



## Haslingfield Endowed Primary School

### Diary Dates:

Wed 9 – Boot Camp Challenge  
Fri 18 – Oak Class Sharing Assembly, 2.40pm  
Fri 18 – Oak Class Bun Day

### Children's Sports Events

Mon 7 - Yr 5/6 Quick sticks Hockey Competition  
Tue 8 – CVC Dance Share Festival Oak Class  
Thu 10 – High 5 Netball Tournament

### Letters sent out to parents this week:

- Easter Lunch Flier
- Mrs Chapman
- Oak Class Dance Share Festival
- Miss Hall

### Parent Survey

Please complete the Parent Survey and return the form to the box outside the school office. If you need a spare form please ask your child's class teacher.

### Book week

A huge thank you to you all for all of your support during book week. The children looked absolutely fantastic in their costumes on Thursday and I was very impressed with all of the entries that we had for the 'Catch me reading' challenge. All of the photos are on display in our library. The book swap was a big success and the children were very excited about choosing a new book. The school has been buzzing with mystery readers this week with both parents and governors reading their favourite story to the children. The children have loved it and were very excited to see who their next mystery reader was. The school story has now been completed with all classes having an input and will be added on the website for you all to read soon. Thank for your continued support, Miss Peck

### Boot Camp Reminder

Wednesday 9th March is our sponsored Boot camp. All children are invited to come to school in their favourite sports clothes for a voluntary donation of a £1. Parents are very welcome to come and join in too. KS1- 11.45-12.15 and KS2- 12.20-1pm. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.  
Miss Peck

### School Caretaker

We are currently looking for a new School Caretaker to assist with the day to day upkeep of our school. For more information please have a look at the school website.

### Headteacher's Bulletin

It was a pleasure meeting many of you during parents evenings this week; appointments with teachers running mainly to schedule. This week's book sale was a great success; I bought a few items myself – the school should get a small percentage back from the overall sales. Children had lots of fun during Book Week and as I popped into some of the classes saw many children working with great enthusiasm. Thank you for helping your children to engage fully in the weeks activities - providing books, costumes and photos! Several Governors have been in school helping with our Book Week and meeting with some staff to discuss coordinator priorities. Today I have been meeting with several Headteacher's from our area to discuss the political agenda the government has laid out for schools wishing to become part of an academy chain.  
Mr McLeod

# Newsletter

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### Nearly New Sale

Thank you to all parents who supported the Nearly New Sale this term. We raised £45 so far. All profits go towards helping the school. There are still some outstanding IOU's, so if this is you please hand in to the school office asap. Many thanks.  
Clare & Julia

### Year 5 & 6 Football – Tuesday Mornings

Due to work commitments and School Holidays please note that there will be no Tuesday morning football on the following dates;  
Tuesday 22nd March  
Tuesday 29th March  
Tuesday 5th April  
Tuesday 12th April

If you have any questions regarding Tuesday Morning football please contact Matt Queen ([mattqueen@btinternet.com](mailto:mattqueen@btinternet.com))

### Mothing Sunday Service

This weekend you are invited to our 'Mothing Sunday' Service at 9.30am on Sunday 6th March in All Saint's Church in Haslingfield. Included will be a renewal of baptism vows for any children who have been christened in Haslingfield Church in the past few years. If you have your baptism candles please do bring them along too. All welcome and there will be a chocolate fountain plus coffee/tea and biscuits after the service.

### Parent Well-being Support Group

Would you, or someone you care for, like help with stress, anxiety and depression? The county's self-refer Psychological Wellbeing Service launched last year to make it easier to access treatments such as personal therapy, guided self-help and group sessions including training in Mindfulness. Practitioner Marina Halim will be at our Wellbeing Group in Cambridge on March 14 to tell us more. Join us from 10am to 12noon at the Masonic Hall, Bateman Street, Cambridge. To book on please contact [jackie@pinpoint-cambs.org.uk](mailto:jackie@pinpoint-cambs.org.uk) or <http://www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk/events/pinpoint-wellbeing-group-parent-carers-1>

### Cambridge Holiday Orchestra

Cambridge Holiday Orchestra will be running their Easter Course, to be held at The Leys School from Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th of April with Russell Keable as Course Director. For more information see <http://holidayorchestra.co.uk>

**Messy Church for ALL AGES: Friday 18h March, 3.30pm.** Come and join us at the Methodist Church for lots of different craft activities suitable for children at pre-school, K.S.1 and K.S.2, a short time of worship and refreshments. The theme this month will be 'Messy Bread'.

### Ash – Miss Peck and Mrs Hollins:

We have had a fun and busy week in Ash class this week celebrating Book week. We read Charlie Cooks Favourite Book and talked about our favourite books. At the beginning of the week we had lots of fun writing the beginning of our school book with our buddies. We talked about the setting and the characters that we would like to include in the story and came up with some fantastic and imaginative ideas. In PE we continued our dance based on our favourite toys and learnt some new dance moves based around the toys from the film 'Toy Story' these included Woody, Buzz, Soldiers, Cowboy and Barbie. The children all looked fantastic on World Book Day and enjoyed sharing their favourite book with their buddy and taking part in the book swap. A huge thank you to all of those parents that were Mystery readers this week- the children have loved having you all in. If anybody would still like to be a mystery reader then please let us know and we can arrange another time over the next couple of weeks. We have been busy practising for our class assembly- we hope you enjoy it. If your child would like to do some mathematics activities at home then could you please focus on number recognition and ordering numbers.

- Literacy- retelling stories, talking about our favourite books.
- Numeracy- Number recognition, number formation.



### Birch – Miss Hall:

We have very much enjoyed Book Week! We loved dressing up as our favourite book characters and working with Oak class to write our section of the school story. We have been planning and writing our own fairytale this week - we've had some fantastic ideas!

- Literacy: To write and plan a short story.
- Maths: To add using equipment to help us.



### Hazel – Mrs Campbell and Mrs Lione:

We have really enjoyed book week and all the activities that have taken place. We have written a school story, swapped books we've read for new, exciting ones and dressed up as our favourite book characters. We took photos of ourselves all dressed up and wrote some lovely descriptions of our characters and the books they came from. We have thought about our favourite books and why we like them and shared some of them with our friends and buddies. We've managed to squeeze in some non-book related activities as well and have started our African section of our exploring topic and finished up looking at fractions in maths.

- Literacy: working in a group, discussing and sharing ideas. Writing about a real event.
- Numeracy: Band 1 - recognising and finding  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Band 2 - equivalent fractions

Show and Tell: Harry, Bryony, Zuhayb, Miriam



### Hawthorn – Miss Turner:

The children have really had an enjoyable week in Hawthorn class. The children have enjoyed exploring 'The Witches' as part of book week. The children all looked brilliant dressed as their favourite book characters. In Literacy this week we have been learning about character descriptions, using 'The Witches' as a stimulus. The children have made posters to inform children how to recognise a 'Real Witch'. In Numeracy the children have continued learning about fractions. They have been learning about equivalent fractions and adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominators. In Science this week the children have continued to learn about sound, exploring pitch. The children have been learning about the country Italy and have been making travel brochures. They also worked in small groups to create a radio advert to encourage people to visit Italy. Next weeks Big Write - To plan and write a story set in Ancient Rome by describing appropriate historical artifacts and events. eg. gladiator fights.

- Literacy – To write character descriptions about characters from the witches.
- Numeracy- To add and subtract fractions with the same denominators.



### Oak – Ms Wernham:

Book week has been fun; we have thoroughly enjoyed writing the exciting middle part to our whole-school adventure story!

In Science this week we have learned about Newton's laws of motion and have demonstrated this by launching a mini-rocket into the air using water and Alka-seltzer! Next week we will use the results of this to design and make our own rockets which can be propelled into the air.

Can all parents ensure 'Book Week' homework is presented as a booklet, either A4 or A5. Thanks.

- Literacy – To examine how sensational language is used in newspapers.
- Numeracy – To use expanded written methods to solve multiplication problems.



### Beech – Mrs Petty:

This week has been very busy but lots of fun. On Tuesday, we had a visiting scientist to run a workshop on cells. The children had to research a specific type of cell in groups and then produce a presentation to inform the rest of the class. It was a super workshop and the children learnt a great deal and had lots of fun too. Throughout the rest of the week, we have been immersed in 'Book Week' activities. After the children helped the pupils in Ash class to initiate our whole school story, they then developed their own version independently. As well as creating and reading stories, the children enjoyed having their mystery reader and on Wednesday, Mrs Lucas, a local author, explained how to write stories from different perspectives. The children were then given the challenge of retelling a story from a Korean picture book but telling it from one character's point of view. On World Book Day, it was wonderful to see so many children dressed up and we hope they enjoy their new book from the 'book swap'. Thank you for your donations.

- Literacy: to retell a story from different perspectives
- Maths: to explain how to solve calculations mentally and to practice problem solving skills.

