



**Haslingfield  
Endowed Primary  
School**

# Newsletter

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## Dates

- Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> – Leavers Lunch
- Weds 24<sup>th</sup> – Leavers Assembly 2:30pm
- Weds 24<sup>th</sup> – End of Term
- Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Sept – Autumn Term Begins



## Letters Home

- KS1 Coding Club
- Art Club for September
- Talent Show and Leavers Party



## Chess Club

As parents of children who attend the chess club in Haslingfield School, we would like to thank Simon Jackson for his tireless efforts and infinite patience. He has encouraged and tutored 4 children from our school to achieve a place in the nationwide Gigafinal competition. They all played their hearts out on the day and narrowly missed out on making it through to the Terrafinal, where the overall champion is decided. However to have 4 children from our small school included in the top 100 or so children chess players in Britain for their age group is no small feat and has been achieved through Simon's dedication. Our sincere thanks goes to Simon and very well done to Eoin Schmidt, Jaime Jackson, Oliver Tipton & Daniel Tipton. From Karen and Wade Tipton

## Parent Volunteer needed for Chess Club

We are looking for a parent volunteer to be present at chess club Thursday 4.50-5.50pm. If you are able to help please let the school office know. With thanks, Simon Jackson.

## Headteacher's Bulletin

Many children who learn instruments appreciate the opportunity to perform and these occasions can be highly motivational; enthusiasm that can ensure future success through regular practise, culminating in their concerts and performances – many of which we have enjoyed over the last few weeks. I have the pleasure to announce, following her interview this week, that Miss Peck will become Haslingfield Primary School's permanent Deputy Headteacher when Mrs Petty completes her time here to spend more time with her daughter. Haslingfield Primary has this week been informed by our 'sports partnership' that we have now attained their highest award level possible for our 'sports' provision – platinum! Many thanks to Miss Peck and other staff that have supported the school to achieve this fabulous outcome. I want to thank all of our volunteer parents that have worked to make our school a success; supporting learning in school and at home and organising and running events for everyone to enjoy! I hope you and your children have a great summer break together.

**Graeme McLeod**



## Morning Activity Club – Mrs Pinner

This week we have made paper plate crabs and played paper golf. We have also made beach pictures using real sand. On Friday we had a multi-craft session. "This is candyland and it's raining popcorn" – Lara, (picture).



## Library Books

Please can all library books be returned to Mrs Siddall or the box in the library before the end of term? Thank you.



## 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](mailto:jimmypagefans@hotmail.com) with your child's name, parent/guardian name, school name, class teachers name, lesson duration requirements (15min - £8.25 per session or 30min - £16.50 per session) & mobile phone number. Please note that if you have already joined a waiting list, then your child will be the first to be offered lessons.

## Early Years and Key Stage 1



**Ash Mrs Lightfoot and Mrs Symmons:** This week we have enjoyed listening to the older children play different instruments during assemblies and some of the children are now interested in learning an instrument themselves! In maths we have recapped subtraction and solved different problems using cubes to help. We have looked at how schools are different around the world and how children have different hobbies depending on where they live. In English we have been writing about our favourite memories from the year in Ash class. We have also been working hard on spelling and reading our tricky words. Today was our last Forest School session. We had lots of fun whittling sticks, roasting marshmallows, eating campfire toast and singing songs. Thank you to everyone who has helped out, we couldn't have done it without you.



**Birch – Mrs Fallon and Mrs Lovett:** We have really enjoyed 'Spanish week' this week, as part of our geography topic. We have learnt lots of interesting facts about Spain, learnt some Spanish words to describe summer and had a go at flamenco dancing! We have also learnt about the artist Pablo Picasso and had a go at making our own cubist self-portraits. We have learnt about the different foods that are popular in Spain and had fun tasting Paella, chorizo, olives and sun dried tomatoes. Most of us thought it was all yummy ... most!! In Maths we have been working through a summer Maths challenge which has been helping us revise our addition, subtraction, multiplication and shape work. In PE we have enjoyed our swimming and striking and fielding with Mr Seagrave. It will be our last swimming session on Monday and we will be having a play session. Today Birch 1's spent a lovely morning with Miss Petty and helped think about what their new classroom should look like.



**Hazel – Miss Peck:** We have had a lovely last full week in Hazel class this week. To begin the week we learnt about the country Spain and made comparisons to life in Spain and our country. The children completed a fact file about all of the different information that they had learnt. The children then wrote a postcard to the King of Spain telling him all about where we live and all of the wonderful things he would see or do if he should visit Cambridge. I would definitely want to visit Cambridge if I was to receive their postcards. In maths, the children have been completing maths challenge booklets and have loved solving the problems and finding the answers to the clues. The children have had a taste of Spanish life by tasting Spanish food including paella, chorizo, olives and sun dried tomatoes and have been practising their flamenco dancing moves. In Art, the children have been looking at the artist Picasso and have made a portrait using pastels inspired by his work. They look amazing! In PSCHE, the children have been learning about the scientific names for our bodies and have talked about the PANTS rule. They might come home singing a song linked to this! The children have loved their swimming sessions this week and had a fun swim filled with lots of games and activities on Wednesday. We really have had a wonderful year and I am so proud of all of the children and what they have achieved. I have loved every second of the past three years with this class. I would like to thank you for all of your support this year and wish you all a wonderful and restful summer holiday.



## Key Stage 2



**Hawthorn – Mrs Lees:** This week in Hawthorn we have been writing our own 'fifth voice' for the story 'Voices in the Park', telling the story from yet another viewpoint. I enjoyed reading all of the details and was pleased to see they had all remembered to use lots of the grammar and punctuation we have focused on this year. They then worked in pairs to edit and improve their writing. In Maths we have solved mysteries using a variety of different types of Maths clues. Hawthorn's music lesson this week was finishing their unit on reading music notation, playing melodies and creating their own accompaniments from them. This has been a challenging task, but Hawthorn have tackled it in true style. Well done from Mrs Lihoreau! We have finished presenting our homework projects to the class. It is fantastic to see how confident everyone is now at standing up and sharing their work. In Science we have been investigating if water travels up the stem in flowers and where it goes exactly by using food colour in water to dye the plant with some stunning results. In computing we programmed the microbits to make a reaction game. Well done for another busy week!



**Oak – Miss Kimberley and Miss Houghton:** I find it hard to believe that it is the final full week of term and that this will be my last newsletter of the year. The last week is always a bit of a strange one. We are definitely off time table. We have been doing Sex Relationship Education this week in the children's year groups. For some children it has felt quite uncomfortable but I was particularly impressed with the maturity of the Year 5s, whom I taught. They listened well and asked some very interesting and thoughtful questions. We have all encouraged the children to talk to their parents and ask the questions that they may have found difficult to ask in school. We have all treated the content as being an important but natural and normal part of growing up. We have also completed the NSPCC PANTS programme with the children, again we have encouraged them to share their knowledge with parents. You can look it up on the NSPCC site and even have a singalong with the Pantosaurus. Oak class finished off their last minute touches to their composition based on a river journey in Music today. They then performed them beautifully, showing development of musical ideas and the soundscapes of places their river journeyed past. Well done Oak class! It has been a week of finishing off and winding up Science and Geography Topics. The children have enjoyed, playing maths games and completing maths activity books. I, Miss Houghton and Mrs Williams would just like to conclude by thanking all the parents of Oak class pupils for their support and encouragement throughout the year and your kind words. It only remains for myself, Mrs Williams and Miss Houghton to wish you and your families a very happy, safe and peaceful summer break.



**Beech – Mr Brown and Miss Houghton:** Well here we are, our last full week of the school year and the last newsletter too. This week we have been splitting up into our year groups and attending SRE sessions. The children were able to confidently engage in conversations with their peers and offered good contributions to share in class whilst maintaining a mature approach to the sessions. We were also lucky enough to have visitors from Cambridge United on Friday who conducted an engaging and informative discussion on mental health, wellbeing and resilience. On Monday and Tuesday the Year 6s (with plenty of assistance from our helpful Year 5s) ran their Enterprise stalls very successfully. They all came up with some great games for the younger children to play and were very successful in raising over £400 which will help fund their end of year party and form donations to a charity decided at a later date. We have also been doing more topic work on the Mayans this week where we learnt about the Mayan number system and solved problems where we had to translate numbers based on the symbols and their placement. We also learnt about who were the different Mayan Gods, what the Mayans believed they represented and how people showed respect to them. I wish to take this opportunity to state how much I have enjoyed teaching your children this year; I have loved having the responsibility of supporting the Year 6s through their SATS and getting to teach the Year 5s once again. They are a wonderful group and I will definitely remember them all. Have a lovely summer break.

