

Hardwick and Cambourne Community School

Newsletter – January 22nd 2016



Dear Parents and Guardians

There will be a more detailed end of term newsletter before half term, but there were a few items that we wanted to bring to your attention. It does look like we have escaped the snow, and the weather will be warming up again over the weekend. If it does turn very wintry again, and the severe weather that has hit other regions of the UK in the last week finally comes our way we will issue our usual emergency weather procedures. For now, we're not going to tempt fate, and assume we will make it into Spring in warmth and sunshine! We'd also like to send a very warm welcome to the new families who have joined us on both campuses since the start of the new term, into our nursery class, and in every year group, and in nearly every class, all the way to Y6!

Ruth French and Andy Matthews
Co- headteachers

School Closed on Monday 25th January

We'd like to remind you that the school is closed for training on Monday 25th January. Staff are attending training sessions on the Hardwick Campus and also using the day to visit other schools to see the different ways our colleagues across the county are tackling the many challenges facing primary education at the moment. We hope to return to school inspired!

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will be taking place during the week commencing the 8th of February. Sign-up sheets will be put up outside classrooms in the usual way, but each team will also be sending home a letter and also posting this on their year group pages on It's Learning. Do contact the school offices if you are not able to come into school to select an appointment, or send a note in with your child for your preferred date and time.

Building works in Cambourne

Any parents using the car park at our Cambourne campus will be only too aware of the pressure on spaces at the moment. We know it's grim but there really is light at the end of the tunnel. Until last week staff were parking in the building compound itself but as the project is now nearly finished (hooray!) the builders are in the process of starting the groundworks in the compound so it can be turned into a much larger car park. We are now all having to temporarily park in the very limited bays available, though we are trying to car share as much as possible. They will be reducing the size of the compound over the next couple of weeks, and releasing another 30 parking spaces, hopefully by, or during, half term. We hope to have "handover" of phase two during half term, and then the rest of the car park will be completed. Thank you for bearing with us in the meantime and an especially huge thank you to those families who journey to and from school everyday whatever the weather, on foot and by bike and scooter. By Easter the builders will have left completely and we can start to furnish and use the rest of our lovely new building!

Book Donations

Every now and then very kind families tidy up their book shelves and donate lovely books to the school. If Santa gave you all lots of new books for Christmas, and you need to make more room for them, we would love any that no one no longer wants to read. Any children's books in good condition, fiction or non-fiction that you would be happy for all of us to share and enjoy, would be gratefully received. Our Librarian, Kate Hitchings would love you to bring them into school, you can leave them in with the office staff at either campus. She can then allocate them to the libraries or class book corners as appropriate.