



## Haslingfield Endowed Primary School

# Newsletter

Autumn Term 2018

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### Dates

- Christmas Carol Service – Tues 18<sup>th</sup> 09:30
- **Autumn Term Closes** – Weds 19<sup>th</sup>, children can bring in a game.
- **Spring Term Starts** – Fri 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019



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### Performance Donations

We raised an amazing £432.56 through donations at the Christmas performances, thank you to everyone who gave so generously. Our School Council will be nominating two different charities for the money to be split between.



### Thanks to the PTFA

A big thank you to the PTFA and volunteers who have done a sterling job, planning and organising a myriad of events running up to Christmas. We really appreciate all your hard work and help in supporting the school at this busy time of year.

### Headteacher's Bulletin

This Christmas at Haslingfield School would not have been quite the same without the commitment of so many parents intent on helping ensure our children have many wonderful Christmas memories. The safe and secure environment we seek to create for all children is one in which we welcome the strength and love of families; happy and relaxed children not only learn effectively but also benefit greatly from many positive memories that can last a lifetime. For children to see parents naturally helping support their school can create powerful associations in their minds. To all our parents I would like to say 'thank you', your involvement has been particularly appreciated in recent events, such as, the Christmas Fayre, providing refreshments before and after events, Christmas dinner and today's Christmas shopping morning. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas holiday with your children.

**Graeme McLeod**

### Morning Activity Club

The Christmas Crafts have continued this week. We have made star decorations, gift tags from old Christmas cards, pipe cleaner Christmas trees, lollystick trees and paperchains. Ella explained how she drew a very good star, "I drew a hexagon first".



### Spanish - Mrs Norris

This week we had our last Spanish lessons of the year and we were feeling very festive in our Christmas jumpers. Year 2 listened to some Spanish Christmas songs and were very confident joining in, especially with Feliz Navidad! Hawthorn Class learnt some Christmas vocabulary with a special advent calendar. Oak Class made Spanish Christmas cards which they will be bringing home or giving to friends. Beech Class learnt some Christmas vocabulary, played hangman in Spanish and also sang Feliz Navidad. Feliz Navidad!



### Guitar Lessons

Looking for that special Christmas gift? Our resident guitar teacher, Mr Cory, may have some available slots for the forthcoming school term. If your child is interested in learning the guitar, please contact Mr Cory via email at [jimmypagefans@hotmail.com](mailto:jimmypagefans@hotmail.com). Please note that if you have already joined a waiting list, then your child will be the first to be offered lessons. Please include:- pupils name, parent/guardian name, school name, lesson duration requirements (15min - £8 per session, 30min - £16 per session), home telephone number & mobile phone number.

**Ash Mrs Lightfoot and Mrs Symmons:** This week we have enjoyed watching the children in Key Stage Two perform their Christmas songs and stories in their concert, particularly when they sang 'Let it go!' We have shared the story of the Nativity and sequenced it using pictures. The children have taken part in the whole school cold write where they retold the story of the 'sprout boy' with limited support. In phonics we have been learning to segment words with four sounds to help us spell. We have also been making some special Christmas crafts to bring home next week. The children looked fantastic in their Christmas outfits on Thursday and had fun making hats for the Christmas lunch. We enjoyed the infant shopping morning and have bought lots of presents to go under the Christmas tree. We are really impressed with how hard the children have worked during their first term at school and wish them and you a very Happy Christmas and a restful break.



**Birch – Mrs Hamilton and Mrs Fallon:** A wonderful final full week in Birch with lots of excitement. We really enjoyed listening to the KS2 Christmas concert and thought our buddies did so well. We have been rehearsing for our Carol service next week and hope you can all join us. In English we have been learning about the Nativity story and spotting the characters and events that popped up in our Christmas play. We have also completed our cold write activity about 'sprout boy!' In Maths we have been counting in 10's and pretending to buy Christmas presents and giving change from 10p, 20p, and 50p. We have also been using positional and directional language to get Santa to his sleigh and presents. We had a fantastic time at the school Christmas lunch and really enjoyed showing off our great hats. Finally, we had a super time at our Christmas party and welcomed a very special visitor to help round off a busy week.



**Hazel – Miss Peck:** We have had another festive week in Hazel class. At the beginning of the week we completed our cold write based on the advert about the sprout boy at Christmas time. The children wrote their own version of the story and added their own characters in it too. We were very impressed with their stories and loved hearing about the positive twist on their stories to ensure that the sprout felt happy and welcome at Christmas time. The children watched a video of the Nativity story and then retold it in their own words. It was lovely to see the children include some of the lines from our production too. In maths we have been completing some 'Special agent tests.' The children wowed us with their confidence when completing them and their understanding. We have started our unit on multiplication and division which we will continue after Christmas. The children loved watching the KS2 children perform their Christmas concert. We enjoyed wearing our Christmas jumpers on Thursday and making some very sparkly Christmas hats. The children designed their own Christmas jumpers and wrote a persuasive advert to encourage people to buy them. The children enjoyed our infant shopping morning and bought lots of lovely things for their family and friends. Lots of fun and dancing was had at our Christmas party and the children were very excited to meet Father Christmas. The children all made some reindeer food to scatter in their gardens on Christmas Eve. We would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy new year. We hope you all have a well earned rest over the Christmas break.



**Hawthorn – Mrs Lees:** Our last full week of term has been thoroughly enjoyable, with a real Christmas feel to it. The children performed in the concert brilliantly, with each concert better than the one before. Well done to all of them. The poem was clear and confident, with everyone managing to speak together. When singing they sung up and all of them remembered the words, with actions performed confidently. In between performing and singing we have been looking at assessment papers from the previous week. They've had opportunity to identify their successes and learn how to do some of the trickier questions, in particular discussing what the question is really asking. We've done lots of practising of times tables. In Science we've been experimenting with changing water in its 3 different states and using the correct scientific terminology. We've been learning about the water cycle and identifying how the different processes are linked together to form a complete cycle. We've discussed how these facts are reinforced by what we have learnt from our previous experiments. I wish everyone a Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.



**Oak – Miss Kimberley:** The penultimate week and what a busy one. On Tuesday the children had their dress rehearsal for the Key Stage 2 Christmas concert in front of the rest of the school. After lunch, the children went straight in to the afternoon performance for the parents, then on Wednesday evening, the final evening performance. The children were all magnificent. I was extremely proud of them all. Because of their hard work and commitment, I was able to sit back and enjoy the performance myself. Many thanks, to all the parents who attended and supported their children. The children have completed their Tudor booklets in their groups, sharing their expert knowledge on different aspects of Tudor daily life. Again I have been extremely impressed with their co-operation and organisational skills within their groups. It was great to see so many children and their parents, after school on Wednesday, at the open classroom showcase, to see the children's homework projects on *Daily Life in Tudor Times*. The results were amazing and showed great imagination and ingenuity. All the projects were so different. Thank you again for supporting your children to complete these projects at home. We have been getting into the full swing of Christmas with the making of Christmas Decorations, calendars, Christmas hats and cards. On Thursday, we enjoyed Christmas lunch all together in the hall. It was a wonderful experience. This is the last newsletter from Oak of 2018. I have very much enjoyed teaching and getting to know your children. It has been very busy but also lots of fun. I would just like to say a final thankyou to Mrs Williams and Miss Houghton without whom I'd be lost and who bring so much to Oak class in the way of care and support. And Finally I would just like to wish you and your families 'A very happy Christmas!' and I will see you all in 2019.



**Beech – Mr Brown:** This week in Beech class has been a very busy one indeed! We have practiced and performed to the school and parents throughout the week and I can definitely say we improved and got better and better as the week went on. Well done Beech class you have made me a very proud teacher. When we have not been singing, we have been going through various assessments from the previous weeks, modelling to the children how to answer the questions and decipher what the necessary steps were and then practicing similar answers in our books. On Thursday we well and truly embraced Christmas as we wore our Christmas jumpers and helped decorate the hall for Christmas lunch, and even found time to design a Christmas hat for the occasion too. Then on Friday we worked incredibly hard to support our buddies and other younger members of the school to choose and wrap Christmas presents in the infant shopping morning. As part of the Arts Award the pupils were kindly treated to a talk from Lisa Stolworthy from 'All Change Arts'. The pupils were fascinated to learn all about how an arts organisation works and Mrs Woodard was very impressed with how the children asked such interesting questions. Just for your information homework will not be set this week as I have decided to set it on Wednesday so the children have all of the holidays to complete it. Being the last newsletter of the term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a restful Christmas break and I'll be looking forward to seeing everyone in the new year.