



**Haslingfield
Endowed Primary
School**

Newsletter

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Learning to achieve excellence

Dates

- Tuesday 10th Sept Yr5/6 Fitzwilliam trip
- Monday 16th Sept First Deposit for residential due
- Tuesday 17th Meet the Teacher evening



Letters Home

- Yr 5/6 Fitzwilliam reminder
- Premier sports clubs
- Residential 2020 initial letter
- Yr 6 end of day reminder



Reminder

Year 5 and 6 are going to the Fitzwilliam on Tuesday. They will need a packed lunch this day.



Spanish

In Hawthorn's lesson today we refreshed our salutations and feelings and will be moving on to classroom instructions next week. later on in the term we will revise food, ordering food in a café and making plates of food. In Oak class we refreshed our knowledge of body parts with a game of Simón dice... and a fun song. Our topics this term are Descriptions and Family. In both Willow's & Beech class we learned the Interrogatives and the children worked really well and, as always, impressed me with their verve and tenacity! Our topics this term will be Time and Food

Headteacher's Bulletin

Welcome back everyone and I hope you have all had a great summer. At the beginning of this week, during a non-pupil day, teachers were reviewing the main targets for this academic year – primarily based on data analysis from all core areas of learning. We also had the opportunity to reflect upon our school mission statement and values, which are on display in the school reception area and on our website: this shared foundation will be built on together in many ways, throughout the year, as we seek to equip our children for successful and enjoyable lives. I am very excited about the year ahead and what new things we can achieve together; making our school the best it can be for children, is a goal expressed and demonstrated passionately by our staff – it's going to be a great year!

Graeme McLeod

Morning Activity Club – Mrs Pinner

During our first three mornings of the term we have played with sand clay, coloured in patterns and constructed with lego "It's a spaceship" - Theo

Rag quilt Workshop

Sunday 15th September 9.30 - 1.30 £25 per person All proceeds to Little Owls Preschool.

Tutor Sheila Walker will be teaching how to make your own rag quilt. A perfect project for beginners - you only need to be able to machine sew in a straight line! You will need to bring your own sewing machine and choice of fabric and wadding (info and support will be given on this). Email Nat_gillies@hotmail.com for more information or to book a place

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 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



Birch – Mrs Fallon and Mrs Stephenson: Welcome back Birch Class! We hope you all had an amazing summer. The children have settled into the new routines of year one so well and are enjoying being grown up Birch class children. We have been listening to all of the children's exciting holiday news and have already completed some super sentence writing about the holidays. We have also begun our new topic and received a letter and visit from a lost alien called Zog ! The children are making him feel so welcome in the classroom, I don't think he will want to go home. We have been describing ourselves and our families to him and making space passports just in case we need to help him get home. In Maths, we have been learning how to write our numbers in our super new Maths books and also playing number games inside and out. The children had their first outdoor PE session on Wednesday and really enjoyed the activities. Please could we make sure all PE kits are in school by Monday. The children have had time to explore their new classroom and the dressing up box is a firm favourite, any donations (especially space themed) are more than welcome. Please do look out for the class letter and topic map next week and come along to the meet the teacher evening on the 17th. It will be lovely to get to know you all over the next few weeks.



Hazel – Mrs Petty: Welcome back everyone-I hope you have all had a fabulous break. After sharing our holiday news, we have thought about and used lots of strategies that will support us in our writing such as adventurous vocabulary, forming our letters correctly, using our working walls and taking pride in our work. In Maths the children were asked to 'build' 2-digit numbers using Numicon, then represent the numbers visually in as many ways as they could. We had a variety of different number sentences as well as bar models to represent how each number could be created. I was very impressed with the children's passion for number work. Through reading our class text, Back to Earth with a Bump as well as role play, we have also begun our Topic work on Space, learning about the rotation of Earth and the Moon in relation to the sun. It has been lovely to see so many parents in the mornings on the playground. Moving forward, Mrs Smart will be welcoming the children on the playground as the gates open and taking any messages whilst the children walk up to meet me in the classroom, enabling us to get straight into our morning activities. The classroom looks very different now and it was a delight, after everyone's hard work, to see the children's faces light up when they initially walked in. I am hoping that any parents who wish to see the room might like to pop in at the end of the day on Friday. More information will be sent home soon regarding routines and curriculum content but it might be helpful to know that PE will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. Well done Hazel for an excellent start to the term.



Key Stage 2

Hawthorn – Mrs Lees: Welcome back, I hope everyone had a fantastic summer holiday and are feeling refreshed and ready for a new school year. Its been lovely to see everyone and hear about their adventures this summer. I have been really proud of the way everyone has walked up to class independently and organised themselves. We have got off to a great start already in Maths, refreshing our knowledge of place value in numbers and relating this money. In English we interpreted a pictured showing a modern day boy standing in a stone age camp and writing stories about how he came to be there and what happened when he entered their camp. It was fantastic to see everyone trying to remember their punctuation, use a range of vocabulary and edit their work. We've begun our stone age topic by thinking about evidence that has been found to inform us about this period of time. We looked at a range of cave paintings to see the type of things they depicted and what they used to produce them. With great excitement they worked under their tables using charcoal and pastels to create their own 'roof' cave paintings. Outside we found twigs, grass, moss and feathers to help us paint pictures of animals of the time as well. In science we have begun looking at different types of rocks, naming them and identifying if they are natural or man made. Everyone now has reading records and chosen reading books to take home. It would be great to see if anyone has managed to read three times by Monday!



Oak – Miss Kimberley and Miss Houghton: Here we are again at the beginning of another new school Year. I am delighted to be back and I have had an excellent start with my new class. So far, so good. We have been very busy from the beginning. This week has been about getting to know your children and carrying out some simple baseline assessments. I have shared my expectations with the class and we have revisited the core values. I am very much looking forward to watching your children grow and blossom as the year progresses. In English this half term we will be looking at traditional fairy tales and the very many ways that these have been adapted and reworked. The unit will culminate in the children writing their own 'twisted' fairy tales. We have used images and music to inspire some descriptive writing this week. In the summer term all year 4's across the country will be participating in the online Times Tables check. Haslingfield participated in the trial last year with the current year 5s. There will be weekly tables 'quizzes' and I would encourage you to support your child at home in learning their tables up to 12 x 12. The children will be doing something times tables related in the form of games and practical activities most days. This week we have introduced some of the daily morning activities and strategies the children can use to help them learn their tables by heart. Mrs Siddall will be teaching Oak class Science on a Wednesday afternoon. This week she introduced the topic 'Materials and Changing States'. The children reviewed what they already knew and then composed some questions about what they would like to find out and began to devise some ideas on how they could find the answers to their questions. Miss Houghton will be teaching in Oak class on a Friday and she will be covering Spelling and Grammar in English, and shape, space, measure and data handling in Maths. In the afternoons she will be teaching R.E. This term Hinduism is the RE topic. I am always happy to discuss any aspects of your child's learning or emotional wellbeing. Please contact the office if you wish to make an appointment.



Willow – Mr Brown Hello and welcome back – I hope everyone has had a lovely summer break are looking forward to a great year ahead. This week in Willow we have already settled in very well and started our learning in Maths and English. In Maths we have begun the year by determining the value of digits by looking at various ways of representing numbers and what the new value of digits will be once you add/subtract 10, 100 or 1000. We have also been focussing hard on reasoning using sentence openers to further support ourselves when a statement is correct or incorrect. In English we have started reading the Legend of Podkin One-Ear where we discussed the author's use of onomatopoeia for effect. This inspired us to create a short onomatopoeia poem based on an event from our summer holidays. We also used highlighters to identify good examples of description and we annotated it to state why we enjoyed it whilst others looked for areas to improve description further using resources. In science we began our electricity topic by taking part in a fun quiz to see what knowledge we knew already which also allowed an introduction to different aspects we would be covering in future lessons. We also introduced the children to famous scientists who contributed to further scientific discoveries around electricity.



Beech – Miss Peck: Welcome back to the new school year, we hope you all had a restful summer break. We have had a wonderful start to the year in Beech class. The children have had a very positive and determined attitude and have been an absolute delight to be around- Miss Houghton and I couldn't be prouder of them. Well done Beech class! On Wednesday, we introduced our new merit system to the children and discussed ways that the children can gain these merits in class. The system is working well so far and the merits are certainly tallying up! The children then worked in groups to research and produce a presentation about a significant person that was important around the era of WW2. We were wowed by their presentations and the way they worked together as a team. On Thursday, the children produced their first cold write of the year inspired by an image of a poppy in a field. The children had the opportunity to choose whether they wanted to write a story, letter or diary. We were very impressed with the children's writing stamina and the determination that they showed throughout. On Friday we introduced our World War 2 topic and found out about how it all began. In the afternoon the children made their own identity cards and evacuee tags- just in case the air siren sounds! In maths we started our unit on place value looking at reading and writing numbers to a billion.