



# Weekly Newsletter 1st October 2021

Haslingfield Endowed  
Primary School 

Week ending Friday 1st October

## Headteacher's Bulletin



We have had such a joyous end to our week, with the Harvest Festival taking place in All Saints Church. I have heard songs being practised in classrooms for the past few weeks, but I have tried to keep as much of the service as a surprise for today. Well, it was well worth the wait and the children sang beautifully to brighten up a rather dullish Autumn morning. It was also poignant to have the first whole school event as your Headteacher, and also the first occasion (in quite a while) that the school has been able to gather together with parents (COVID safety measure in place of course).

In my assembly this week the children and I looked at one of our core values, Honesty and Responsibility. We first looked at different adults in society (parents, doctors, pilots, football managers etc) and made links between them. We agree that they all had an element of looking after others and keeping others safe and well. Finally we spoke about how we can look after each other at school; I introduced our new colour coded lanyards for adults to wear at school. We spoke about what the different colours mean for visitors and staff and what these people are allowed to do around school depending on the colour of their lanyard.

The colours are as follows:

- Green = permanent staff,
- Yellow = visitors that have provided a DBS check and have attended safeguarding training,
- Red = visitors without a School DBS (and so must be chaperoned around school).

I have been really impressed already with how the children have wanted to be part of this responsibility by identifying any adults that have got the correct lanyard (or have taken it off). It is wonderful to see the children feel empowered in matters of safeguarding.

Have a lovely weekend.

## *We're Going on a Petrol Hunt*

*Michael Rosen    Helen Oxenbury*



## Diary Dates



- **Thursday 7th October:** Ice Cream Factory Lunch
- **Friday 8th October:** Parent Governor Election - vote closes

## Governor's Bulletin



This week Governors held their first Full Governing Body (FGB) Meeting of the academic year and formally said farewell to Timothy Robinson (Parent Representative) and Jenny Reavell (Vice Chair of FGB and Chair of the Resources Committee) who were thanked for their contributions to the school. The Governing body are currently undertaking recruitment for the vacant roles, this includes the Parent Representative election which closes on Friday 8th October 2021. If you haven't already done so, please can i remind you to cast your vote via the link or at the school office. Thank you.

Paula Durrant, Chair of Governors

## Important Notices



- A massive **thank you** from all the staff and children to **Mrs Reavell and Mr Robinson** for all the hardwork and support they have given to the school in their time as Governors. We wish them both all the best in their new endeavours.
- **Gentle Reminder:** Please can all children arrive at school with all the equipment, clothing and food they will need throughout the day, we are currently experiencing a high volume of items

being brought into school via the office or needing to be chased and would appreciate your cooperation with this matter, thank you.

- Morrisons is giving away FREE gardening equipment to schools! With a MyMorrisons account, collect Grow Tokens when you shop online or in store and donate them to our school. For more information visit [itsgoodtogrow.co.uk](http://itsgoodtogrow.co.uk).



## House Points





## News from the classroom



### Cherry Tree Class: Mrs Lightfoot

We started our new book 'Supertato', the children then re-enacted the story using vegetable props. We described the evil pea using adjectives and rescued different vegetables from the playground. They then wrote speech bubbles for what they might be saying to Supertato.

The reception children started phonics, looking at 's', 'p' and 'a'.

The children sang about the dingle dangle scarecrow at the Harvest Festival which they performed brilliantly.

### **Next Week for Reception**

Children will begin phonics sessions, learning the sounds i, n, t!

### **Next Week for Year One**

The children will be writing a diary entry from the perspective of Supertato. The children in year one will be comparing and ordering numbers and using a number line.



[Apple Tree Class: Miss Peck](#)

What a busy week we have had!

In English, we have started our new book called 'Supertato.' The children have all written a character description of the evil pea and have described him brilliantly. The vocabulary that has been used in Apple tree class this week has been absolutely amazing! Towards the end of the week, the evil pea got up to lots of mischief and Apple tree class had to turn into real superheroes. The poor vegetables were

stolen and hidden outside in the playground. Always ready for a mission, the children rescued the vegetables and then wrote speech bubbles with what they thought the vegetables might be saying.

In maths, the children in year one have been learning about greater than and less than and have been using the crocodile symbols to help them. In year 2, the children have been comparing numbers and ordering numbers to 100 and beyond.

We are so very proud of how beautifully the children performed at our Harvest festival today - little superstars!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend and the children a well deserved rest.

### **Next week's English**

The children will be writing a diary entry from the perspective of Supertato.

### **Next week's Maths**

The children in year one will be comparing and ordering numbers and using a number line. In year two, the children will be counting in 3's and 5's and working on their number bonds.





Hawthorn Class: Mrs Williams

Everyone has worked so hard this week. Well done Hawthorn Class! We have written our own version of 'Stone Age Boy', the children have used all the word groups and effects we have learnt about the last couple of weeks to write brilliant stories. We carried out a 'Potions Quest' investigation in maths to finish our topic on place value, where we had to solve problems to find the amounts we needed of the different ingredients in order to make an invisibility potion for the wizard.

In art, the children studied Celtic lettering, using the patterns they observed to inspire their own Celtic letter creations. Lastly, we have had lots of fun practising our song for the Harvest Festival.

#### **Next week's English**

We will be writing instructions on how to catch a Stone Age animal.

#### **Next week's Maths**

We will be adding and subtracting multiples of 100.

**Notice:** PE will be on Thursday instead of Friday from next week, please make sure PE kits are in on Thursdays.





Oak Class: Miss Busby

It has been a very busy week in Oak Class. In Maths, children have secured their knowledge using different methods to apply to addition calculations. They have shown great confidence in using the column method. We have focused on 3-digit numbers. In English, children have now published their big write. I have been blown away with their efforts and writing skills! We have also started to look at non-fiction texts.

In Science, children have explored conductors and insulators and tested these within a circuit. For our Topic, children have explored fashion through the Georgian Era and have made their own fans. In Art, children used Gouache paints to design trees and moons.

### **Next week's English**

The children will continue to look at non-fiction texts including newspaper reports, with a focus on the shapes of the reports.

### **Next week's Maths**

We shall be continuing with addition but for 4-digit numbers and children will be subtracting 3-digit numbers using various methods. We shall be looking at exchanging and non-exchanging.

### **Update!**

PE will now be on a Friday instead of a Thursday.



#### Willow Class: Miss Kimberley

In English this week we have continued reading the short story 'Murder by Witchcraft' by Karen Perkins. The children have been writing a letter or Diary entry as Jennet Preston, the principal character, describing the terrible conditions that she had to endure in Lancaster gaol in 1612. They were encouraged to use Yorkshire dialect, archaic language and expanded noun phrases, calling upon all their senses and emotions to create a vivid depiction.

Continuing to build on last week's work in Maths, we have been reading, writing and comparing numbers to one million and beyond and rounding to the nearest 10,000, 100, 000 and million. The children have been applying their place value knowledge to solving word problems. I have been really impressed with the children's knowledge and level of understanding.

Have a lovely weekend.

### **Next week's English**

We will continue working on 'Murder by Witchcraft' and looking at the twists and turns of the plot and trying to decide which aspects are based on fact and which are fiction.

### **Next week's Maths**

We will be concluding the place value unit with negative numbers and Roman numerals and we will be starting a new unit on addition and subtraction.





### Beech Class: Mr Brown

This week Beech class have made excellent progression in calculating using long division for both formal and expanded methods.

In topic the children learnt about evacuees and wrote letters in the role of a child who had been evacuated. Meanwhile, in English, the children have worked on powerful language, repetition and short sentences to inspire people to help in the Dunkirk evacuation.

This week everyone completed their final session of their play leader training. The class have been really enthusiastic, taken on advice maturely and have begun to deliver their fun sessions at lunchtime to younger children.

The children made me incredibly proud as they sang brilliantly at harvest festival - I promise our song will eventually leave your head!

Have a relaxing weekend!

### **Next week's English**

The class will continue to gather ideas for a persuasive speech.

### **Next week's Maths**

The class will complete tasks on multiples, prime numbers, square and cube numbers and order of operations (BIDMAS).



## Letters home this week



- Catering Assistant Vacancy
- Ice Cream factory Lunch
- Choir Responses for Choir members
- Year 6 Transition Events
- Early Intervention Family Worker Newsletter
- Comberton Village College Open Evening
- Harvest Trail
- Harvest Festival

## Contact Us



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We will get back to you as soon as we ask for 3 days to action and reply.

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