



Haslingfield Endowed Primary School

Newsletter

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Learning and achieving together in a safe, happy environment



Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who wore their pyjamas and onesies and donated to our collection for Children in Need last week. We raised a fantastic £177.40.

Cake Sale

'Thank you to everyone who bought cakes and thank you to the school for letting me have the space to do it. In total we raised £30 for Children in Need. Just another two big thanks to all my friends who helped me sell the cakes and to everyone who made the cakes'

By Katie Chambers,



Harvest Food Donation

Cambridge City Foodbank would like to thank all the staff, pupils and parents who donated food to them during this year's Harvest.



Named Uniform

Please could you check your children have their own shoes and fleeces and return any that do not belong to them to the school office. Thank you.



Operation Christmas Child

Samaritan's Purse would like to thank everyone who donated shoe boxes to the Operation Christmas Child appeal this year.



School Uniform

Any orders placed online between Thursday 21st November and Wednesday 18th December will be delivered free of any postage charges to the school on Wednesday 8th January 2014. You will be able to select this option during check out.

Diary Dates:

Mon 25 – Phonics Awareness Meeting 9am

Mon 25 – Beech Class Trip

Thur 28 – Hazel Class Trip

Fri 29 – Non Uniform Day

Fri 6th December – Christmas Fayre 3.30-6pm

Fri 6th December – Cross Country Competition



Letters sent out to parents this week:

- Non-Uniform Day
- Christmas Lunch Flier
- Beech Class Trip update
- Cambridge United Flier
- Cross Country Competition
- Comberton Catchment Area Letter



Christmas Card Orders

Please could all Christmas card orders be in by **Monday 25th November** at the latest. Thanks.



Christmas Fair

In order to make our Christmas Fair a success we need donations from parents. We would be very grateful for any chocolates, bottles, old toys and mince pies. Many thanks.

We would also love to borrow any small Christmas trees and/or Christmas items to help decorate Santa's Grotto. Please see Jo Lindenbaum or Julie Campbell if you can help.



Nearly New Uniform Sale

The next Nearly New Uniform sale is scheduled for **Tuesday 26th November, before and after school.** Alongside all usual uniform items, there will be a rail of Winter Coats for £5 or less. Please browse the rails and bag a bargain, whilst raising funds for the PTFA! Many thanks, PTFA.



Ash – Miss Peck and Mrs Campbell:

We have been reading and learning all about the Gruffalo this week. We talked about the characters in the story and thought of some great describing words for them. We directed the mouse through the woods away from the Gruffalo and designed our own Gruffalos.

- Literacy – Rhyming words.
- Numeracy – Position and direction.

Show and Tell: Harry and Alice.



Birch – Mrs Lovett and Mrs Lione:

Christmas has come to Birch Class! We have begun work on our Nativity play this week. It is very exciting to have lots of songs and dances to learn. Everyone is practising really hard to make it really special.

- Literacy – The Christmas Story.
- Numeracy – Data handling. Time – Days of the week, Months of the Year.



Hazel – Mrs Stepney:

This week we have had fun acting out the events of the Gunpowder Plot. We were filmed performing and enjoyed watching the films afterwards. They helped us to understand the story and remember some of the main events.

In numeracy we have been using money to find amounts using the fewest coins as well as adding amounts and working out how to give change. We have completed our Post Office numeracy display just outside the classroom door.

We have also been finding out about forces and investigated how materials can change shape when a force is applied to them.

- Literacy – To use drama to plan for writing. To retell the story of the Gunpowder plot.
- Numeracy – To recognise and order coins. To find totals of sets of coins. To answer simple word problems involving money. To understand how to give change.

Show and Tell: Stanley, Joseph, Ollie and Sam



Hawthorn – Miss Wernham:

In Science this week we have explored the difference between solids, liquids and gases and how they behave. We had a very interesting debate about 'pourable solids' but concluded that they were very different from liquids! During our topic afternoon, we examined the picture book 'Window' by Jeannie Baker, a powerful story about how humans have destroyed the Earth's natural environment. A very thought-provoking week!

- Literacy – To write a spooky story using adverbs and a range of connectives.
- Numeracy – To find equivalent fractions for $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$. To tell the time to the nearest five minutes.



Oak – Mrs Nussey and Mrs Wells:

This week in Oak Class we have been rehearsing for our Class Assembly on Friday. We decided what we should include in the assembly last week and this week we choreographed the battle sequences ourselves and made our own costumes. In numeracy we have been tackling tricky real life problems involving measures and reading scales where not all the numbers are marked. In literacy we have created our own magical creatures, from Boggles to Lolias and Hink Honks and created fantastic descriptions for them along with details of their diets, habitat and characteristics for our non-chronological reports.

- Literacy – To plan definitions and detail in a non-chronological report.
- Numeracy – To read scales accurately and to solve real life problems involving measures.



Beech – Mrs Creamer:

In Literacy we have been looking at various ways of taking notes. One of the most exciting ways was when we had a crime scene in the playground. We took the role of journalists and had to take effective notes on the crime scene so that we could begin to report the crime in our own article.

In Numeracy we have been finding percentages of different numbers. To work out our percentages we have been finding 10% of a number first and from that we found we were able to work out any percentage we wanted.

- Literacy – To find percentages of numbers.
- Numeracy – To write a journalistic text.

School Trip:

We are going on our school trip on Monday! So just a reminder that the coach will be leaving at 9am so could you arrive at 8.45am. A £1 will also be great for children to get something from the souvenirs shop! Don't forget to dress up!

