



# Hardwick and Cambourne Community Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Guardians

We hope the sun continues to shine next week and that your children have a well-deserved rest. They have worked really hard this half term, and certainly need to regain their strength for the final half term of the year which will be as action-packed as ever! We also have some Stop Press news as yesterday school history was made as our team of four exceptionally clever Y6 mathematicians came top of the class at the Y6 interschool maths challenge at St Faith's. Mrs French nearly fell off her chair when the results were announced and we celebrated by going cartwheels on the lawn while having afternoon tea in the headteacher's garden! A huge well done to Achira, Aaryan, Charlotte and Olivia. Andy Matthews & Ruth French (Co-Headteachers)

## Reception news.



Reception have been very busy outside this half term. The children have been gardening in our outdoor areas. We have been looking at life cycles and observing changes in our butterflies and tadpoles. We all enjoyed a visit from the dental nurse and now know how to keep our teeth clean and healthy. In literacy we have been busy writing our own Jack and the Beanstalk stories using our excellent phonic knowledge. We have been consolidating our knowledge of number to 20 as well as using everyday language to talk about weight and 3D shapes. We are looking forward to our visit to Linton Zoo and welcoming Dads into school for Father's Day celebrations. Have a relaxing and restful half term.



## Year 1/2 news



We have had a wonderful and joyous time learning about all different types of celebrations this half term. Our learning culminated in the weddings we held in Cambourne and Hardwick. Thank you to parents for all your kind contributions to our wedding breakfasts! They were very much enjoyed. We'd also like to say a huge congratulations to the Year 2s who worked especially hard over the past two weeks to complete their end of Key Stage 1 assessments. You all tried your very best and should be proud. After half term, we will return with an exciting new topic – Habitats – which will include a visit to Woburn Safari Park to learn about animals and their natural habitats. We will also make the most of the warmer weather to go out and explore the habitats of different animals around our schools. Have a lovely half term break and we will see you on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup>!



## Ethics Council Fund-Raiser

The Hardwick Campus Ethics Council would like to say a big thank-you for everyone who took part in and supported our 'Wear-Whatever-You-Like' Day on Friday May 20<sup>th</sup>. We raised money for 'JDRF' a charity working to find a cure for Type 1 Diabetes. Children dressed up in any way they wanted, some came in their sports gear, their onesies and some in their own clothes. The day also included: a range of superheroes; an array of princesses; a creeper from Minecraft; and even a rainbow unicorn! The children managed to raise the amazing sum of **£252.46** which will go directly to 'JDRF'. Thanks again for supporting this event with your donations and your imaginative outfits! Please look out for our upcoming events and news in the Ethics Council section on the its-learning platform - you can find us under 'Eco-Schools'.





### Year 3/4 news

This half term kicked off with a bang with year 4s having an amazing time at Grafham whilst the year 3s enjoyed their mini-topic, Wind in the Willows. We have had a wonderful time during the rest of the half term learning all about inventions. The children have especially enjoyed creating their own eco-inventions, Wallace and Gromit contraptions and learning about and making different mechanisms in DT. They have developed their literacy skills by writing

explanation texts, explored electrical circuits in science and learned about Victorian inventions that have impacted our lives in history. We certainly have some budding engineers and entrepreneurs! We really appreciate those of you who came to play your children's times tables games and hope that this has inspired you to keep practising with your children at home. Next half term we will be going back in time to the time of the Vikings, where we will be visiting the Anglo Saxon village of West Stow and delving into a rich and fascinating history.



### Year 5/6 news

We would like to say a big well done to all our Year 5s for working hard and getting through their optional SATs last week. This week, the Year 5/6s have been taking part in an activity week, involving cooking, singing and making 'wattle and daub' walls – Stone Age style! Please ask your children to explain this process! Year 6s have been doing their Bikeability training and auditioning for parts in our up-coming production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. Thanks to Year 6 parents for sorting out bikes, helmets etc for your children to do their Bikeability training – definitely worthwhile.

We will perform our play in the very last week of term, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July, in the evening. Year 6 children will have come home with their play-scripts and Year 5s with a song-script to learn over the holiday. It would be wonderful if they could come back with their part and the songs learnt (we know that might be quite a lot for some) and a clear understanding of the plot and its characters. The first week back after half-term is our Sex Education week and in our third week, the Year 6s will be off to Hilltop while the Year 5s will be taking part in a Shakespeare and Olympic Games Activity week. All Year 5/6 children have had an extremely busy half term and deserve a good rest. We are very proud of the



### Visiting Author

On Monday 20th June, Eamonn Reilly will be visiting both school sites to talk to KS1 and KS2 children about his career as an author. He will be leaving some books behind after his talk for children to purchase if they wish to. We will be selling these in the school for 2 weeks after his visit. Information about Eamon and his books can be found at: <http://www.er-reilly.co.uk/>

### Fundraiser for Hardwick Play Parks a message from Julie Philo.

Myself, Vanessa Phyo, Paula Bird, Deb Baker and Katy Baker-Davis are taking on a huge challenge. We are training to walk the Yorkshire 3 Peaks on the 18th June. The challenge is to trek the summit of Yorkshire's tallest three peaks in 12 hours, covering a marathon distance.

### Dinner Money

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

Daily	Weekly	Half Term
£2.25	£11.25	£76.50

We decided this was a fantastic opportunity to raise money for Hardwick Play Parks. They are raising funds to transform our dated park into a modern, friendly area. We have all had children that have enjoyed playing in the park and it would be good to see it modernised for future generations.

### Woodwind lessons

Sheanna Ashman our flute and clarinet, teacher will have some spaces for new pupils on both campuses in year 4, 5 or 6 in September. Please contact her at [enquiries@sheannaashman.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@sheannaashman.co.uk) for more information or to arrange a free taster session. She is doing an assembly on both campuses so children can consider if they would like to learn to play a woodwind instrument.

We would be extremely grateful if you could help us raise as much money as possible by either donating to our [GofundMe](#) account or there will be a donation box in the Hardwick School office.

Thank you for your support

Julie Philo