



## Haslingfield Endowed Primary School

### Diary Dates:

Sun 11 – Choir Concert at West Road Concert Hall  
Wed 14 – Infant Shopping Morning  
Thu 15 - Christmas Jumper Day  
Thu 15 – Christmas Lunch  
Fri 16 – Parent Forum Internet Safety  
Sat 17 – Christmas Fayre  
Tue 20 – Christmas Carol Concert 9.30am

### Letters to parents

- 1<sup>st</sup> Step Sports Fliers
- Choir Reminders
- Christmas Jumper Day

### Mary Charlesworth

We have all wished Mary the best following her decision to move on from her position within the school office team due to unfortunate personal circumstances.

### Life Education Bus

Please could all donations for the Life Education bus be sent to the School Office by Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you.

### Reminder – School Choir

The choir will be performing at West Road Concert Hall on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 1.40pm.

### Celebration Board

We now have a celebration board just inside the main entrance of the school. Each week, photographs of the 'Stars of the Week' awarded in Fridays assembly will be displayed for everyone to see. In addition, there is part of the board for other celebrations. If your child (or you) have done something outside of school which is a significant achievement or something to be proud of, we would like to share it with you (passing a music exam, karate belt, running a marathon, representing the school outside of school). Please ask for a celebration star from the office or class teacher to write on. The stars will be displayed on our board and then put into a book to create a book of things to be proud of.

### Chess Club

The School will be starting a chess club in school on Friday lunchtimes after Christmas.

### School Hens

To ensure that our hens remain happy and healthy they will be staying in their outdoor run instead of the school garden for the next 30 days. Miss Peck

### Headteacher's Bulletin

This has been a week of performances for our children; all their hard work paid off having impressed adults with their amazing talents! The choir is continually entertaining people with their wonderful singing and on Thursday performed at the Haslingfield Luncheon Club's Christmas dinner. Mrs Lihoreau has supported, challenged and developed the choir this term, providing further out of school opportunities for the children to perform. This week the school's senior managers have met with a School Advisor, who I invited in, to review our school's approach to 'marking'; it is a reassuring process that keeps us up to date with best practice.

Mr McLeod.

# Newsletter

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### Christmas Fayre - Saturday 17th December, 11.30am - 2pm

Please look out for the sign up sheet going up next week to volunteer at the fair. Thank you for all the kind donations and for the offers of help. PTFA

### School Christmas Dinner - Thursday 15th December

It's a school tradition that parents serve the Christmas dinner to children and staff. Please get in touch if you would like to help out at this fun event which will run from 11.45am - 12.45pm. All the children eat lunch together and there is Christmas music and crackers too! Please email [ptfahaslingfield@gmail.com](mailto:ptfahaslingfield@gmail.com).

### Ballet Classes

Ballet classes have now finished for this term and will restart on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January.

### Carol Singing around the Village .

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Meet in Wisbey's Yard Common Room at 6.30pm and sing some carols to the residents, then follow a route around the village, finishing up at the Little Rose at 8pm. The route will be Broad Lane (via the Vicarage), Butler Way, Dodds Mead, the rest of Broad Lane, Church Street, High Street. Come along with your warmest clothes, torch and enjoy singing your favourite carols, while collecting much-needed funds for Action for Children's appeal to build a sensory garden in their care home for severely disabled children, in Harston. Come along for all, or part, of the route. It's great fun!  
Haslingfield Methodist Church

### Race Night, Little Rose Pub, Saturday 10th December, 8pm

Please join us for an evening at the races, hosted by Sue and Neil at the Little Rose. Place your £1 bets on the horse and dog races and try and win your money back! Great fun and all in support of Little Owls Preschool. Gather together with friends for a Christmas drink and plenty of laughter from 8pm. See you there! Little Owls Committee.

### Cambridge United Football Club

Cambridge United Football Club are delighted to invite you to attend our Christmas Soccer Schools and Winter Olympic Schools running from the 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2016! We would like to you to join our professional coaches at one of our 12 venues this Christmas holidays! Not just interested in football? Our Winter Olympic Schools will provide an opportunity for children to participate in sports such as: Curling, Fencing, Archery and many more different types of sports! For more information and to register online please visit [www.cuyd.co.uk](http://www.cuyd.co.uk) or call our office on 01223 566500.

### CCS Vacancy

There is a vacancy at CCS cleaning for a Specialist cleaner. For more information see [www.publicsectorjobseast.co.uk](http://www.publicsectorjobseast.co.uk) .

### **Ash – Miss Peck:**

We have had a very busy and exciting week in Ash class performing our show of 'Lights, Camel, Action' to all of our grown ups and friends! The children did such an amazing job with their singing and dancing and we are all incredibly proud of them. A huge thank you to you all for coming- we hope you enjoyed it! The children have made their Christmas cards this week and worked hard on their handwriting when writing their inserts- they look very impressive! We read the story 'Santa comes to Cambridge' and used the Beebots to direct Santa to all of the different houses. We helped Santa and his elves think of different toys that he could send to all of the children and had a go at designing and labelling some of their own toys. In phonics we have been recapping all of the sounds and digraphs that we have previously learnt. The children had lots of fun on the Life Bus and learnt how to keep safe and healthy.



### **Birch – Mrs Lightfoot & Mrs Hollins:**

This week we have been so proud of Birch class and the performances they gave on Monday and Tuesday. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. For the rest of the week we have been completing Maths and English Christmas activities based on the story of 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' and revisiting work covered this term. Next week we will be making vehicles and would appreciate any junk modelling (lids, boxes, cardboard tubes, etc) you have and we will also be carrying out a Science investigation involving materials. If you have any plastic bags, fabric, egg boxes, bubble wrap, etc which you think would make a good (or bad) wrapping to stop Father Christmas's presents from breaking in the sleigh, then we would be grateful to receive it.



### **Hazel – Miss Turner:**

The children have had a brilliant week in Hazel class and performed brilliantly in all of the performances. I am incredibly proud of all of them and the enthusiasm they displayed. In English this week we have been working on their comprehension skills and have also learnt about prefixes and suffixes. In Maths we have been using our learning so far to solve problems. We have also been learning how to use the Bar Method to answer missing number calculations. The children really enjoyed carrying out a Science experiment, looking at dissolving candy canes in different liquids. The children had to make a prediction, record their results and write an observation (conclusion) of what they saw.



### **Hawthorn – Mr Brown:**

In Maths, we have begun to do work with shape by looking at symmetry of shapes, recognising and identifying types of angles and using this information to classify triangles. We have been working towards our Big Write on Friday by creating an enemy for Beowulf, describing their setting for a battle and the types of vocabulary they will be using and organizing into speech form. We have been looking at different symbols that appear in Christianity and we have been discussing what they represent and why they are important to Christians. We have also been lucky enough to have the life education bus in school on Thursday which helped teach the class about healthy living and caring for our body to further reinforce our PSHE lessons. I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who have come and supported the class in their performances in the Christmas Concert. I'm sure you'll agree that the children have done brilliantly and they have made me a very proud teacher.

- English: To write a short story.
- Maths: To recognise and classify angles.



### **Oak - Miss Kimberley**

All the hard work and dedication to learning their words for the carols and poems and numerous rehearsals, paid off this week in the public performance of the Key Stage 2 Carol Concert. It was truly amazing and I was very proud, as I am sure you all were. In maths we have been looking at decimal and fraction equivalents, ordering decimals and adding and subtracting decimals. Next week are the Rising star end of term assessments. So it might be beneficial to brush up on key instant recall facts. In preparation for the BIG Write on Friday, we have been looking at different versions of the Christmas story. The children have been exploring the devices that authors use to bring a fresh twist to this story and engage different audiences. The children will be writing their own Christmas story from an alternate view point of one of the characters in the story. I'm looking forward to reading the finished products. In PE this week we have finished our Dance Unit and the children performed their own Haka in a carousel performance for Mrs Peck.

- English: I can compare and contrast different versions of a well-known story and identify powerful creative language
- Maths: I can identify decimal and fraction equivalents. I can order decimals. I can add and subtract decimals



### **Beech - Mrs Petty**

This week, we have been creating our own festive board games. The children have devised interesting games which have questions on all the maths, grammar, punctuation, spellings we have covered so far this year. In addition to this, we have also revised place value, calculations and fractions ahead of next week's half-termly assessments. We thoroughly enjoyed watching the KS1 performance on Monday and performing our own carol concert to the school and parents on Tuesday and Wednesday. In Science, we built our design projects to house our electrical components to create a festive light. On Friday, we enjoyed our trip to the Life Bus in which we learnt a lot about medicines and how they affect our body.

- English- editing our anti-bullying projects and revising grammar and punctuation
- Maths- converting written numbers into digits by ensuring all place values are considered and learning divisibility rules