



Haslingfield Endowed Primary School

Diary Dates:

Mon 1 Dec – Hilltop Info Evening 6pm
Tue 2 Dec – Music Assembly 9.15am
Fri 5 Dec – Mr McLeod & Governors Tea & Chat,
9.15am
Fri 5 Dec – PTFA Christmas Fayre, 3.30pm
Mon 8 Dec – KS1 Christmas Performance, 1.15pm
Mon 8 Dec – KS2 Christmas Performance, 2.15pm
Tue 9 Dec - KS1 Christmas Performance, 6pm
Tue 9 Dec – KS2 Christmas Performance, 7pm
Thur 11 Dec – Infant Christmas Shopping Morning



Letters sent out to parents this week:

- Cross Country Competition
- Ash & Birch Class Walk to Post Office
- Christmas Lunch Flier
- New Parent Governor
- Christmas Performances
- Infant Christmas Shopping Morning

Reminder - Hilltop Trip

Please could any parents of children in years 5 and 6 who have not given permission and paid their deposits for the Hilltop trip please do so by next Tuesday at the latest. Thank you.

PTFA News

We raised £130 at our recent Movie Matinee and Movie Night, thank you for your support. Chocolate, filled and decorated jam jars, bottles and used good quality toys - please keep them coming for the Christmas Fayre! Email ptfahaslingfield@gmail.com to volunteer at the event or see the sign up sheet outside school next week.

Headteacher's Bulletin

It is always good to see parent volunteers in school, helping children develop their reading and assisting in the classrooms. Mrs Bowyer is continuing to perform a valued role in Birch class; I want to thank her and other parents for helping Haslingfield children – your efforts make a big difference. On several occasions this week, I have been approached by people visiting our school, wanting to inform me how delighted they have been by the friendly, 'lovely' staff we have working at Haslingfield School; this is something I value and which benefits everyone, most of all the children. Mr and Mrs Golden have been working very hard on the schools behalf, in the capacity of PTFA Chairs; you may have noticed from the PTFA parentmail communications that there is a wonderful sense of purpose - recognising the positive impact parents can have in supporting the school in this way. Staff have attended different literacy, numeracy and inclusion meetings this week with teachers from a variety of other schools, sharing 'best practice', whilst I have been leading interschool computer training. Mr McLeod

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Ballet Classes

The Ballet term finishes next week with the last lesson on Friday, 5 December.

Spring term for ballet will start on Wednesday, 7 January and end on Tuesday, 24 March.



Cambridge Kids Club Winter Holiday Play Scheme

The Christmas Cambridge Kids Club will be running a holiday club on the following days: Monday 22nd (all day), Tuesday 23rd (all day) December 2014, Friday 2nd January & Monday 5th January 2015 You can book your children in for as many full days (8am until 6pm) or half days (AM or PM) as you wish. The Christmas holiday theme is *Wonderful Winter* where the children will explore a range of activities themed around Christmas, New Year, Hanukkah and Winter. Contact them on 07960 412 716 or info@cambridgekidsclub.com for more information or to book your place.



Holiday Orchestra

Holiday Orchestra is running their Christmas 2014 course at the West Road Concert Hall on December 30th, 31st 2014 and January 2nd and 3rd 2015. It is for children aged 7 to 18 years old of any musical ability (some groups do not require any previous musical experience at all) As well as three bands, three string groups, two choirs and an orchestra, there will be recorder groups, Percussion games, Indonesian Gamelan, Jazz workshops and Folk Music. Ian Mann will be running 'Folk for fun groups' and Sarah Minchin will be running 'Trombone Taster'. For more info see <http://www.holidayorchestra.co.uk/index.php>



Ash – Miss Peck and Mrs Hollins:

This week we have been doing some exciting work including writing our letters to Father Christmas, ready for our walk to the post office next week. We are so impressed with how much progress the children are making with their writing, and how well they are using the sounds that we have learnt. Well done Ash class. During our book time we have had opportunities to hear the children read, it has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and growing confidence. If anyone is free to join us on our walk to the post office on Tuesday morning we would love to hear from you.

- Literacy – Letter writing, Phonics- oo, oi, ar, or
- Numeracy – Counting, number formation, shape



Birch – Mrs Campbell and Mrs Lione:

Another busy week in Birch class, with lots of Christmas performance rehearsals, as well as all our classroom learning. We have started writing the Christmas story, taking time to make out own little books over the next few weeks. We also wrote our letters to Santa, and will be posting them next week. We've all been very good! In maths we have been learning about 3d shapes and have got very good at naming and describing them as we printed, made models and used them to build. We also started our sewing project for Christmas, lots of careful work.

- Literacy – story and letter writing.
- Numeracy – 3d shape

Show and tell (Weds) – Stanley, Gwen and Lucas



Hazel – Miss Hall:

Hazel class have started to look at 2D shapes and we have discussed the features of these shapes. Some of us have also discussed the differences between shapes with four sides and four corners. They have learnt that these are all quadrilaterals and that they are different from rectangles as well as squares. They have found out that all four corners of a rectangle are right-angled. We have also looked at making notes from non-fiction texts. We have also worked on assessing our work and referring back to our targets to help us to make progress. For our topic work we have been practising sketching. We have also been experimenting with stamps and rollers to create texture for our sketches of a landscape.

- Literacy – To make notes from a non-fiction text.
- Numeracy – To identify and describe 2D shapes.

Show and tell (Weds) – Sam and Luke.



Hawthorn – Miss Turner:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the children on their assembly last week and tell you how proud I am of the children. This week in Hawthorn class we have had another busy week. In numeracy this week we have been learning about time. The children have been reading both digital and analogue clocks and have been reading the time in 5 minute intervals. In Literacy this week we have been learning about stories with familiar settings. The children have been writing character descriptions and writing sentences including prepositions.

- Literacy – To read and write times in 5 minute intervals.
- Numeracy – To write character descriptions and use prepositions.



Oak – Miss Wernham:

In Maths this week we have focused on data; more specifically on finding different sorts of averages. We have consolidated our learning by producing a wintry display to check if we can remember how to calculate mode, median and mean. Our play practice is going well and is looking absolutely fantastic!

- Literacy – To write different endings to 'The Highwayman'
- Numeracy – To collect, organize and interpret data. To find averages.



Beech – Mrs Stepney:

The Christmas play rehearsals are going very well. The children's singing sounds fabulous and the stage directions are coming together. We will be working on making props during the course of this week. In literacy and numeracy the children having been completing assessments, so that we can ensure we know exactly where the children are and what they need to do next in order to progress.

Mr Tudor has been doing a fantastic job on our outside area. The patio is very nearly re-laid and we now have enclosed beds on two sides. We are extremely grateful to him for all his time and hard work. We will be putting up trellis and creating our aboriginal mural on one of the walls. If anyone has any spare pots of external masonry paint that they could donate we would be very grateful.

- Literacy and Numeracy – To complete assessment tasks.

