Brown.

Many thanks



Headteacher's Bulletin

I am so excited for the school's future - like me, so many people love this school and have consistently expressed a genuine desire for its success. Haslingfield School has sort to reflect, in its aims and values, the aspirations of children, in collaboration with our wonderful parent body and staff team. The standards I have been committed to have genuinely been those that aim to bring lifelong fulfilment for children.

After 16 years as Headteacher at Haslingfield School there have been many people with whom it has been a privilege to work; I thank them all for their support and encouragement: parents and the PTFA, governors, staff and volunteers. It is only in working successfully together that we have enabled our amazing children to become, or set on the path to become, truly awesome adults! Thank you everyone, for all your support and kind words - I am excited myself, about the road ahead and wish everyone success and happiness on their journeys.

Graeme McLeod

Early Years and Key Stage 1



Ash – Mrs Lightfoot:

In Ash class this week we have been looking at animals from around the world. The children have enjoyed looking at which animals come from the different continents of the world and which are different to those we have here. We also looked at the different types of animals and which are carnivores, herbivores or omnivores. They then drew and labelled a diagram of their favourite animal from around the world. We were lucky enough to watch the year 6 performance of 'Aladdin' outside on the field which the children joined in well with. In swimming we learnt to float on our backs and fronts with a woggle and begin to kick our legs in that position to move around the pool.

In RE we talked about our own special place and those special places of different religions (church, synagogue and mosque). In PSHE we talked about what the children would miss from this year and are looking forward to next year.



Birch – Mrs Williams:

Everyone has been working really in Birch Class this week. In maths we have been looking at money, learning to recognise the coins and the notes. We have also been finding equivalent amounts of money, e.g. £2 = two £1 coins and comparing different amounts of money.

We have been planning and writing a letter to Miss Peck, telling her all about ourselves, what we like doing, what our favourite subjects are at school and what we are looking forward to next year.

In Science, we have looked at our beans and cress, kept watering them and recorded how they are growing.

As we got behind, we will have our final spelling test next week on the 'er' 'ir' and 'ur' phonemes.

It would be really helpful if your child could bring a carrier bag in next week to take home some of their things. Can you also bring swimming kits in on Tuesday 20th July and Thursday 22nd July? We are really looking forward to our History day on Monday, please come in dressed up.



Hazel – Mrs Chapman-Burton:

We have made it through our final full week of year 2! I can't believe how quickly it has gone.

This week has been a week of swimming, projects and board game creations! At the beginning of the week, each of the children chose their own project subject area. We had subjects such as Harry Potter, Space, animals and football! Each child then planned their format and layout of their information poster before using their ICT skills to research and find images. The children have worked so hard on these and they'll be bringing them home next week.

For maths this week, we did some work on temperature and then the children created a board or card game based on the subject of their English project. They then spent the afternoon playing with each other!

On Monday, we went swimming and completed our lengths towards the biathlon from the previous week. The children swam over 150 lengths. We are so proud of them all!

Next week, is our final week of year 2. It's going to be full of fun and laughter and we can't wait to celebrate the children's hard work with them. On Monday, we have our Castles experience day (please refer to the dress up suggestions list sent out with the letter a few weeks ago). On Tuesday there will be swimming and a maths challenge! On Wednesday, there will be a maths challenge and Hazel class' final computing and PE lessons. To end the week on Thursday, there will be some tidying and sorting followed by a leaving party for Mrs Chapman with lots of dancing and games 😊.

Thank you so much for all of your hard work this week Hazel class.

Lower Key Stage 2



Hawthorn – Mrs Lees and Mrs Keen:

Hard to believe that its almost the end of term and, also, that this is the last newsletter we'll write! This week has been really enjoyable. We sat out on the field to watch year 6 perform Aladdin and had great fun joining in with all the crowd responses.

We have dug up all the potatoes we'd planted at Easter with great excitement. Everyone loved hunting for the potatoes with lots of comparisons as to who'd found the biggest or smallest! The children were fully involved with every step of the process from planting, watering, digging up and then cleaning, peeling, cooking and best of all eating! We also pulled up the first few carrots that were ready. After washing and chopping into pieces these were eaten raw. Quite a few of the children commented how tasty they were and how much more taste they had than shop brought carrots. After potatoes were washed and some peeled, we cooked them in different ways. Boiled, scalloped, roasted and the favourite by far was roasting the smaller potatoes, skin still on, in some olive oil for thirty minutes. Very tasty!

This week we have also focused on our DT project of a traditional British past time - flying kites. We tried out, with varying degrees of success the kites that had been brought in. Found out about the history of kites (did you know a kite was used to send a rope across Niagra Falls to enable them to build a suspension bridge?), the different shapes and parts of a kite. In small groups they have designed their own kites, thinking carefully about which materials to use. The children then made their kites and had a chance to test and evaluate them. It was great to hear them commenting 'we need to use tape here to make it stronger', 'I think we should remove this to make it lighter'. Great fun!

We would both like to thank you for your support this year in enabling your children to have a great year in Hawthorn. We have had a great time getting to know them and teaching them this year. We will miss you all. Have a great summer!



Oak – Miss Kimberley and Mrs Siddall:

The penultimate week has flown by but I have kept the children busy.

Following our wonderful trip to Wicken Fen last week, the children were given the opportunity to complete their Wicken Fen Booklets and complete their diary accounts of the day. They have produced some beautiful work that shows that they really did learn a lot from the day.

We have completed '**A Midsummer Night's Dream**' and our final task was to sequence the play in a one page summery. This was a really good unit and I hope a positive introduction to Shakespeare for the children. They certainly enjoyed the animation. Please see the link below if you would like to share it with your child.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/english-a-midsummer-nights-dream-index/z6rcgwx>

In Maths we have finished the unit on Time converting between seconds, minutes and hours. We have moved on to position and co-ordinates and we will complete this next week by drawing our own maps and playing battleships. In Science with Mrs Siddall, the children made their own planetary mobiles and recorded some of the key facts about each planet including distance from the sun and the different lengths of their days and years.

In swimming the children were tested on their different strokes and distances they could swim so that all children will receive at least one swimming certificate next week to celebrate their achievements. Mrs Williams, Mrs Siddall and I have been so impressed with this class. It's the first I have had with no non-swimmers and every child has shown great improvement in their confidence, different stroke techniques and stamina.

On Tuesday morning, we were very lucky to be invited to see the dress rehearsal of the Year 6 leaver's performance of the Pantomime, **Aladdin**. It was an excellent show and the children all enjoyed it and were very attentive. Well Done Beech Class and Thank you for all your hard work.

So next week is the final week of term. Although, there are no formal events in the diary as there normally would be, there will definitely be a less formal feel to the week. Of course there will be lots of tidying up and sorting out to do, as we are all relocating class but there will also be lots of fun activities as well.
Have a wonderful weekend

Upper Key Stage 2



Willow – Mr Brown:

This week in Willow Class we have been working on statistics in Maths where we have been getting to grips with data and the way its been presented in line graphs. The class firstly had to read and interpret the information displayed in line graphs and answer direct questions related to the data and also comparison questions when 2 sets of data were plotted. For more problems solving based activities, the children managed to successfully spot errors for incorrectly plotted graphs, match specific stories related to the data and also draw lines for the missing data too. Later in the week the class looked at data presented in tables where they had to answer questions using direct data retrieval skills and then moved on towards multistep interpretations.

In English we learnt about how the family felt torn by their decision to leave their country but knew it was the right thing to do. This allowed us to write sentences using patterns of three, writing metaphorically and using repetition to convey a painful goodbye. We practised using a colon to introduce a list and use a semi colon to separate our detailed descriptions of things that may have been lost or left behind as the family moved away. This also allowed us to use plenty of emotive ideas to emphasise the importance of items and reflect on previously met character's advice. We then completed the week by writing complex sentences explaining the comfort displayed by the mother as they all travelled into the forest and then used a list sentence to share forest sounds. This then allowed the class to write about how everyday aspects of the forest could take on a sinister form as part of a troubled dream sequence.

In Science this week we learnt about the life cycle of amphibians and insects and how some of them go through metamorphosis. The children moved around the classroom gathering their knowledge in order to fully understand the process and the different stages that take place in the transformation of dragonflies, butterflies, newts and frogs. Some of the class then moved onto using their imagination to create their own make-believe metamorphosis and described the earlier stages of how some creatures eventually developed into commonly known mammals.

We have been having a great time in the pool in our swimming lessons this term where we have combined enjoying many games alongside our lessons learning about various strokes such as front crawl, back stroke and breast stroke and generally building up our underwater confidence. Just a reminder that we have one final session next week which will take place on Monday rather than our usual Tuesday so please remember our kits everyone!

Well done everyone for another fabulous week – one more to go we are almost there! Have a lovely restful weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

Beech – Miss Peck

Beech Class, we cannot believe we are now writing the final newsletter of the year and of your time at Haslingfield Primary School. This week has been truly jam packed and whilst I have missed being in class in person and it has been different for you guys too, it has been wonderful to see you multiple times a day on zoom. You guys and Miss H have certainly brightened up my days. I am super grateful for Miss H this week, for supporting you all (and me) and for ensuring that your wonderful performance can go ahead.

Our performances were this week and they were outstanding- we were so unbelievably proud of every single one of our amazing Beech class for learning their lines, singing their hearts out and making everyone laugh! Aladdin Trouble was a lot of fun to perform and we feel confident that we will be singing the songs for a very long time!

Although this week has been full up with performances and final leavers arrangements we have managed to fit in a couple of Transition activities. The children absolutely loved the English activity, which involved using Roald Dahl as inspiration to write a new description of 'The Witches' and, in the nicest possible way, they were disgusting! The language and grammatical techniques were fabulous and contributed beautifully to the imagery you all created. These activities will go up with the children on their first day of secondary school and we have no doubt that their year 7 teachers will be blown away by how amazing they are.

We are really looking forward to partying Beech Class style next week which will no doubt involve lots of singing, dancing and generally having the best time. An email has been sent out today regarding final arrangements for the Beech Class Leavers assembly, if you have any questions please do let us know.

Finally, a small message for our wonderful Beech Class children- despite the continued challenges that have been put in your way you have absolutely flown this year, not just academically but as people. You have developed your confidence and built on the belief that you can achieve anything that you set your mind to. We have no doubt that you will continue to fly in all of your future endeavours but please remember that we will always be proud of you and everything that you conquered during your primary school years.

To our parents, thank you so much for your kindness and support this year for both your children and us. It has been wonderful working alongside you to ensure that your children have the very best ending to their time at Haslingfield Endowed Primary school. For those of you who will not be returning to the school in September, sending lots of luck and happiness for your futures. For those, that will be returning in September, have wonderful summer holiday with your families and we look forward to seeing you in September.

