



Haslingfield Endowed Primary School

Newsletter

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Learning and achieving excellence in a safe, happy environment

Bear Onesie

Mrs Stepney would like to borrow a Bear Onesie to fit a child age 6 or 7. If anyone can help, please contact Mrs Stepney or the school office. Thank you.



PTFA News

We will be holding an Easter Fun Afternoon on Friday 4th April. One of the events will be an Easter Egg tombola. Please could we have donations of Easter eggs of all shapes, sizes & flavours! Thank you.

A children's disco will be held on Friday 28th March.

Details via Parentmail. Tickets on sale in the Office.

A big thank you to everyone who returned a filled smarties tube. We raised an impressive £226 in silver coins!



The Giving Machine

Parents, do you shop online? Then why not raise money for Haslingfield School by making a FREE cash donation with every purchase. It's easy to register and you'll be amazed by the diversity of retailers and services to choose from. The website is easy to use and you can track the amount of money being raised for the school.

So far only a small number of parents have signed up, but despite this we have raised £34.02 since December. Just think what we could raise if we all get involved. Please click on the link and give it a try:

<http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/>

A big thank you to all those who have already registered to support the school.

PTFA



KS2 Spanish Club

A new Spanish club for 8-11 year olds will be running on Saturdays at 10am in Harston Village Hall. A free taster session is available on Saturday 29th March. For more information see www.haslingfieldspanish.com.



Sir Andrew Motion charity poetry event Weds 2 April, 6.30-9pm

Families, pupils and staff of Haslingfield School are warmly invited to a celebration of poetry with former poet laureate, Sir Andrew Motion at The Stephen Perse Foundation school. There will be music, poems read by Sir Andrew, and poetry by students from 5 schools, including Comberton Village College. Tickets are free -

www.stephenperse.com/events or email Melissa Santiago-Val (one of our parents) mmsv@stephenperse.com to reserve seats.



Diary Dates:

Mon 24 – Book Fair in School

Mon 24 – Captain Grammaticus play

Tue 25 – Author Visit, Victor Watson, Years 4-6

Thu 27 – Hazel & Hawthorn Performance, afternoon and evening.

Fri 28 – Book Week Dress Up Day

Fri 28 – PTFA Disco

Mon 31 – Easter Craft Day

Tue 1 April – Hazel Class trip to Wimpole

Wed 2 April – Cross Country Championships 5pm

Thu 3 April – Easter School Lunch



Letters sent out to parents this week:

- Oak Class DT day
- Cambridge United Football Club Easter Football Club
- Industrial Action
- Hazel Trip Wimpole Home Farm
- CVC Year 4 Invasion Games
- PTFA School Disco



Captain Grammaticus

The Captain Grammaticus show on Monday 24th March is for all children. Please could you make a £4.15 contribution either online or to the school office. Thanks.



Giant Slayer Production

A crèche will be available for children at the evening performance of the Hazel and Hawthorn play. It will be run by Mrs Campbell.



Lullabyhullabaloo!

Does anyone have a copy of Lullabyhullabaloo! which Mrs Creamer could borrow for one day? If anyone could help please contact Mrs Creamer or the school office asap, Thanks.



Author Visit – Victor Watson

Oak and Beech class have a visit from the author Victor Watson on Tuesday. Please remember to bring in £6.50 if you would like to buy a book.



Ash – Miss Peck and Mrs Campbell:

This week we have covered the story of Cinderella. We wrote our own invitations to the ball and retold the story by writing mini books. We designed a ball gown for Cinderella and a suit for Prince Charming. We also talked about the different fabrics and textures of Cinderella's work rags and ball clothes. We had a go at ballroom dancing and enjoyed dressing up.

- Literacy – Sequencing and retelling the story.
- Numeracy – Subtraction.

Show and tell – Joel and Stanley



Birch – Mrs Lovett and Mrs Lione:

This week our Literacy focus was on Handa's Surprise. It introduced us to Africa and hot countries. We have considered aspects of hot countries and compared them to our Polar lands. We chose one climate to make 3D landscapes. We worked very hard to research, design and make them. They are displayed in our classroom – please come to see them!

- Literacy – To find out/write information texts. Alphabetical order.
- Numeracy – To subtract a one digit number from a teens number by counting back.



Hazel – Mrs Stepney:

This week we have continued to rehearse for our play. The children have done a fantastic job of learning their lines and the words to the songs. We are very impressed with their teamwork.

In Numeracy we have continued to learn about multiplication and have begun to apply our knowledge to solving word problems and investigations.

In knowledge and understanding of the world we have been identifying the stages of the human lifecycle, looking at how we change as we grow, and comparing the speed of development of human babies to that of the chicks.

- Literacy – To prepare for our class play.
- Numeracy – To apply our knowledge of multiplication to word problems.

Show and tell: Jake, Ryan, Hannah, Thomas



Hawthorn – Miss Wernham:

This week we have enjoyed watching our tadpoles hatch and have explained the 'lifecycle of a frog' in Science! We have been practising our play all week and it is looking fantastic! We must remember to smile though!

- Literacy – To write explanations using correct vocabulary.
- Numeracy – To find equivalent fractions for $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$.



Oak – Mrs Nussey:

This week we have painted Kanji ideograms and used the Japanese Hiragana alphabet. We have placed and labeled the major organs of the human body on large Manga drawings of people and have discussed the various functions of teeth. We have conquered the challenge of using protractors to measure angles and are wrestling with our final discussion texts: 'Should children wear school uniform?' If the texts are convincing Mr McLeod will grant us an Oak Class own clothes day. The children have been given literacy and numeracy homework, along with their usual spellings, to be returned to class on or before the 26th March.

- Literacy – To draft a discussion text.
- Numeracy – Measuring and drawing angles.



Beech – Mrs Creamer:

In Science this week we explored the school grounds finding evidence to prove or disprove the statement 'Everything comes to life in Spring'. The pond is teeming with life and was definitely the highlight of our exploration. We have learned how to draw using one point perspective; the rooms we drew look very realistic. In maths we have learned how to calculate percentages of numbers starting with 10% and using 'magic 10'.

- Literacy – To trial planning approaches.
- Numeracy – To calculate percentages.

Please remember to bring £6.50 to buy a book when an author visits us on Tuesday.



Easter Drama And Craft Workshops

There will be Easter Drama and craft workshops taking place at The Vine Inter-Church Primary School, Upper Cambourne on Mon 14th & Tues 15th April, 10-3pm for Ages 5 – 8 years and Wed 16th & Thurs 17th April, 10-3 pm for Ages 8 – 11 years. Costs will be £16.00/day or £30.00/two days. Activities will include theatre games, improvisations, mask work, storyboards, drama to music, mask and puppet making crafts and lots of fun. Any questions or bookings please contact Donna on donna.pickup@btinternet.com or 07719 356 797.

