



## Haslingfield Endowed Primary School

### Diary Dates:

- Fri 6 Dec** – Mr McLeod & Governors Tea & Chat  
9.15am  
**Fri 6 Dec** – Christmas Fayre 3.30-6pm  
**Fri 6 Dec** – Cross Country Competition  
**Mon 9 Dec** – Nativity Ash & Birch Class 4pm  
**Tue 10 Dec** – Piano Concert 9.15am  
**Tue 10 Dec** – Nativity Ash & Birch Class 2pm  
**Wed 11 Dec** – Christmas Shopping Morning



### Letters sent out to parents this week:

- Christmas Fayre Raffle tickets
- 1<sup>st</sup> Step Sports Christmas Camp Flier
- Nativity Play Ash and Birch Class
- Hand Foot and Mouth



### Data Collection Sheets

If you have not already returned your Data Collection Sheets please could you hand them in to the school office as soon as possible so we have up to date contact details. Thank you.



### Phonics Awareness Meeting

Thank you to all those who attended the Phonics Awareness meeting on Monday. For anyone who was unable to attend, the powerpoint presentation, which was shared, is now on the school website. If you need more ideas, please speak to your class teacher.



### Christmas Fayre

Don't forget the Christmas Fayre next Friday – we hope to see lots of you there. We still need donations please for the raffle boxes, chocolate and bottle tombolas and the toy stall. The box for donations is in the school office. Calling all bakers! Please could we have some yummy cakes/biscuits/mince pies for our cafe. (We are happy to take shop bought if you are not a baker!) Cakes should be brought in on Friday please.

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### Assembly 6<sup>th</sup> December

There will be no class assembly on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December due to the Christmas Fayre.

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### Please Help

If anyone has any old Christmas cards they could donate please could you bring them to the school office by Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Also Beech class need lots of Double Knitting (DK) wool in a range of colours for use next week.



### Christmas Lunch Week, 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. The Wednesday menu will now be served on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December.



### Vacancy for Midday Supervisor

We are looking for an additional Midday Supervisor. For more details contact the School Office.



### Infant Christmas Shopping Morning

Please could we have donations for the Infant Shopping Morning on 11<sup>th</sup> December, in particular gifts for adults and wrapping paper. Thank you.



### Local art exhibition

There will be an art exhibition, hosted by Ophelia Redpath, to create a group piece of art, on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December at Haslingfield Village Hall, 10am till 5pm. They are looking for drawings by local people of their favorite characters from their childhood which will be stuck on a canvas of a large bookcase. There is a door charge of £3.00, or £5.00 per family, to cover costs.



### Anti-bullying Workshop

There is an anti-bullying workshop for families of disabled children and children with special educational needs being run by Contact a Family. It will take place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 10.00—2.00 at The Meadows Community Centre, 1 St Catharine's Road, Cambridge, CB4 3XJ. For more information contact Dawn on: 01733 811 993 or email [Dawn.Stilwell@cafamily.org.uk](mailto:Dawn.Stilwell@cafamily.org.uk).



### Mad Science Children's Holiday Camps

For more information on the Mad Science Holiday Camps that are running during the Christmas Holidays see [www.madscience.org/east](http://www.madscience.org/east). They are taking place at various venues in Fulbourn, Cambourne and Cambridge City.



### **Ash – Miss Peck and Mrs Campbell:**

This week we have continued to think about the Gruffalo and the Gruffalo's Child. We learned about rhyming words and made up some of our own rhymes. We did some measuring using multilink cubes and talked about 'long' and 'high'. We enjoyed making our own monsters using paint swirls. We have also spent lots of time practising our songs and dances for the Christmas performance.

- Literacy – Describing words.
- Numeracy – Measuring.

Show and Tell: Alice and Clara.



### **Birch – Mrs Lovett and Mrs Lione:**

We have been busy with our Christmas preparations and it is all still very exciting. Our play is going well! It has been interesting to write and draw the different scenes for our Nativity Story, looking especially at the landscape and dress of the country where Jesus was born.

We had a lovely Buddy Time preparing the decorations for the hall. Thank you for all the donations we have received.

- Literacy – Listening to and writing the Christmas story.
- Numeracy – Measuring length using non-standard measures and finding objects longer/shorter than a metre.

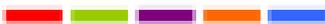


### **Hazel – Mrs Stepney:**

We had a fabulous day out in London on Wednesday. The children enjoyed the train journey to Liverpool Street. When we arrived at the museum we had our lunch and then made our way over to the Great Fire of London gallery. We watched a short film about the fire and then spent some time looking at the artefacts before travelling home again on the train. Thank you to all the parents that gave lifts to the station and to those that came with us to London and helped us to have such a successful day out.

- Literacy – To plan and write an introduction to a story. To use different sentence openers.
- Numeracy – To double and halve numbers to 20. To double and half multiples of 5 and 10. To find half and a quarter of a given number and recognise fractions.

Show and Tell: Juniper, Anna, Olivia, Oliver



### **Hawthorn – Miss Wernham:**

What a fantastically messy afternoon we had on Wednesday! In Science we investigated the behaviour of liquids by timing how long it took for different liquids to spread! We concluded that it depended on how viscous the liquid is! We have had lots of fun in literacy reading dialogue in Roald Dahl books, in preparation for our work on playscripts next week.

- Literacy – To use speech marks confidently in writing. To understand the features of plays and read plays with expression.
- Numeracy – To solve word problems involving 2d shape and length.



### **Oak – Mrs Nussey and Mrs Wells:**

In literacy we have undertaken research and become experts in certain topics, following which we interviewed each other about our specialist subjects, using formal language techniques. As part of our focus on the Normans, we have been 'storming the castle' and making mini-crossbows and trebuchet out of household items with which to attack our model Motte & Baileys. We managed to fire pens into our display walls and launch marshmallows across the classroom. Science was messy as usual as we examined four different brands of tea bag: sorting, steeping, smelling, observing, touching - but not tasting the contents. Our investigations led us to filtering coffee and sand out of water. Our phrases in gym are becoming more complex and challenging and we will be filming our sequences next week.

- Literacy – To use comparisons and 'generalisers' in a non-chronological report.
- Numeracy – Doubling and halving.



### **Beech – Mrs Creamer:**

Our week started with a fantastic trip to the Stibbington Centre where we got to be a World War II evacuee for the day. We even had to go into an air raid shelter and eat Spam sandwiches for lunch!

In Literacy we have been working towards writing a newspaper report about the crime scene we had to investigate.

In Numeracy we have been improving on our maths skills so that we become more confident with things we find difficult.

- Literacy – To write an effective hook.
- Numeracy – To improve our mental maths skills.

