



Haslingfield Endowed Primary School

Diary Dates:

Mon 4 May – Bank Holiday – no school
Thu 7 May – Yr2 Tennis Festival CVC
Fr 8 May – Birch Class Sharing Assembly
Fri 8 May – Birch Class Bun Day
Mon 11 – Thu 14 May – SATs week

Letters sent out to parents this week:

- Swimming Club
- Supporting Families Leaflet
- Hazel Class Tennis Festival
- Summer Term Diary Dates and Class Structure
- Helen O'Grady Drama Flier

Play Trail

The Play trail is now up and running and the children are having a fantastic time using it. This opportunity may never have happened without all of the kind donations from the following organisations; Eltek Ltd, Haslingfield United Charities, Haslingfield Parish Council, Haslingfield Village Fund and Cemex Foundation. A huge thanks to you all.
Miss Peck

Bingo!

Our bingo evening was a great success with over 120 people playing bingo! Lots of prizes were won and we raised over £400. We have now met our fundraising target for the school swimming pool. A big thank you to everyone who supported the event, to The Three Horseshoes and Kingsway Golf Centre for sponsoring prizes and to the Little Rose for lending us their bingo machine.

Power Washer

The school has a wall which needs cleaning. If anyone has a power washer they are able to lend the school for a few days it would be very much appreciated.

Parking Outside School

Please can we remind parents to park considerately outside the school, avoiding parking near the bends and in the bus stop. Thank you.

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Nearly New news!

We are delighted to say that last week's Nearly New uniform sale raised £92 for the PTFA. Thanks to everyone who donated and bought clothes. We are now collecting items for Reception-age children for a sale at Little Owls preschool for the new intake in September; and also Comberton uniform for our Year 6s moving up this year. Please donate suitable clothes to the school office as soon as possible - large, strong carrier bags are always welcome too! Thank you.

Julia and Anne

EACH Gala Day

East Anglia's Children's Hospices are holding a Gala Day on the 16th May 2015 at Milton Hall. There will be a BBQ and other refreshments. Musical and dance performances are scheduled throughout the day and there is a tombola and various stalls. There will also be a Dog Show and a craft fayre. For more information call 01223 205180 or email cambs@each.org.uk.

RSPB Wildlife Explorers

The next event at RSPB Fowlmere will be "Delving into the Depths" on Sunday 10th May 2015, 10:30am to 12:30pm. This is a chance to go pond dipping. The children will be getting closer to the creatures than normal with special equipment and will be joined by expert Dr William Seale. £2 members, £3 non-members. Email fowlmerebullfinches@hotmail.co.uk by Thursday 7th May 2015 to book your place.

Cambridge Kids Club

Cambridge Kids Club Holiday Play Scheme club will be running over May Half term. You can book your children in for as many full days (8am until 6pm), School days (9am - 3:30pm) or half days (AM or PM) as you wish. Contact them on 07960 412 716 or info@cambridgekidsclub.com

Oxford and Cambridge Singing School

The Oxford and Cambridge Singing School runs short courses each holiday at St Catharine's College, Cambridge and this summer they have a course running from Monday 27th - 31st July. For more information please look at their website www.theoxfordandcambridgesingingschool.co.uk.

Headteacher's Bulletin

BBC Look East visited school this week to film one of our Coding Clubs in action; many thanks to staff, parents and children who supported and promoted our school - the program may be shown next Thursday, 7th May, from approximately 6.25pm. Mrs Lione and I agreed to invite Richard Riley from Cambridgeshire County Council ICT service into school this week; he ran an information session for parents wanting 'up to date' E- safety advice. In preparation, class teachers asked KS2 children to compete an E-safety survey – Richard Riley informed us that our school's results were one of best he had seen! The survey will be available on our school Web Site in the next few weeks. Thank you to all those parents attending this session; we hope it will help keep your families safe. Outside, things are starting to grow again and Mr Cowlan has been busy starting work on our school garden – apparently we could be seeing a lot of young frogs around the school this year – watch out where you step!

Mr McLeod

Ash – Miss Peck and Mrs Hollins:

We had a great start to the week by visiting CVC for multi skills activities. The children had lots of fun and learnt lots of new skills. They were a credit to us all and absolute superstars. This week we have been learning about the story 'Oliver's vegetables'. We made our own salads and enjoyed tasting them too. We did some fantastic writing at the end of the week during our big write, by writing a letter to Oliver's mummy to help her encourage Oliver to eat his vegetables. The children produced a tally to find out our favourite vegetables. The most popular were carrots and sweetcorn. We hope you all have a lovely bank holiday weekend.

- Literacy – letter writing
- Numeracy – tally charts, addition



Birch – Mrs Campbell and Mrs Lione:

Continuing with our castles topic, we have looked at some real castles in Britain and Europe. We have also been learning all about King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table this week. We have enjoyed the stories and details of the knights' quests. We even made up our own knights and wrote about their quests. We've also been working on number bonds to 20 and matching subtraction facts. We used the painting Castle and Sun by Swiss artist Paul Klee as inspiration for making our own castle pictures out of different geometric shapes and various shades of colour.

- Literacy - To plan our writing before we start and use the plan to help us
- Numeracy - Number bonds to 20

Show and Tell: Thomas, Joel, Poppy



Hazel – Miss Hall:

This week in Hazel class we have learnt about the life cycles of several plants and animals. We have also compared baby animals to adult animals, to see some of the changes that take place with age. In Literacy we have been learning about how to use commas in a list and how to describe places. In Maths we have found out about describing position and movement.

- Literacy: To describe a place. To use commas in a list.
- Maths: To describe movement and position.

Show and Tell: Danny and Jacob

Hawthorn – Miss Turner:

We have had a fantastic week in Hawthorn class this week. We really enjoyed our trip to Duxford and I would like to thank those parents who came with us for making it possible. We learnt a lot on our trip; we are now able to name the parts of an aeroplane and explain the forces that make it fly. As part of our trip we made a one third scale model of a DH9 bomber and then afterwards found the actual plane. The children have been really inspired by this trip. In literacy this week we have been planning and writing our own adventure story, with particular focus on describing the characters and setting. In Numeracy this week we have been working with our multiplication and division facts, including mental methods with remainders.

- Literacy – To write adventure stories, focusing on character and setting descriptions.
- Numeracy – To know and use multiplication and division facts including remainders.



Oak – Miss Wernham:

This week in Science we have compared leaves by sketching and classifying them according to a range of criteria. We followed this with a visit to the school pond, to complete a similar activity. We also had our first 'Big Write' session today, based on a piece of music called 'Danse Macabre'. The class listened to the music and looked at a wood carving picture of skeletons dancing on a grave to elicit ideas for a spooky story.

- Literacy – To write traditional tales from a different point of view. To know the difference between direct and indirect speech.
- Numeracy – To understand percentages as 'parts per hundred'. To solve percentage problems.



Beech – Mrs Petty:

Well done to all the children for their resilience, determination and positive attitudes towards our practice SAT week. They have shown that they have learnt an extraordinary amount and are now much more prepared. In addition to these practice tests, the children have written superb poems to describe St. George and the dragon. To accompany these, they have also drawn wonderful pencil drawings of dragons. In Science, they have been learning about magnets and investigating magnetic materials.

From the assessments completed this week, identified areas for further class discussion:

- finding the mean, median, mode and range of a set of data
- finding synonyms/antonyms of words and applying spelling rules

