



## Haslingfield Endowed Primary School

### Diary Dates:

Tue 1 Dec – Music Assembly, 9.15am  
Fri 4 Dec – Non Uniform Donation Day  
Mon 7 Dec – KS1 Christmas Performance 6pm  
Mon 7 Dec – KS2 Christmas Performance 7pm  
Tue 8 Dec - KS2 Christmas Performance 1.30pm  
Tue 8 Dec – KS1 Christmas Performance 2.30pm  
Sat 12 Dec – Christmas Fayre, 11.30am -1.30pm  
Wed 16 Dec – Infant Shopping Morning



### Letters sent out to parents this week:

- Hawthorn and Oak Christmas Jumpers for Christmas Performance
- PTFA Christmas Fayre/Shopping Morning
- Yr 5 & 6 Caythorpe Court.



### Christmas Performance Tickets

Tickets requested have been sent out this week. We still have some tickets available for Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December, KS1 2.30pm and KS2 1.30pm but we have no further tickets available for Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December.



### Field Use After School

Please can you remind your children to avoid playing on the field after school, until the children are able to use during playtimes during school which will be next year. Thank you.



### Christmas Fayre

The PTFA Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 11.30-1.30pm. There will be a Santa's Grotto, lots of stalls, a sing-along Frozen room and a cafe selling pulled pork rolls, hot dogs, mulled wine, teas and cake. At 1pm we will draw the grand raffle. Please look out for raffle tickets in your child's book bags and return any sold and unsold tickets to the school office by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. There are extra tickets available at the office, please sell as many as you can! As always the Christmas Fayre relies on a small army of festive helpers. If you can volunteer please email [ptfahaslingfield@gmail.com](mailto:ptfahaslingfield@gmail.com) or write your name on the sign up sheet which will be outside the library during the week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> December.



# Newsletter

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### Non-uniform day - Friday 4th December

On this day the children are welcome to come to school in their 'home clothes'. In return we kindly ask they bring in a donation for the Christmas Fayre. The following items will be very gratefully received:

- Chocolate or sweets (any type or size)! These will be used to stock the tombola stall.

- Preloved toys and school uniform

- Bottles of wine. These will be used in a wine or water stall.

There will be a box outside the library for you to leave your donation before or after school. PTFA volunteers will also be there to hear your suggestions or feedback relating to the fair.

Nearer the time we will also ask for donations of cakes from anyone who would like to support the event in this way.

Regardless of whether a donation is made on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December, your child is very welcome to come to school in non-school uniform.



### Fowlmere Bullfinches Festivities

The Fowlmere Bullfinches RSPB Wildlife Explorers are running a festive day at Fowlmere RSPB reserve on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 10am to 12.30pm. See how to manage the wetland trees, then use the cut material to make unique Christmas decorations to take home with you. They also have a local willow weaver joining them to help with the creations. Wear old clothes, sturdy footwear (no trainers), bring your own gloves. Email [fowlmerebullfinches@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fowlmerebullfinches@hotmail.co.uk) by Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December to book your place. £2 members, £3 non-members



### Stephen Perse Foundation Primary Partnership Programme

The Stephen Perse Foundation are running a free Saturday Drama Workshop for children in Years 5 and 6 on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 10am – 4pm, entitled 'The Lost Treasure'. If you are interested in booking a session, email [outreach@stephenperse.com](mailto:outreach@stephenperse.com) or telephone 01223 454700 and ask for Louise Cresswell by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December.



### Haslingfield Sunday Club

Sunday Club this week is at 9.30am on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November, in All Saint's Church, Haslingfield with Sarah leading. They will be making advent calendars this week, as it will be the first advent service. All children welcome. Coffee, tea and biscuits and a chance to chat after the service.

Dates for the Diary: 6<sup>th</sup> December FAMILY SERVICE, 13<sup>th</sup> December DIY Nativity at 4pm, 20<sup>th</sup> December Carols by Candlelight at 6pm, 24<sup>th</sup> December Carols around the crib and Christingle at 4pm, 27<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Holidays/No service.



### Headteacher's Bulletin

If you are considering training as a teacher in the future I recently received a link to this website that you might find useful – [www.teachincambs.org.uk](http://www.teachincambs.org.uk). Having good teachers working with children is obviously a vital ingredient in enabling children to become effective learners. Here at Haslingfield School we are fortunate to have staff who frequently give well beyond their contracted hours because of the joyful opportunities it creates for children. Thank you to all our parents for showing their appreciation for what can sometimes be challenging voluntary work in school and clubs – our staff are themselves one of our biggest assets and group of volunteers, without whom our school would not have the high level of success it currently enjoys.

Mr McLeod

### **Ash – Miss Peck and Mrs Hollins:**

We have had lots of fun exploring in the outdoor classroom this week. There have been many tasty potions and pies being made in the mud kitchen! The children have been working hard in phonics and are becoming increasingly confident when recognising our new digraphs. The children have wowed us by thinking of lots of fantastic words with these digraphs in too! The children have been doing lots of mark making and it has been lovely to see them writing lots of the tricky words and sounds that we have learning during phonics. In maths this week we have been learning about one more than and one less than and have played games to try and beat the teacher. The children have used the iPads to solve addition and subtraction problems and play maths games. The Christmas production is going well and the children are singing and dancing beautifully- we are very proud teachers! We are currently in the process of revamping our mud kitchen. If you have any old pots, pans, utensils, cups etc then they would be greatly received.

- Literacy- phonics games, mark making
- Numeracy- one more than/less than, addition and subtraction



### **Birch – Miss Hall:**

This week in Birch class we have been practising a range of sounds in phonics: some of us have been learning the different ways that we can say a letter of the alphabet, e.g. 'a' as in acorn, 'a' as in cat. In Maths we have continued our work on recognising and sorting 3D shapes. We have learnt to spot the shape of everyday objects, e.g. a football is a sphere. We have continued to work on recognising common materials and understanding their properties.

- Literacy: To learn new sounds. To learn different ways to say a given letter of the alphabet, according to the word that it is in.
- Maths: To be able to identify 3D shapes.



### **Hazel – Mrs Campbell and Mrs Lione:**

It has been another busy week of rehearsals but we're looking and sounding great! We made our umbrellas for Zog, carefully following our designs and using our science knowledge and the tests we carried out on waterproof materials. We got Zog to hold our umbrellas while we poured water over him and mostly he stayed dry! So all in all our umbrellas were a success. We've been having a go at fractions in maths and have been finding it a bit tricky, lots of fraction talk and examples at home would be great.

Our Big Write next week will be on the Christmas Play; the story and our parts in it. It would as always be helpful if you could talk to your children about this and any potential 'wow' words they might use.

- Literacy: using non-fiction books
- Maths: Band 1 - halves and quarters. Band 2 - 1/2, 1/4, 1/3, 3/4 of shapes and amounts



### **Hawthorn – Miss Turner:**

Hawthorn class has had another busy week. The children have continued to learn about persuasive writing and have planned a letter to persuade the teachers to organise a Christmas party for them. The children have also been writing compound sentences. This week in numeracy the children have been learning to use formal written methods for subtraction. The children have been partitioning the numbers into hundreds, tens and units, helping them to understand how subtraction works. The children have also been busy making baubles. The children have been working really hard to learn the songs and poem for our concert. Over the next few weeks the children will be designing and making some packaging for their baubles. We will be evaluating available packaging; if you have some empty packaging that you could send in for us to look at we would really appreciate it.

- Literacy – To write compound sentences.
- Maths – To use formal written subtraction methods.



### **Oak – Ms Wernham:**

This week we have enjoyed an introduction to Mathletics; homework this week consists of 3 Mathletics activities on multiplication and division. Practise for our performance is going well and the children are singing beautifully. Please encourage them to practice at home!

We have finished the week by having an ICT day, set up by Mr Golden, accompanied by a team of helpers. Thank you so much; it has been fantastic for the class (and it's adults...!) to learn all the ins and outs of coding.

- Literacy – to make notes about a favourite game, then write an explanation of it.
- Numeracy – to improve mental maths skills using Mathletics.



### **Beech – Mrs Petty:**

Firstly, well done to all the children for a superb assembly last week and thank you to all the parents who managed to join us and for the wonderful cakes.

This week, the children have been writing their science fiction short stories, trying to portray characters through their actions and use dialogue accurately and effectively. In maths we have revisited finding a fraction and percentage of a number as well as finding the whole number when presented with a known fraction of the number. As the Christmas concert is fast approaching, we also began learning Vivaldi's Winter on the glockenspiel and guitar in addition to two other items. The children have also been working in groups, using iMovie to create a short presentation about their school. An amalgamation of the children's videos will appear on the school website by the end of next week.

- Maths: fractions and percentages
- Literacy: describing character through action and using dialogue effectively.

