



Haslingfield Endowed Primary School

Newsletter

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Learning and achieving excellence in a safe, happy environment

Diary Dates:

- Mon 17 – Football Match away at Fowlmere
- Wed 19 – Quicksticks Hockey at CVC
- Thur 20 – Mon 24 – Book Fair in School
- Thur 27 – Hazel & Hawthorn Performance, afternoon and evening.
- Fri 28 – Book Week Dress Up Day



Letters sent out to parents this week:

- Ofsted Report
- PTFA Swimming Club
- Monday Football Club
- The Return of Captain Grammaticus
- Homerton College PGCE Students
- Easter Lunch Flier



Giant Slayer Hawthorn & Hazel Production

The Hazel and Hawthorn production will take place on Thursday 27th March at 2pm and 6pm. Please order your tickets by Friday 21st March.



Dress Up Day for Book Week

On Friday 28th March there will be an optional Dress Up Day to celebrate Book Week. Children can dress up as their favourite character from a book.



Midday Supervisor

We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor. If anyone is interested in taking on this role please contact the school office.



Mrs Curry

Mrs Curry will be leaving us at Easter. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and wish her all the best for the future.

Boys Football Training on Mondays

The last two sessions of the Boys Football Training for Yr5 and Yr6 on Mondays 3.30-4.30pm will be on March 24th and March 31st. These sessions will be supervised by Miss Peck.



Spare PE Kit

If anyone has any spare PE kit, including plimsoles, of any size, which they no longer need, donations would be very much appreciated. Thank you.



Group/Class Photos

This year's Group/Class Photos will be taken on 23rd April.



Thriplow Daffodil Festival

Thriplow Daffodil Festival is on April 5th and 6th, 11am-5pm. There are more than 100 stalls including Taste of Thriplow and also Heavy horses, Open gardens, Sheep dog displays, Vintage vehicles, Morris dancers, Working Smithy and Teas/Lunches. Entry is £5 adults, £2.50 children, under 5s free. More information at <http://www.thriplowdaffodils.org.uk>.



Little Owls Preschool Bedding Plants

Haslingfield Little Owls Preschool would like to invite you to place an order for some bedding plants that we will deliver free to your door on Saturday 17th May between 11am and 3pm. The plants are grown at a local nursery in Harston. You can collect an order form from the School Office or the Village Shop and completed order forms need to be returned by 11th April to the Village Shop or Julia Cottam (Holly Tree Cottage, Butler Way, Haslingfield (871607). Please make cheques payable to Haslingfield Preschool.



Raising Children and Teens Parenting Courses

There are two parenting courses being held at Cambourne Village College. Raising Children starts on Wednesday 7th May for 10 weeks, 1-2.30pm. This is aimed at parents of children aged 2-12 years. Raising Teens starts on Tuesday 6th May for 10 weeks, 6.30-8.30pm and is aimed at parents of children aged 11-16 years. Booking is essential for both courses. For more information call 01954 284604.



Ash – Miss Peck and Mrs Campbell:

It was Jack and the Beanstalk this week and we really enjoyed building castles, climbing up the 'beanstalk' (wall bars in the hall) and measuring our giant footsteps. We painted pictures and wrote postcards about what we saw at the top of our own beanstalks. We also ordered numbered leaves to 20 up a beanstalk and built a castle at the top. Jack took a bag of coins from the Giant. We practised using this money to buy things!

- Literacy – Writing Postcards.
- Numeracy – Money and measuring.

Show and tell – Thomas and Seb



Birch – Mrs Lovett and Mrs Lione:

This week we have had to work hard to put our assembly together! We wanted to show our 'On Parade' dance that we have worked on in PE. We practised performing our marching in unison, keeping in time with the music.

We hope you like our Polar Landscapes which we painted in the style of artist Phillip Hughes. We also wanted to sing our Inuit song about a boy who goes fishing. We hope you enjoyed seeing the photos of our trip to the Scott Polar Research Institute too.

- Literacy – To demonstrate attentive and active listening.
- Numeracy – To describe the features of familiar 3D shapes and name their properties.



Hazel – Mrs Stepney:

We have been amazed at the rate at which our chicks have grown. They now have feathers on their wings and are enjoying having a go at flapping them. We have used a large box to create a run for the chicks. We have looked at the lifecycle of a chicken and drawn our own. We have also looked closely at the chicks and produced our own pencil drawings of them. In Numeracy we are investigating multiplication and have represented multiplication number sentences as arrays and repeated additions.

- Literacy – To prepare for our class play.
- Numeracy – To understand multiplication as repeat addition.

Show and tell: Faye, Emily, Johnathan, Isabel



Hawthorn – Miss Wernham:

In PE we have been focusing on trust activities, including a blind challenge where our partner had to lead us through a minefield while blindfolded. We have also got a tank in our classroom with lots of frogspawn – watch this space!

- Literacy – To read playscripts with expression.
- Numeracy – To solve multiplication word problems.



Oak – Mrs Nussey:

This week in Oak Class we finished our detailed 3D maps of Japan and plan to put them on display in the school. Our topic took us to an in depth study of volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis so we made our own volcanoes and set them off using bicarbonate of soda, food colouring and vinegar. The results were explosive. We are enjoying our literacy unit on discussion and have debated various problems including whether children should drive cars and how we solve problems in the Ukraine.

- Literacy – To draft a discussion text.
- Numeracy – To measure angles.



Beech – Mrs Creamer:

This week we have been working on our fantasy stories by learning about the genre specifics and storyboarding an outline story. In numeracy we have continued with data handling by reading and completing tables, grouping data and drawing graphs. We have been chopping up bodies (well, diagrams of them anyway!) and reconstructing them to learn about our major organs and the major bones in the human skeleton. Our observational experiment of a jug of fruit continues to provide us with many opportunities for discussion and a few 'yuk's, 'whoa's and 'cool's, too! Our class reader, King of Shadows, is coming to an end and as part of our history work we have been learning about Shakespeare who features as a young actor in this novel. We have made Top Trump cards about him and will be researching other famous people from the Stuart period, such as Samuel Pepys and Guy Fawkes, in order to compare their impact on the world.

- Literacy – To know the characteristics of the fantasy genre.
- Numeracy – To group and present data accurately and effectively.

It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evening this week. Thank you for continuing to support your child's learning, especially with those critical spelling and times tables tasks!

