



Haslingfield Endowed Primary School

Diary Dates:

Tues 18 – Summer Term starts – all children back to school

Letters to parents

- 1st Step Sports Club information
- The Golden Mile letter
- Network cb23 Orchestra – Yr5 and 6
- PTFA Hen Club

Children's Sports Events

Wed 19 – Cross Country Championships – St Neots

Mon 24 – Netball Finals - CVC

New Lunchtime Spanish Club

There will be a new Spanish Club starting on Thursdays at 12.40pm to 1.10pm from 20th April. Games, songs and drama exercises exploring Spanish Language. Please sign up at the School Office.

Art Explorers Club:

Art Club has now finished for this term; there are spaces available after Easter for children aged 7years upwards. The club is on Thursdays after school until 4.30pm, £4 per session paid termly, starting dates to follow, please email artexplorerscambridge@gmail.com for more information and bookings.

Nearly new uniform sale

The next nearly new uniform sale will be held before and after school on Thursday 27th April. Summer dresses and shorts will be available. Please come and grab a bargain and raise funds for our PTFA. All donated uniform items to be left at the school office please.

Comic Relief/Red Nose Day:

Thank you for all the donations received last week, we raised a fantastic £171.00, well done!!

Hilltop Residential Trip payment reminder:

The next instalment for Hilltop of £50.00 is due by Friday 31st March; please make your payment online. Cash or cheques payable to Haslingfield Primary School. Thank you.

Found:

New Testament and Psalms book, inscribed with Freya Green dated 17th March 2017, please collect from school office.

Headteacher's Bulletin

I have been analysing each child's recent progress with class teachers during the week and this shows that children are continuing to respond very positively to our new 'marking and review' process, used to support their learning. The Easter Church service this morning was wonderful and it was great to see so many parents attend. I am grateful to Mrs Golden and the PTFA for organising a school disco last week: the children had a fantastic time! I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break. Mr McLeod

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Spanish - Mrs Norris

This week Hazel Class have been practising making nouns plural. Hawthorn Class have been reading descriptions of faces in Spanish, trying to match them to pictures and draw what they have read. Oak Class have been writing about the sports other people do in different seasons. Beech Class have practised giving reasons for their opinions using the adjectives they learnt last week.

Job Vacancies

Mid Day helper required for couple of days each week, please contact School office.

Oxford & Cambridge Singing School Easter Course, which

is for children aged 7-13 who love to sing. For more information and to book a space, please visit our website. www.oxbridgesingingschool.co.uk

Junior Basketball Camp:

Swavesey Sports Centre – Indoor

Wednesday 5th April, Time 10am – 3.30pm

Activities are open to all abilities and cost just £20 for the day.

Families/siblings £18 per day. Junior basketball – boys and girls age 7 to 11. To book visit

www.scamps.gov.uk/sportscamps Tel 01954 713070

Little Owls Bedding Plant Sale

We invite you to order high quality bedding plants that we will deliver free to your doorstep. Order forms have been delivered to every house in Haslingfield and Harlton (if you haven't received one, please call Caroline: 870948 or ask for a form at The Village Shop). Please return your form and payment to the Village Shop or to Lindsay Sandhurst at 2 The Hemlocks by Saturday 8th April. Plants will be delivered on Saturday 20th May. With thanks in advance for your orders.

Wanted:

After the Easter holidays we are hoping to take part in Den building activities across all of the year groups. If anybody has any tarpauling, bamboo canes or any sheets etc that they could donate then they would be very much appreciated. Many thanks, Miss Peck

Spanish:

Following a successful application we have received a grant from the EU to enhance Spanish in school. During the summer term we will be supporting our existing Spanish teaching plus some new ideas to raise the profile of language and culture throughout the school.

Ash – Miss Peck: This week in Ash class we have been busy preparing for Easter. The children have worked hard on their Easter cards and have written some beautiful writing inside for you! The children decorated and made their own Easter basket and used the scissors carefully to cut them out. In OAA this week we went on a bear hunt around the school grounds. We told the story of 'We're going on a bear hunt' as we went around the school and ended up in a bears cave! The children were very excited and keen to meet the bear in his cave- thankfully he was very friendly! In maths this week we have been looking at 3d shapes. The children explored the shapes by building models with them and playing the Shape feely bag game! We talked about the names of the shapes and how many faces and corners they have. The children have been very busy making headbands and practising our Spring Chicken song ready for the church service- we really hope you all enjoyed it! Thank you for all of your support this term. Wishing you all a fabulous Easter and a well rested break, we look forward to seeing you all in the Summer term.



Birch – Mrs Lightfoot & Mrs Hollins: We have had a fun final week of term in Birch class. We have had Easter fun with some of Ash class making Easter nests and crafts while Little Owls visited the school. We have been to church to practise the Easter service and we hope you enjoyed their songs today. We were incredibly lucky on Wednesday, having a performance by professional musicians who told the story of the cowardly dragon through music. The children all had the opportunity to participate and were mesmerised throughout, as were the teachers! We have squeezed in some Maths, looking at halves and quarters of shapes and objects, including yummy things to eat afterwards! In English we have written a letter to a Spanish child for Mrs Lightfoot to take to a school in Spain. We wish you all a very happy and restful Easter holiday.



Hazel – Miss Turner: We have had a very busy term. This week in English we have been working further on our comprehension skills and have been learning more about Mary Seacole. In Maths we have continued learning about time and have completed more practice on telling the time to 5 minutes. We had a fantastic day on Thursday learning all about Sikhism, we explored Sikh beliefs and learned about their festivals. We have had a fantastic time practicing for the Easter Service and I know you will be as proud of the children as I am. We have of course completed some Easter crafts, including, Easter nests, cards and baskets. I would like to this opportunity to thank you for your continued support through out the term.



Choir: Just a quick note to wish you all a lovely Easter. If we have a recurrence of the weather at the weekend, it will be gorgeous. Also a reminder of dates for next term and beyond:
1st April - relax and come to a concert at St Paul's Hills Road, 7pm with Pete Churchill and London Vocal Project. Will be a great way to end the term! Tickets from Ticketsource. **18th April** - first choir session back after Easter, **26th May** - early evening concert at All Saints' Church Cottenham with a French choir, Chant Anjou
24th June - Fen Edge Family Festival, lunchtime slot in the Main Marquee on the green in Cottenham
15th October - possible concert at Saffron Hall, 2.30, but rehearsals in the morning.
There will of course be an event during the summer term at school for choir, band and more besides, but more information on that later. We will also be working towards taking part in the National Festival of Music for Youth in Birmingham during next term and the Autumn term.
Think that is all for now, but watch this space!
Have a wonderful holiday. Keep singing! Mrs S Lihoreau

Hawthorn – Mr Brown: This week in Hawthorn Class, we have been learning to punctuate speech correctly by creating conversations between well known characters from Greek Myths. We have created our very own mythical creatures and then presented a booklet on it to describe how the creature came to be, a description of what it is like and how the mythical items we created in the previous week can help to defeat it. It has been great to see so many children engaged with this unit of work and even bring in their own copies of stories from home to share with the rest of the class.

In our Maths lessons we have been going over test papers and practicing some of the key skills that we needed to improve upon as a class. In science, we have been looking at the link between vibrations and sound. We discovered that all sounds are produced by vibrations and we drew pictures of the experiments we conducted and explained how they demonstrated sound being created through vibrations. It has been an incredibly busy term and I am really proud of how the children have continued to work hard throughout. I hope you all have a lovely well-deserved break.



Oak - Miss Kimberley We have been carrying out Rising Star Assessments this week in Reading Comprehension, Grammar and Spelling. The children have coped with these very well. In between we have been reviewing different spelling rules and word families that can aid our spelling of new or unfamiliar words.

In maths we have been doing some revision and applying reasoning to problem solving in preparation for next weeks Maths assessment. In History the children have finished their collaborative non-fiction information texts on the Ancient Egyptians. I and the children are absolutely delighted with the results. We hope to be able to share these in class next week.

We had a very exciting diversion from assessments with our OAA day on Wednesday. The children were split into their houses and participated in a variety of outdoor physical challenges that encouraged problem solving, co-operation and collaboration, determination and perseverance - this being particularly relevant given the deterioration in the weather conditions as the morning went on. I didn't hear one child complain. They seemed oblivious to the cold and rain and having a great time. By lunch time we had a lot of rosy cheeked, slightly damp, definitely tired but very happy children.



Beech - Mrs Petty: This week, we completed our term on Vikings by creating models of their Longships. The children then decorated them with dragon figureheads. As the boats had a pointed keel, the children also had to design a structure to keep the boat upright. In English sessions, the children completed their Viking information books and after sharing them with their peers, evaluated them. In Maths, we solved Easter based mixed word problems, practising a range of skills. In Computing, the children developed their skills in stop animation on the iPads and in Drama they learnt how to change their voice to match certain characters. In Music, the children were asked to design a radio station which incorporated their own compositions, an interview, their own jingle, an advert and a news report.

- Discussing areas of development from assessments



Breakfast Activity Club

This week we have done several Easter egg crafts, including designing our own egg jigsaws and made bunny paper chains.



Family Service:

Family Service at All Saints' Church Haslingfield at 9.30am on Sunday 2nd April

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