



## Haslingfield Endowed Primary School

# Newsletter

Autumn Term 2018

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### Dates

- Christmas Fayre – Sat 8<sup>th</sup> 11:00 – 14:00
- KS2 Dress Rehearsal – Tues 11<sup>th</sup> 10:00
- KS2 Christmas Performance – Tues 11<sup>th</sup> 13:45
- Hawthorn and Oak Project Showcase – Weds 12<sup>th</sup> 15:30
- KS2 Christmas Performance – Weds 12<sup>th</sup> 18:30
- Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day – Thurs 13<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Choir Performance at the Methodist Church – Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> 14:30
- Parent Forum – Fri 14<sup>th</sup> 09:15
- Infant Shopping Morning – Fri 14<sup>th</sup>
- No celebration Assembly
- 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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- Individual and Sibling school photos
- Christmas Fayre
- KS2 Costumes for Christmas Performance
- Christmas Reminders



### Infant Shopping Morning

This is a lovely event, children bring small amounts of money in to school and KS1 children are taken to the Hall by their KS2 buddies who help them to choose and wrap Christmas presents for their friends and families, creating a genuine surprise for parents on Christmas Day, and a real sense of independence and joy for the children. KS2 children get a chance to shop as well, if there's enough left over but it depends on how many presents are donated by parents.

### Headteacher's Bulletin

The Key Stage 1 performances have been wonderful and everyone appeared to have an enjoyable time; everyone's hard work really paid off! On behalf of Haslingfield School, our Modern Foreign Languages teacher, Mrs Norris, attended an award ceremony at the Houses of Parliament, presented by Education Secretary Damian Hinds; the certificate is going to be placed in our School reception area. Our drama club that runs on Thursday lunchtimes has seen a high number of children sign up; it's exciting seeing them enjoy this extra curricular activity.

**Graeme McLeod**

### Morning Activity Club

The crafts this week have all been Christmas themed including pine cone Christmas trees, origami decorations, lollystick snowmen and designs for Christmas jumpers. "I can show how to cut out a Christmas tree" (Phoenix)



### Spanish - Mrs Norris

Year 2 played word bingo with the new words they have learnt to practise the Spanish phonics and they could remember most of the words without support. Hawthorn Class performed role plays set in a restaurant and took turns to play the waiter taking orders for the plates of food which they made over the last two weeks. They will be bringing the plates of food home this week - apologies that they are not real! Oak and Beech conducted class surveys to find out other pupils' opinions of a variety of sports. Mrs Kimberley and Mr Brown shared their opinions in Spanish too!



### Haslingfield's International Curriculum Recognised at the Houses of Parliament!



**Ash Mrs Lightfoot and Mrs Symmons:** This week Ash class have worked hard on the performance of 'Baubles' and we really hope you enjoyed watching them sing and dance along. The children wrote a letter to Santa and then we all walked to the local shop to post them. They have also written about the character they played in the show. In Maths we have looked at using repeating patterns to make a decoration each to sell at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday to raise money for school - look out for yours there! The children have also enjoyed completing Christmas dot to dots to reinforce number recognition and counting skills to 20. It rained and rained and rained at Forest School today. Everyone got wet! While we were listening to the forest we heard the rain drops falling. We listened to the Stick Man story and went in search of our own stick men and women.



**Birch – Mrs Hamilton and Mrs Fallon:** What an exciting week it has been in Birch class! We really enjoyed performing our Nativity play to all of our families. Thank you so much for coming along to support us. What stars! This week, we have also been busy elves, making jewel biscuits for the PTFA Christmas fair. Do come along and support them. In English we have been writing character profiles about our Nativity characters and writing a recount about the play. We have also written instructions on how to make the jewel biscuits using imperative verbs (bossy words!). In Maths we have been counting forward and back in 2's and 10's. We used our Maths skills in our cooking too, weighing, measuring and dividing the dough between us. In Art we have started our calendars and have been looking at the impressionist artists such as Monet and Seurat for inspiration. Next week is another busy week so do have a restful weekend.



**Hazel – Miss Peck:** We have had a very fun and Christmassy week in Hazel class. In English we started the week by writing a character profile about our character in the Christmas production. We were very impressed with the amount of description that the children used. On Tuesday we learnt about possessive apostrophes and when we needed to use them. The children wrote about Santa's workshop as everything in there belonged to him. This gave the children lots of opportunities to use the apostrophe in the right place. In maths we have finished our unit on money and have been learning how to give change and work out what we could purchase with different coins. The Christmas crafts are in full swing! The children have made their calendars and cards and are very pleased with their finished results! The children have made some beautiful button Christmas trees, please do come along to the Christmas Fayre to purchase them if you can. Mrs Smart and I are incredibly proud of our little actors and actresses this week! They truly wowed us with their roles in our production of 'Baubles.' It was great to see them singing, dancing, acting, smiling and using their big voices just like when we have been practising. I would like to say a huge thank you to you all at home for helping the children learn their lines and providing costumes if needed. We hope you all enjoyed watching the show as much as we enjoyed performing it for you.



**Hawthorn – Mrs Lees:** Its definitely starting to feel like Christmas is on the way in Hawthorn. Everybody has been working hard learning Christmas songs (our part of the concert has a reindeer theme) and trying to speak up clearly when saying the poem. Following the Christmas theme we had an extremely productive afternoon making card reindeer', stars and snowflakes for the Christmas Fayre on Saturday. In English we have continued to read how to train your dragon, nearly finished now. We have been drawing our own maps of Berk and using our Geography skills to write keys to the maps. In Maths the year 4's have been learning about factors and in year 3 we've been using the grid method to multiply 2 digit by 1 digit numbers. In Spanish this week they have been role playing a cafe and providing waiter service to each other to practice asking for food. This afternoon we've begun drawing and designing our calendars. Of course the big focus this week has also been on assessment week. Everyone has demonstrated great determination and perseverance. Just to remind you that the Anglo Saxon Projects are due in on Wednesday 12th December and the children will need to be able to present their project to the rest of the class. Parents are welcome to come in and view all the projects after school on Wednesday, like next time. I'm looking forward to seeing all the many different projects!



**Oak – Miss Kimberley:** This week is assessment week and the children have been sitting tests in grammar and spelling, reading comprehension and maths. They have all very much taken it in their stride. It was wonderful to see so many of Oak class performing in the piano assembly. Well done all!!!! Rehearsals have been proceeding apace and I think you are in for a treat next week. Oak's theme for the Christmas Concert is "Snow" so if the children could wear something white or silver or glittery, (not necessarily head to toe) e.g. a T shirt or top, that would be great. We will be making some form of head gear in class. Talking of making, the school corridor and hall look very festive with all the decorations the children made in buddy time last week. With Miss Houghton they have also been making Christmas tree decorations that you can purchase at the Christmas Fayre this coming Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup>. Just a reminder, homework projects are due in on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December and you will have an opportunity to view all the children's projects on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> directly after school.



**Beech – Mr Brown:** This week in Beech Class we have been working tirelessly to complete a variety of end of term assessments across the subjects of Reading, Grammar, Spelling and Maths. I have been impressed with how all children have approached their assessments in a mature manner and remained fully focused throughout and hopefully we will have positive results to share with you soon. We all managed to produce a piece of writing for our Cold Write task which was based on a previous year's Christmas advert called Sproutboy! All children were able to share some lovely ideas for characters and settings in our input and I am really looking forward to reading their creative pieces over the weekend. We have been regularly practicing for next week's KS2 Carol Concert by meeting regularly and organising timing of getting on and off stage in a professional manner. The performance element is really coming together well and we can't wait to share our poem and our songs with all those attending. We also attended the KS1 dress rehearsal of their performance of Baubles earlier on in the week which was enjoyed by all. We have begun getting festive too in our afternoons as we have been creating something special for this weekend's Christmas Fayre. The children have really enjoyed making miniature bobble hat decorations so hopefully we will make a good contribution to the sales.

