



Hardwick and Cambourne Community Primary School Newsletter

12th February 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians

We hope everyone has an enjoyable half term and a chance to rest and recuperate. We've had lots of illnesses going round and some children have been really poorly. We also have had a lot of cases of headlice on both sites, please check your children's hair over the next week and treat if necessary. As Easter is so early this year the next half term is really short but we will be packing as much into it as possible!

Andy Matthews & Ruth French (Co-Headteachers)

Nursery news

Nursery continues to go from strength to strength, and the more recent starters have settled so well during the last half term and now have really found their feet- and voices! The friendships are growing, as are the personalities and we are so proud of each and everyone one of them. Next term we will be basing some of our activities around superheroes, giving the children (and the staff!) the chance to live out their dream of saving the world!

Reception news.

We have had a whistle-stop tour around the world during this half term. The children enjoyed our visit from Mr Worland to talk about his research in Antarctica. They held ice that had travelled all the way from Antarctica and tried on insulating clothing. Then we ventured deep into the rainforests to inspire some excellent literacy work based on Monkey Puzzle by Julia Donaldson. This week we have been learning about Chinese New Year. In maths we have been learning to subtract using objects and drawing pictures. In phonics we are learning new digraphs and trigraphs and we are busy applying them in our independent writing. Next term we are looking forward to learning about people who help us. Have a wonderful half term break.

Year 1/2 news

We have had a blast with our space topic! We were visited by a friendly alien called Beegu who crash landed in Cambourne and sent a video to the children of Hardwick. We have enjoyed writing stories about her and creating some Space poetry too. We were pleased when she finally flew back home safely with her mum and dad. We are now looking forward to our next fabulous topic where we will be learning all about Mexico. We hope you encourage your children to take part in the English writing challenge over half term, please see the learning platform for more information.

Year 3/4 news

We have had a brilliant half term learning all about rainforests. The children have learnt some fascinating facts about the rainforest, created some eye-watering poems about deforestation and produced some excellent drama dances based on the rainforest. Year 3/4 at Hardwick have had lots of fun with some delightful DT and the Year 3 children at Cambourne have a DT day to look forward to after half term. Next half term's topic is Matilda, with the Hardwick site already getting stuck into the musical; we'd recommend the Year 4s get practicing their lines! Meanwhile, in Year 3 at Cambourne we are creating a musical showcase of Matilda, which we are all very excited about.

Year 5/6 news

Year 5/6 would like to thank the Co-Op in Cambourne, KFC, Sainsbury's and Waitrose for replying to their persuasive letters about stopping the waste of 'ugly' fruit and vegetables. These were gratefully received and really added value to the children's writing unit where writing for real purpose was our aim. We are now looking forward to our written replies promised to us from Morrisons, who we understand will be implementing some changes soon that may reflect our concerns.

Thank you PTA!

We would all like to thank the PTA for their generous gift of £50 per class to uplift reading areas across both sites. Everyone is excited about improvements that can now begin to be made to classrooms next term. Any books that have been ordered will be labelled as gifts from the PTA and if any members would like to come in to school to have a look at our revamped reading areas, please see Miss Haji or Miss Flitton who would be happy to show them around.

Dinner Money

The cost of school dinners for next half term is as follows

<u>Daily</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Half Term</u>
£2.25	£11.25	£54.00

We would be grateful if you could ensure any outstanding dinner money for this half term is settled up and ensure that all dinners are paid for in advance next term.

