



Newsletter

Summer Term 2019

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Dates

- **May**
- Mon 27th- Fri 31st Half Term
- **June**
- Mon 3rd – Inset Day
- Tues 4th – Children back to school
- Thurs 6th – Child Protection Training 9:00
- Mon 10th – Yr 6 Deep Water Swimming
- Mon 10th and Tues 11th – Yr 1 Phonics screening
- Weds 12th- Fri 14th – Kingswood Residential
- Fri 14th – Hawthorn Assembly and Bun Day



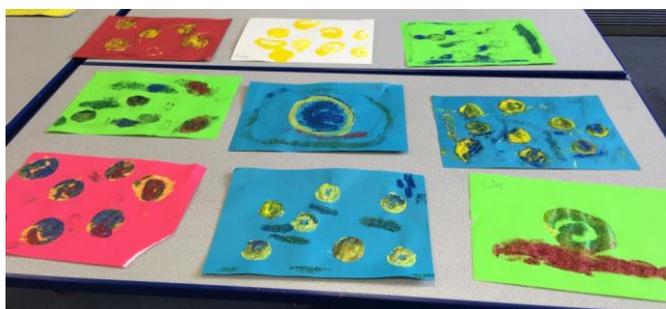
Letters Home

- Swimming information
- Swim club medical form
- Deep water Swimming
- Forest School Volunteers needed



KS1 Art Club – Mrs Burt-Gray

After a bit of a complicated start, KS1 used rolled up strips of sponge which they then dipped in paint to create their snail shells and then sprinkled lots (& lots) of glitter on glue to create their amazing glitter trail snails



Headteacher's Bulletin

Over the next few months and years most primary schools will be reviewing the learning curriculum which they use to develop children's learning – the National Curriculum being central to the children's experiences. We will also be carrying out a review: this week I have attended briefings to ensure that Haslingfield School continues to create the best possible learning opportunities for our children, while fully meeting national expectations. I have had the privilege of reviewing staff survey feedback this week from which some useful responses will be put in place to improve our overall effectiveness along with our desire for staff to work in the best possible environment we can provide. Have a great half term holiday.

Graeme McLeod

Morning Activity Club – Mrs Pinner

This week has been 'multi-craft' week. There have been a variety of materials to use for our creations and a chance to revisit projects from earlier in the term. 'It's a telescope' (made from bamboo rings and a bottle top) - Jasmine



Spanish - Senora Anderson

In Hawthorn today we used this half-term's knowledge of positions, colours and shapes to continue describing the work of Miró. Oak refreshed their Spanish numbers and dates with some fun knowledge transfer, learning sums in Spanish! Beech continued learning musical instruments and we incorporated the use of the Spanish/English dictionaries kindly donated by Senora Norris and also learned how to use the online resource Word Reference rather than Google Translate. Hazel class continued their work on animals and colours and listened to the Spanish version of Dear Zoo/Querida Zoo and continued to impress me with their enthusiasm for learning and great capacity for retention. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful and restful half-term holiday.



Guitar Lessons: Our resident guitar teacher, Mr Cory, may have some available slots for the forthcoming school term (from September). If your child is interested in learning the guitar, please contact Mr Cory via email at jimmypagefans@hotmail.com with your child's name, parent/guardian name, school name, class name, lesson duration requirements (15min - £8.25 per session or 30min - £16.50 per session)

Reminders

Summer Fayre Date Change – Will now be held on **Sat 6th July**

If your child is unwell please contact the school office on each day of illness.

Little Owls is looking for a Deputy Manager, please contact chair@haslingfieldlittleowls.org.uk. For more information

Early Years and Key Stage 1



Ash Mrs Lightfoot and Mrs Symmons: This week started with a great day out on Monday to Woburn Safari Park. The children loved looking at all the animals from the coach and then exploring the other enclosures by foot. A highlight was when the monkeys climbed up on to the roof of the coach and when a bird landed on Mrs Lightfoot's head! Following the trip, the children wrote about their day and painted a picture of an animal which we hoped you enjoyed seeing at our assembly this afternoon. We hope you all have a lovely half term holiday. We spent our Forest School session on the school this week, it was great fun exploring the bushes; finding tracks and trails. We really enjoyed setting all the buns out in the hall and some of us helped to sell them to the rest of the school. We all chose a favourite one for ourselves and ate it under the sycamore tree.



Birch – Mrs Fallon and Mrs Lovett: I am sure all of the children are ready for the half term break as we have had another busy week in Birch class. We have really enjoyed writing acrostic castle poems and have used some amazing adjectives and beautiful language. Please do pop in for a read, they are on our working wall. We also had a go at writing some fun tongue twisters about knights. We used words that started with the same letter and learnt that this was called alliteration. We came up with some funny results. In Maths we have continued our work on fractions, sharing numbers between 4 equal groups. We loved making paper pizzas showing halves and quarters of different ingredients. We learnt that 2 quarters is the same as a half. We had a very special visitor in science, Winston the tortoise. We thought of lots of interesting questions to ask Elsa's mum and she told us so many amazing facts. We wrote up our favourite facts. In art we finished our Paul Klee 'Castles' pictures, we can't wait to share them with you in a display next half term. There will be no set homework over half term but please do continue with the phonics booklets and we always love hearing about your half term adventures in the form of a diary or pictures. Don't forget swimming starts after half term and Birch's swimming days are Monday and Thursday after morning play. If any parents would like to come and help again this year, please do get in touch. Have a wonderful half term and a good rest.

English: to write a Castle acrostic poem.
Maths: to find half or quarter of a number.



Hazel – Miss Peck: What a busy and successful half term we have had! This week the children completed their final 'special agent tests.' Mrs Smart and I have been so impressed with how hard they have worked and how they have persevered and not given up even if they have found it tricky! They have had such a positive and mature attitude towards these papers- they are absolute superstars and we couldn't be prouder of them! In Science and English we have been researching about animal habitats around the world with a particular focus on oceans. We have been looking at what impact plastic is having on these habitats and what we can do to help. The children have all come up with some fantastic ideas of how we can reduce our use of plastics and wrote a letter that will be sent to the local supermarkets to see if they can help too! The children were particularly keen on the supermarkets reducing their use of plastic bags especially when packaging fruit and vegetables. To end our busy week we had a very exciting visit to 'Spy Missions.' We all had so much fun working together as a team solving the clues and completing the course. At the end of the visit the children received their special agent certificates to recognise all of their hard work. Thank you for all of your support this half term. I would like to wish you all a wonderful break and a well-deserved rest.

Maths: to recap arithmetic strategies and problem solving.
English: to write a persuasive letter to a supermarket.



Key Stage 2



Hawthorn – Mrs Lees: We have had an extremely busy week in Hawthorn. We have been doing English and Maths assessments. Everybody has shown great perseverance and determination to complete each booklet. Well done. On Wednesday we went to Comberton Village College for the invasion games festival. We split into 3 groups which were then part of 5 large groups. Each group then rotated around the 5 activities; netball, tag rugby, endball, football and hockey. We were extremely proud of their teamwork, attitude and communication within each group. In our other PE session we played rounders again. Everyone is becoming more confident in the rules and how to play the game. In topic we have been finding out about France using books and the internet. We have also had a go at making a mini Eiffel tower. I hope everyone has a lovely sunny holiday.



Oak – Miss Kimberley and Miss Houghton: End of Year Assessments this week. The children are becoming very used to doing these assessments now and some even enjoy them! In English there was some discussion about the Hobbit this week; how could we surmise that JRR Tolkien wrote the Hobbit for his children back in 1937 by looking at the language he used; who is their favourite character so far and what have they learnt about them both literally and inferentially from the text. In Maths the children have been continuing adding, subtracting, ordering and converting decimals. The Year 5s from Beech and Oak got together on Monday this week to complete the Energy Challenge with Dr Benjamin and Mr Brown. Then on Wednesday afternoon they came together again to design and complete an information poster, the best of which will be entered into a national competition. Whilst the Year 5s were designing their posters, the year 4s did Science with Miss Burns to investigate whether pitch affects the distance over which a sound of the same volume can be heard. This involved taking a wide variety of musical instruments out on to the field and playing them at different distances across the field for the children in their groups to judge which could be heard most clearly. Swimming starts also the week after half term. Oak Classes swimming slots are 9.30 Monday morning and 1.30 after lunch on a Friday. Obviously with the Training Day on Monday 3rd, Oaks first swimming lesson will be on Friday 7th June.

Maths: to add, subtract, round, order and convert decimals.

English: to understand and discuss why an author uses language.



Beech – Mr Brown and Miss Houghton: This week in Beech Class we have been completing lots of different pieces of writing based around our topic, the rainforest. Earlier in the week the class have researched and learnt about taking precise notes in bullet points which helped to prepare them to write a non-chronological report about the different layers of the rainforest. Using this new found knowledge, the children then wrote a detailed description about travelling through the rainforest as if they were an explorer searching for long-lost Mayan temple. We then did a free-write where the children chose their own writing genre to respond to a picture which illustrated deforestation of a rainforest. Using this theme, the children then once again researched and formed evidence to construct for and against arguments for a balanced discussion piece of writing to whether it is right for deforestation in the rainforest to continue. Despite it being the last week in the term, the children have really worked hard on these tasks, including editing their work through most days and as a result produced some really amazing pieces. We have also had some enjoyable moments this week by spending time outside playing cricket in our PE lessons. The children have been given a small amount of homework to complete during the half term to which they must write detailed notes about an event that happened to them during half term. It is vital they complete this task as they will be using these notes for their English lesson first day back. Lastly, I hope everyone has a lovely half term break and I look forward to seeing everyone back for the final term.