



**Haslingfield
Endowed Primary
School**

Newsletter

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Learning to achieve excellence in a safe, happy environment

Dates

Hilltop 17-19th July.

The Leavers Assembly is on the 21st July at 2.30pm.

Letters Home

Please can you let Mrs Pearce know what days you would like for Out of school club and Breakfast club for September.

Gold PE Kite Mark

We have once again received the Gold PE Kite Mark for 2016-2017. This is fantastic news.

Children's Archaeology Day

Denny Abbey Farm Museum is hosting a family friendly day which involves exploring artefacts and repairing pots. Thursday 27th July 11-4pm at Denny Abbey, Ely Road, Waterbeach. CB25 9PQ.

Parenting Courses

Raising Children and Sibling Rivalry at Cambourne Village college, starts on Wednesday 27th September for 10 weeks 10-12pm If you are interested in attending please call 01954 284604 or 01954 286008.

Headteacher's Bulletin

Summer is an exciting time for children and many are likely to experience a change of schedule and environment; in preparation the teachers and I have given them an understanding of how to stay safe in a variety of situations but to check with a parent when unsure. The Beech Class production of 'Dream On' was a great success and it was good to see so many parents and grandparents enjoying the evening - the children had so much fun. I would like to thank Mrs Petty for organising the event and all the staff and parents for all their hard work making the evening possible. This week I have been reviewing the school's progress against its strategic targets and working with governors to monitor Health and Safety around the school. It was also good to meet governors one evening this week to present an overview of school achievements and provide an update of key school documentation.

Mr McLeod

Swimming

Swimming has now started. Please can you make sure your child has their named swimming kit in a waterproof bag on the days they are timetabled to swim. Please see the letter on Parentmail.

Breakfast Club

This week we have made permanent sandcastles, made paper hats and decorated dinosaurs and bird masks.

Spanish Mrs Norris

This week Hazel Class have been reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' in Spanish. Hawthorn Class have been describing hair and eyes. Oak Class have been singing the Spanish version of the song 'I am the music man' and saying what instruments they can play. Beech Class have continued their topic of Spanish festivals and learnt about Las Fallas.

Strawberry Fayre Friday 21 July, 5-7pm

Little Owls Preschool & the Methodist Church will be hosting the annual Strawberry Fayre in the garden of the Methodist Church on the last day of term. What better way to mark the occasion than with a delicious BBQ, buffet, strawberries and homemade cakes in the sunshine! Adults £6 and children £3.50 (includes dessert). There will be lots of stalls including face painting, frozen dinosaur eggs, plant sale and snail racing. Entry is a non-perishable donation for the Food Bank. Funds raised will support Little Owls, Methodist Church and also Parkinson's UK.

Hawthorn – Mr Brown:

This week in Hawthorn we have been looking at some examples of different non-chronological reports to do with countries in Europe and familiarising ourselves with the layout and what is included. We demonstrated our knowledge by labelling the different text features so we know how ours should look in the future.

In Maths we have been looking at using the inverse operation to help solve missing number problems. We had a go at different calculations and then reflected on how well we did in working out the answers. We then wrote instructions to explain how to go about solving different types to make ourselves even more familiar and demonstrate our understanding further. In Science this week we have been comparing the different nutrition intakes between humans and animals and establishing how we are different and why different animals need different types of nutrients. We have been working incredibly hard this week practicing our class assembly and I would like to thank everybody in advance for coming to watch and support the children.

Maths: to solve missing number problems.

English: to identify features of a non-chronological report.

Ash – Miss Peck:

This week in Ash class we have been learning about Africa and have based our learning around the book Handa's Surprise. We talked about the similarities and differences between our country and Africa and what it would be like to live there. The children thought about what fruits they would put in a basket for a friend just like Handa and had a go at drawing them and writing about them. We looked carefully at an African drum and fan and produced some fantastic observational drawings. We made our own African fans by weaving different African coloured pieces of paper. They look great and we were very impressed with their fine motor control and perseverance. We had lots of fun with Birch class on Wednesday getting to know our new classroom. The children showed Birch class their fantastic moves in our Pilates session too! We all enjoyed watching the Beech class production; the children had so much fun and sat beautifully throughout the performance. On Friday we had a very exciting Buddy time choosing our new house captains for next year. We are all looking forward to our beach party on Monday.

Birch Mrs Lightfoot and Mrs Hollins.

This week we have been planning and writing our own fictional stories based on one we have read. In Maths we have been recognising coins and adding coins together to make different amounts. We have been working on our PSHCE unit of getting to know our bodies and which parts are private. We have been fortunate enough to watch the Key Stage Two performance as well as a piano assembly which the children enjoyed. Next Tuesday we will be having a medieval day (you should have received a letter regarding this). The children will be taking part in different activities and are welcome to come in costume.

Hazel – Miss Turner

We have had a fantastic week in Hazel class. The children spent the first part of the week making their castles. The children worked really hard to make their own pulley systems and turning their cardboard box into a castle. All the children's castles look very different and it was very interesting watching how their model unfolded. For the rest of the week the children have been working on creating a fact file about the church. They have also created their own information videos all about the church.

Next Tuesday we will be having our medieval day, the children will be taking part in a variety of activities during the morning and then will be dancing and having a 'medieval banquet' in the afternoon.

Oak - Miss Kimberley

In English this week we were looking at rounding our persuasive writing off with a summary in preparation for the big write, which was on Wednesday rather than Friday as we have had difficulty fitting everything in. Some very well thought through and well-argued pieces of persuasive writing were the result. The children recently received replies from their Spanish pen friends. The children were very excited and spent time this week replying, using as much Spanish as they could. In Topic this week the children did some research on British river systems, using Google Maps to follow a river and trace their course back to their source. In PE the children continued to develop their Athletic skills in track and field. In Active Science the children competed in a mini class Olympics. We have been covering sex and relationship education this week, using the correct vocabulary and talking about the changes that everyone's body undergoes, not just through puberty, but throughout our lives. We split the year groups, as the curriculum is slightly different in each case. I was very impressed by the year 4s and Year 5s. They were genuinely interested, managing to overcome their discomfort. I was impressed by the questions they asked and the maturity they showed. I have encouraged them to follow up any questions or queries at home. We had our last class swimming session this Friday and as they have worked so hard it was a more relaxed affair and time to have some fun.

Beech - Mrs Petty:

On Monday and Tuesday we ran our Enterprise Days. The children were incredibly prepared and set up their stalls efficiently. They thoroughly enjoyed selling their products and the rest of the school seemed to have lots of fun too. In total they managed to generate an enormous profit of £382 which the children have decided to split three ways: charity, the Y6 leavers' party and resources for the current Y5s. Many thanks to the PTFA for funding the project and to all parents and children for supporting the venture. Between the Enterprise Days and the Transition days for Year 6 at CVC, we had a full run through of our play, which is starting to run really smoothly and started to retell the story of A Midsummer Night's Dream.

English: to use dialogue and action to describe character in narrative
Maths: to practise calculating change quickly and developing financial acumen