



## Haslingfield Endowed Primary School

### Diary Dates:

Mon 14 – Parents Show and Tell (except Ash/Beech Class)  
Fri 18 – Children in Need Day  
Tue 22 - Bag2School Textile Collection  
Thu 24 – Big Draw

### Children's Sports Events

Tue 15 – Yr6 Tag Rugby Competition

### Letters to Parents

- 1<sup>st</sup> Step Sports Christmas Activity Camp Flier
- Choir concert arrangements
- Ash Class Frozen Film

### Materials needed:

As part of Science learning across the school the children are asked to sort and identify a variety of materials. I am hoping that some of you may have small items made of different materials that you are happy to donate to the school for the children to use. We are looking for items made of wood, metal, plastic, stone, paper, cloth, cardboard. If you have any items that you can donate please send them into school in a bag labelled for Miss Turner.

### Big Draw

All pupils will be taking part in The Big Draw on Thursday 24th November. If you are a parent and DBS registered we would appreciate your help on the day as we would like to run some ambitious drawing activities. If you would like to help please give your email address into reception and we will send you further details.

### A Night at the Opera: Saturday 3 December, 8.30pm

Please join us for 'A Night at the Opera' at All Saints' Church, Haslingfield in support of Little Owls Preschool. Jessica Lawrence-Hares (mezzo-soprano), Robert Haylett (baritone) and Olga Elbourn (piano) will present an evening of favourite opera classics. Tickets are £15 and include a glass of mulled wine on arrival, puddings, cheese and biscuits. There will also be a licensed bar and a silent auction. Tickets now available at the Country Kitchen, and from Poppy Short (poppyjshort@gmail.com) & Jenny Reavell (jennyreavell@gmail.com).

### Headteacher's Bulletin

On Tuesday several of our governors from our Standards and Attainment Committee had a very fruitful meeting which looked at Haslingfield's standards of achievement and associated planned actions. We welcomed a Cambridgeshire financial auditor into school to assess the effectiveness of our financial systems recently and received their report which governors from our Finance, Premises and Personnel Committee will be reviewing shortly. Miss Turner has attended a Science Leaders course this week. Mrs Woodard and I attended an inspiring meeting which provided information on how our school could attain an Arts Mark Award; this fits in with the our school's determination to provide rich learning environment that considers social, moral, spiritual and cultural aspects of learning. Mr McLeod.

# Newsletter

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### Primary School Applications

If you have a child who is due to start Reception in September 2017 please make sure you apply by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

Applications can be made online at [www.cambridgeshire.gouk/admissions](http://www.cambridgeshire.gouk/admissions). If you are unable to apply only please speak to the school office.

### Methodist Church Charity Fair

The annual Charity Fair will be held in the Methodist Church on 19th November from 11am to 2.30pm. 16 different charities will have stalls selling Christmas Cards, jewellery, books, gifts, preserves and so much more. Enjoy shopping in a relaxed atmosphere and enjoy home-made refreshments.

You can also bring along your filled shoebox for Operation Christmas Child or help to fill one there.

### Oxford & Cambridge Singing School Christmas Course

This will take place on 21st and 22nd December 2016 at St Catharine's College, Cambridge. The Oxford and Cambridge Singing School is for boys and girls aged 7–13 who love to sing. Based at St Catharine's College in central Cambridge, pupils will learn some beautiful music and at the same time gain a background in vocal technique, music theory and history. This Christmas they will be discovering some beautiful Medieval, traditional and contemporary carols.

Families are most welcome to come and listen to a mini-concert at the end of each day. Courses include whole-group singing, musical games and exercises to improve sight reading, small group vocal coaching and much more. For more information see [www.oxbridgesingingschool.co.uk](http://www.oxbridgesingingschool.co.uk).

### Haslingfield Church Sunday Club

Sunday Club this weekend is on Sunday 13th November at 9.30am. Meet in All Saint's Church, Haslingfield. There are 3 Sunday Club groups for: Baby Saints (0-3 years), Little Saints (3-7 years) and Super Saints (7+ years). Little Saints will be held in the Vestry and Super Saints at the Vicarage (meet in the church beforehand).

All welcome and there will be coffee, tea, squash and biscuits served at the back after the service.

### **Ash – Miss Peck:**

We have had a very exciting week in Ash class launching our new topic 'Winter Wonderland.' We received a letter from Anna on Tuesday asking us if we can help her arrange a ball. The children were very excited and eager to help. They wrote a list of all of the things they thought we may need to do to prepare for a ball. We thought of who we would like to invite to the ball and wrote a name card for them and an invitation. The children have decided they would like to have their own ball which will take place next Thursday. I will send more information about this in a separate letter. In maths we have been learning about shape. The children had to describe and guess the shape in the feely bag and make a castle for Queen Elsa using different shapes. Some of the children began to look at and name 3d shapes when making their castles. At home please look out for different shapes in the environment and encourage the children to have a go at naming them.

- English- writing lists
- Maths- shape



### **Birch – Mrs Lightfoot & Mrs Hollins:**

Thank you for all the well wishes following my absence last week. This week in English we have been learning about Non-Fiction books and the difference between these and fiction books. We have also been trying to use exclamation marks and question marks as well as full stops to end our sentences. In Maths we have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and continuing our work on addition and subtraction by finding the difference between two numbers. We have begun to learn the songs for our Christmas performance and started our new science work exploring materials.

- English - I can begin to identify features of a Non-Fiction text.
- Maths - I can add and subtract numbers up to 20

Show and Tell: Evan Rory, Paige, Haydn



### **Hazel – Miss Turner:**

We have had a very busy week in Hazel class this week. In English we have been working hard on our comprehension skills. We have learnt about The Gunpowder Plot and have ordered pictures and answered questions about it. The children have written a report about the Gunpowder Plot, identifying the key points. In Maths we have been learning about fractions. We have been identifying halves and quarters of shapes. We have learnt that fractions need to have equal parts. In Science this week we have learnt about Isaac Newton's discovery of gravity and have made our own marble run, trying to make the marble go as slowly as possible. This week's homework is an English at home week.

- English - To write a report about the Gunpowder Plot.
- Maths - To identify fractions of shapes.

Show and Tell: Florrie, Molly, Forster, George P



### **Spanish - Mrs Norris**

This week Hazel Class have started to learn Spanish phonics which will help them with spelling and pronunciation. Hawthorn and Oak Classes have been looking at videos about birthday celebrations and trying to recognise the Spanish vocabulary. Beech Class have been learning how to conjugate the verb 'practicar' which means to do or practise.

### **Hawthorn – Mr Brown:**

This week in Maths we have begun our work on fractions by making links to our previous work on division. We have been identifying how much of a shape has been shaded in to determine the fraction of amounts specified. They have then transferred this knowledge to calculate fractions of amounts.

In English we have been focusing hard on structuring our writing in paragraphs and planning ahead what might be needed in each paragraph as we prepare to write our persuasive advert to sell our Anglo Saxon home. Outside of the lesson we have been making cross curricular links by taking pictures of our homes and measuring out a floor plan so we can include further information and make our adverts more authentic.

In Science we have started a new topic for the term to do with states of matter. We have been discussing the properties of solids, liquids and gases and thinking about what their particles would look like under a microscope.

We have also been finding out how Jesus is represented in different images and describing why he is important to Christians during our RE lessons.

- English: To gather ideas and plan a persuasive advert.
- Maths: To recognise and show fractions of diagrams and amounts.



### **Oak - Miss Kimberley**

We are building up a head of steam in Oak class. We have been focussing on spellings and developing different strategies for helping them both read and spell new and unfamiliar words. They have been introduced to the Spelling Challenges which give them lots of opportunities to practice and use their spellings through different activities and in different context. They have also been introduced to Reading Challenges which are designed to encourage them to use their reading skills for a specific purpose. They complete these as part of their guided reading every week. We have been preparing for their big write this week which ties in with our PSHCE focus for next week on Anti Bullying. They have watched a short animated film without dialogue. Their challenge will be to introduce direct speech into the story. In maths we are looking at division using repeated subtraction on a number line and progressing to the 'bus stop' method which I am sure you will all recognise and love (!!!) I would encourage you to continue to support your children in developing their automatic recall of times table facts up to 12 x 12.

In Science this week we have been looking at reversible and irreversible effects of heat on different materials.

We have begun exploring what was happening in Cambridgeshire during the Tudor period. We have been looking at what happened to Ely cathedral during the Dissolution of the Monasteries in particular. The children have been finding out about the importance of the Bible to Christians in RE and recalling familiar Bible stories. In PSHE they have been reflecting on their circle of support in school and how they are supported and also how they can help themselves.

Another Timetable update: PE is now on Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons.

- English: I can use direct speech in my writing
- Maths: I can use the chunking method for division



### **Beech - Mrs Petty**

This week, we have been consolidating our work on fractions and percentages and applying our knowledge to reason and solve problems. In English, we learnt about the different types of past tense before applying these- alongside the skills from last week- in writing our own newspaper report about the sinking of the passenger liner, the Lusitania in 1915. On Wednesday afternoon, we started a new project combining both DT and Science. The children will be creating a Christmas decoration that lights up and will be presenting their projects at the end of term -Dragons' Den style! In PE with Mr Andrews, the children continued to develop their dance routines linked to our PSHCE topic of Anti-Bullying and in PE on Friday, we have moved on to Netball. We will be ending the week with our class assembly on our topic of WW1 and hope to see many parents at our class 'Show & Tell' immediately after the assembly.

- English- : to write a formal newspaper report using past tense, reported speech and passive voice.
- Maths- to solve problems and reason using knowledge of fractions and percentages.