



# Hardwick and Cambourne Community Primary School Newsletter

March 24th 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians

It's been great to have so many of you in school this week enjoying the delights of Mexico and Matilda. Your children have been so proud of their achievements and being able to share them with you.

We would like to remind Cambourne families again to not park cars in Swansley Lane. We have a huge car park now, if you have no alternative but to drive to school, please park here, not in residential streets.

The summer term starts back on **Monday 11th April**. It's a long summer term, and will be as action-packed as usual. We hope you all have a very happy Easter holidays and the children come back refreshed for the many exciting activities and challenges ahead of them next term.

Andy Matthews & Ruth French (Co-Headteachers)

## Reception news

It's been lovely to have so many visitors during our topic of "people who help us", telling us about their important roles. Of course the children know that the people who help them the most are their wonderful mums and they loved having you all in to visit so they could look after you a little bit too! Next term we are going to make the most of the warmer weather and enjoy discovering many things about the natural world when we start to investigate "Growing" We hope you all have a lovely Easter break. Thank you for your ongoing support.

## Year 1/2 news

We hope you all enjoyed our Mexican Sharing afternoons on both Campuses. The children loved performing their songs and dances to you. We have had such creative home learning coming into school and it's clear the children have learned so much about a distant locality. We wished we could have truly flown them into Mexico City, but they threw themselves into their trip and enjoyed their plane journeys! Our next topic will be 'Celebrations' so we will be busy planning a couple of weddings, so get ready to enjoy these.

We'd also like to welcome Miss Hoare to the Year 1/2 team. She is completing her final placement as part of the PGCE at the Faculty of Education, University of Cambridge, and will be working at our Hardwick campus for the next 9 weeks. She will be working mostly in Miss Cameron's class but will of course be involved in the teaching of children across the year group. If you see her, please do say hello and welcome her to Hardwick.

## Year 3/4 news

What a half term we have had in Year 3/4! Thank you to everyone for their help and support in putting together the Matilda performances at both sites. We're sure you'll agree the children were incredible. In addition to our performances, the children have had a great time learning about the characters and settings and producing some really imaginative play scripts. We are looking forward to next term, with our first topic being Inventions, where we will be delving in to the past to explore Victorian inventions and how they compare to nowadays. Miss Swann's class are also excited to have a trainee teacher, Miss Sands, who will be with us until June. Thank you for all your support in helping your children create their fantastic times tables games. They have enjoyed playing them with each other and hope to invite you in next half term to have a go yourself! We hope you have a relaxing break. No formal homework has been set but we would be grateful if you could encourage your child to keep reading and learning their number facts.

## Year 5/6 news

Year 5/6 have all worked really hard this term and have produced some wonderful writing and Ancient Greek homework. It has not all been heads down at desks though, as year 5 were lucky enough to participate in an exciting electricity workshop run by Cambridge University scientists – making circuits using lemons! Some children also attended this year's Big Read and Write in Cambridge where they met and interviewed Chris Priestley. His books are super-scary (and might give some readers nightmares) but we are looking forward to trying to read some of his stories soon. During Book Week, Victor Watson visited us and talked about his life as an author and as a child growing up during WWII. His visits are always enjoyable. If you haven't seen our Book Week 'Tuesday' display you must pop in and ask your child to show you – as there are frogs everywhere and we all had great fun creating this whole school display across both campuses. At the book fair this year, we raised £407 to spend in classrooms (on each school campus) and would like to thank you for your continued support. Please look at our Its Learning Platform page for important dates, information about upcoming topics and for key Literacy and Maths tips. If you have forgotten how to log on, the user name is **parent** and the password is **Hardwick1**. Next term will be a busy one - but we are really pleased with how hard your children are working and with the on-going support you are providing. We hope you all have a wonderful Easter – year 6 children do have some Maths and Literacy homework tasks to keep them ticking over, but we hope these are not too onerous (please see your child's teacher if you have any queries).

## Maths is everywhere!

Over the Easter Holidays, Miss Lawrence and Miss Swann have set the children a maths challenge: Maths is everywhere! They would like the children to look out for maths in everyday life and take a picture or bring something in that involves maths e.g. bus timetable, cereal box, shopping receipt etc. These will then be collated for a whole school display and celebrated. Recognising numbers on road signs, measuring ingredients for cooking, counting eggs on an Easter egg hunt, repeating patterns in the street, door numbers, paying for something using exact coins, using a watch to read the time would all be ideal maths opportunities; the list is endless. Please send in named and labelled work to either Miss Swann (Hardwick) or Miss Lawrence (Cambourne). Certificates will then be awarded in assembly. Happy hunting!

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### Diary Dates for next term

#### April

Monday 11th                      Term starts  
18th—20th                      Y4 to Grafham Water

#### May

Monday 2nd                      May Day  
9th—12th                      Y6 SATs week

#### Half Term      30th May— 3rd June

#### June

Weds 8th                      Class photos  
21st—24th                      Y6 to Hilltop

#### July

Friday 8th                      Reports  
7th and 8th                      Y6 transition days  
Saturday 9th                      Carnival

#### End of Term      Thursday 21st July

Somewhere in here we will also fit a Y1/2 trip, A Reception trip, Sports Days, a Y3/4 trip, a Y5/6 production, reports, class lists, new intake evenings for next year's Reception classes, and a lot more! Please look out for more dates being added as the term progresses.

## Dinner Money

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

If your child is in Y4 and going to Grafham, and you usually pay half- termly, remember to take £2.25 off for each day they are away.

<u>Daily</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Half Term</u>	<u>Whole Term</u>
<b>£2.25</b>	<b>£11.25</b>	<b>£76.50</b>	<b>£153.00</b>

## Headlice

It wouldn't be a complete end of term newsletter if headlice didn't feature in some way. PLEASE check your children's hair during the holidays and make sure they all return to school bug-free!