



## Haslingfield Endowed Primary School

### Diary Dates:

Fri 16 – KS1 Party  
Sat 17 – Christmas Fayre  
Mon 19 – KS2 Party  
Tue 20 – Christmas Carol Service 9.30am – parents welcome  
Tue 20 – Last Day of Term

### Letters to parents

- Parent Forum
- KS1 Christmas Party
- Choir – Coach travel to O2
- Rec/Y1 Teddy Tennis Flier
- Miss Folkes Letter
- Christmas Carol Service

### School Car Park

Please could we kindly remind to avoid driving onto the school car park. Thank you.

### Hilltop Residential Trip Yr5/6

Reminder that the next payment of £45 is due by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Please pay online or by cheque or cash. Thanks.

### Haslingfield School Choir Reminders

**17th December** - Haslingfield Christmas Fayre, singing at 11.30, arrive 11.15 please. Dress as per West Road please.

**18th December** - Christingle at Cottenham All Saints' Church CB24 8SA, starts 3.30 but arrive 2.45 please. Dress as above please

### Christmas Fayre - tomorrow 11.30am - 2pm!

We really hope you will stop by the Christmas Fayre tomorrow. Our school choir will open the fair at 11.30am. Enjoy a delicious lunch of pizza, sausage roll or homemade soup. Have fun on the many stalls including treasure hunt, Pokemon challenge, jam jar tombola guess the name of the gorgeous husky dog and many many more! Visit Santa in his grotto and enter the raffle for a chance to win a Christmas party or toy hamper. With plenty of tea, coffee and cake we hope it will be fun Christmas event for your family. With thanks for all the generous donations. PTFA.

### KS2 Christmas Party

Children in KS2 are allowed to bring with them party clothes for the KS2 party on Monday afternoon.

### Headteacher's Bulletin

The children have had a good time taking part in our 'Christmas Jumper Day', along with our staff! Children have continued learning, building positive memories, while also busily involved in a range of Christmas activities. It was great to have met yet another ex-pupil who wishes to return to school as a secondary pupil to complete 'work experience'; sometimes they return as volunteer's, when working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Award. Seeing how accomplished our children become is a great encouragement. I hope you enjoy your family time together over the holiday and wish you all a very happy Christmas together.

Mr McLeod.

# Newsletter

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### School Hens

Our hens have a lovely new outdoor run. Thank you to the PTFA and our wonderful staff for making it happen and helping to put it together.

### Haslingfield School Choir

On Sunday 11th December, Humming & Notes, our very own choir, joined with 2 other choirs to sing at the Prime Brass Family Christmas Concerts. These are sell out concerts that are so popular each year and it was a privilege to be asked to do them. The choir sang superbly and were very professional at all times whilst others were performing. They sang two songs on their own and got the most amazing audience reaction. They also joined with Prime Brass and Junior Prime Brass for two numbers, one of them, Let it Go, had the choir singing alongside 24 brass players and a full orchestral percussion ensemble! A spectacular sound! It was a long afternoon with two concerts to do, but the children were so well behaved and respectful to each other. Thank you so much Haslingfield. You gave the audience a super afternoon and really shone. I had asked you to do a very difficult arrangement of When Christmas Comes to Town and you really pulled it off. You charmed everyone with Away in a Manger and Let it Go and Let it Snow were just so full of passion and emotion. Fantastic! Thank you too, to the army of parents who stayed with me all afternoon to help marshal everyone. Couldn't have done it without you. If you missed the concert live, you can hear us again on Cambridge 105FM at 1pm on Christmas Day.

### Christmas Crafts at Great St Mary's

Kick-start the kids' Christmas holidays at Great St Mary's, Cambridge, with this fun-filled craft session on Thursday 22 December. The helpful elves and angels will be helping children to create stunning stained glass scenes, festive felt wreaths and Christmassy clay cut-outs. There will be a morning session running from 10.00am-1.00pm, and an afternoon session from 2.00pm-5.00pm. Each session costs £5 per child, which includes all craft materials, a seasonal snack and frosty face paint. Booking is essential. To reserve your place, please email Rosie on [heritage@gsm.cam.ac.uk](mailto:heritage@gsm.cam.ac.uk), or ring 01223 741722. The crafts are suitable for children aged 6+, and accompanying adults must remain with children at all times.

### Cambridge Regional College Courses

Cambridge Regional College are now enrolling for part time courses. For more information see [www.camre.ac.uk](http://www.camre.ac.uk). Tel 01223 226315, email: [enquiry@camre.ac.uk](mailto:enquiry@camre.ac.uk)

### Ash – Miss Peck:

We have had a very festive week in Ash class. To start the week the children worked hard on their phonics assessments and we revisited all of the sounds and digraphs that we have learnt so far. The children enjoyed our Infant shopping morning and bought some fantastic gifts for their friends and family. On Wednesday afternoon Ash class had the opportunity to play shopkeepers and sell the remainder of the gifts from the shopping morning to the KS2 children. They had so much fun and took their important role very seriously! There has been lots of glitter and sequins in our class this week when making our Christmas hats- they look very festive! The children all looked fantastic in their festive jumpers and clothes on Thursday and enjoyed their Christmas dinner in the hall with the rest of the school. The children decorated their calendars ready to send home- they are looking fantastic! We ended the week with our Christmas party. The children had fun in the disco room, made decorations and decorated their own rich tea biscuit with lots of icing and sprinkles. I would like to take the opportunity to say well done to all of the children for a fantastic first term at school and for working so hard! Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. Enjoy the break and I look forward to seeing you all in the new term.



### Birch – Mrs Lightfoot & Mrs Hollins:

We have had a very exciting week this week with lots going on! We had a day designing, making and evaluating our vehicles as part of the Design and Technology curriculum which the children really enjoyed. On Tuesday we had a visit from Eddie Elf who brought Birch class a letter from Santa asking for our help to find the best material for keeping fragile presents safe on the sleigh. We used eggs as the presents and wrapped them in different materials and combinations, before dropping them from the same height. The cotton wool in a box and bubble wrap in a plastic container both stopped the egg breaking and so we returned Eddie to Santa with our results! I was so impressed with some of the questions and ideas the children came up with. The children really enjoyed the Christmas shopping morning and Christmas lunch and party and we have been making hats for the lunch, Christmas cards and calendars. We would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and thank you for your support this term.



### Hazel – Miss Turner:

We have had a very busy week in Hazel Class this week. The children have been working very hard to demonstrate their learning so far this term. We had a lot of fun designing, making and evaluating our own vehicles. We have been getting into the festive spirit making crafts and preparing for Christmas lunch. They have also enjoyed writing festive poems and solving maths and word problems. The children had a wonderful time visiting the stalls at the Infants Shopping morning. The children had lots of fun at the party, we decorated biscuits and made some decorations as well as dancing. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



### Spanish - Mrs Norris

This week Hazel, Hawthorn and Oak Classes have been learning Spanish Christmas vocabulary through songs, games and Christmas cards. Beech Class have been creating dance or exercise routines and joining in the actions to 'Hey bugui, bugui hey' (the Hokey Cokey).

### Hawthorn – Mr Brown:

This week in Hawthorn we have been learning lots of valuable test skills which has supported us in our assessments this week. We have practiced different calculation methods for problem solving in Maths and we have been focusing on how to correctly answer comprehension style questions for reading. We have also been planning and writing Christmas acrostic poems and presenting them in our neatest writing. Hopefully the children will have an opportunity to perform them in class next week.

In DT, we have begun to create our Anglo Saxon helmets using paper mache and decorate them using traditional Anglo Saxon patterns, like we observed on the helmet found at Sutton Hoo. In preparation for the Christmas Carol Service, we have been rehearsing a few additional songs with the other classes in key stage 2, which i'm sure will be beautifully performed next Tuesday.

I'll also take this opportunity to wish everybody a merry Christmas and I hope you all have a lovely time during the holidays spent with friends and family.

- English: To write an acrostic poem.
- Maths: To revisit calculation methods.



### Oak - Miss Kimberley

I cannot believe this is the last full week of term. It has absolutely flown by. It has been soooo busy.

This week we have been carrying out the Rising Start assessments in Reading Comprehension, Spelling, Grammar, Math and end of unit Science. In between, the children have had rehearsals for next week's Christmas Carol Service and just to take the edge off, they have exercised their creativity by making festive hats and place mats for the Christmas Lunch.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term here and been made to feel very welcome by everyone. Now I feel like part of the Haslingfield family. Many thanks to everyone for making me feel so welcome.

May I wish you and your families a very happy and peaceful Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.



### Beech - Mrs Petty

This week, we have been completing our half-termly rising stars assessments and discussing the solutions to further our understanding. The children have written down the things they need to practice over the Christmas holidays to keep you informed and encourage the practice. We have also had an investigative assessment in science with Mrs Walls and with any spare time, worked at completing our festive light projects - some of which look superb! We have been practising for the carol concert, learning new carols and helping the younger members of the school with the 'Infant Shopping Morning'. On Thursday, we helped to set up for the Christmas lunch before having lots of fun in the hall in our Christmas jumpers with the whole school. On Friday, we had extended PE to compensate for not having this lesson whilst Mrs Petty was poorly.

These were the class' main areas for development from our assessments:

- English- recalling statutory spellings and applying suffixes to them. I will send out all statutory words for Christmas homework practice but they are all on Spellodrome.
- Maths- conversion of units, recalling prime numbers and recalling all times tables rapidly.

Well done everyone for working so hard this term. I hope you enjoy the Carol service and wish you all a wonderful Christmas.