



Hardwick and Cambourne Community Primary School Newsletter

21st July 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians

Oh my word, we've had a busy time! The last few weeks have felt like an endless rollercoaster of events, but now as we end another happy year, we are just so proud of all our wonderful children. Some of our Y2s have had their first ever night away from home as they camped on the school fields with utter glee, every single child gave their all on our sports days, and they collectively walked 1000s of kilometers to Cuba (nearly Rio...). And as for our Y6s, well, what can we say? They've become such grammar experts we feel slightly intimidated by only using adjectives to describe them but hope the words "awesome", "talented", "exceptional" and "outstanding" go some way to describe how we feel about them! We are so sad they are leaving but their simply astonishing performances of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" were the perfect end to a wonderful year!

Thank you so much for all your support this year, and if this is your last newsletter, because your youngest or only child is leaving us tomorrow, and if we didn't get a chance to say a proper good bye last night, farewell! It's been a pleasure to work in partnership with you and see your children flourish! For those of you still with us, term begins on **Monday 5th September**, see you then!

Andy Matthews & Ruth French

Staffing News

The simply wonderful Miss Cameron is leaving us, she is off to Harrogate. To say she will be missed is a bit of an understatement but we will keep in touch!

Also leaving are two of our teaching assistants, Mr Miles is retiring and Mr Steward is moving to a promoted post elsewhere in the County. They've both made a huge difference when looking after the children in their care, we do wish them well, one with more leisure time, the other with new challenges ahead!

And all the children at Cambourne took part in the mock wedding of Miss Flitton this week, which was a nice surprise for her... She will be returning as Mrs Emery in September, if getting "married" with Haribo wedding rings hasn't put her and Mr Emery off repeating the experience next week!

Nursery news

Nursery have had a great first year and we feel very proud of each and every one of them, especially of those we are sending up to reception. We are very happy with the way the first year has gone, and how we feel very much part of the wider school community. The recent Road to Rio event gave us a chance to properly mix in with the entire school. Seeing all the year groups walking round the field together, with siblings or friends old and new was a beautiful sight, and one thoroughly enjoyed by all in nursery. We feel lucky that we are able to hold on to some of our younger children for next year, who will actually become the eldest as we welcome in a new intake and we have no doubt that they will enjoy the responsibility of helping the new children feel welcome. We wish you all a very good summer!

Reception news



Reception have enjoyed a jam-packed end of term. We are so proud of our amazing rockstars and popstars who danced and sung brilliantly with such confidence. It is fantastic to see how grown up they have become over the course of the year. Thank you for all your support this year- we couldn't do it without you! It has been a privilege to help your children grow and develop in their very first year of school. We hope you have a lovely summer break. The Reception Team

Year 1/2 news

What a wonderful year we have had and hasn't it whizzed by! The children have worked exceptionally hard this year and enjoyed all their topics. A particular recent highlight was our trip to Woburn Safari Park. We all loved seeing the wild animals up close in conditions similar to their natural habitats. Year 2 camping last week was a great success and we have begun to look forward to the next school year. Our topic after the summer holidays will be Dinosaurs and will include a trip to the amazing Natural History Museum in London. We really hope everyone has a fantastic summer and look forward to seeing you all in September when we will have two new teachers joining the Year 1/2 team. They are really excited to start working at Hardwick and Cambourne and can't wait to see you all in September. Enjoy your holidays!



Y3/4 News



What a busy half term we have had! West Stow was a fantastic trip. The children thoroughly immersed themselves into Anglo-Saxon life, taking on the role of 21st Century journalists. It was great to investigate the houses and compare the differences between Anglo Saxon life and the children's lives today. Both sites behaved impeccably and were a credit to the school.

For the last half term we've been studying the text of Beowulf, with the children particularly enjoying the more gruesome details! This has then inspired them to write their own fantastic stories which we hope you can look forward to reading in their best books. The children have also enjoyed studying Andy Warhol in art and have produced some rather super prints for the front covers.

We have thoroughly enjoyed teaching your children this year. They have worked so hard and have made pleasing progress.

Have a great summer.

New Year 3/4 Trip to Hunstanton

Please note, on Monday 12th September (Hardwick) and Thursday 15th September (Cambourne), our new Year 3/4 children will be visiting Hunstanton as part of their Sunny Hunny topic. Letters will be going out during the first week back and will need to be returned promptly. We estimate that the price of the trip will be no more than £15 per pupil and will include a trip to the Sealife Sanctuary and a Fish and Chip lunch. This will be a great way to start the year and their topic.

Y5/6 News

What a term full of events for our Year 5/6 pupils. From SATs to Bikeability Week, transition events for Year 6 pupils at their secondary schools as well as English, maths and Spanish transition tasks to complete. We ran for Rio during breaks from working towards our musical version of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. Thank you so much for your support with those who had a lot of lines to learn and for listening to the songs, especially those who have been practising in the bathroom and logging onto the Its Learning platform to get the tunes! Thanks to our Year 5 choir supporting the Year 6 cast with wonderful singing. We hope you will have enjoyed watching the play. We will be very sorry to lose the Year 6s. They have been a super group of pupils throughout their years here. We were so impressed with their teamwork at Hilltop, which was extended in their work on our play. We know that our Year 5s are now also ready and looking forward to stepping up into their Year 6 roles. Our topic next term will be 'Fighting for Freedom' which incorporates work on the Suffragette movement and The First World War, a topical theme as it is the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme this year. Our Year 5/6 Team wish you all a good summer break and look forward to seeing you again in September.



Fiver Challenge Golden Morning

A huge thank you to parents and children who attended and supported us in our Fiver Fair. The children worked extremely hard to prepare, advertise and run their own stalls raising a total of £275.89 for their chosen charities. Their hard work and enthusiasm meant the event was a big success with queues running down the playground and calls for more candy floss, homemade treats, sponge throws, tattoos and sports obstacles - to name just a few. Miss Knight and the Fiver Gang!

School Choir

This is just a bit of a "heads up" ... The school have been invited to sing at **THE ALBERT HALL** on Monday 28th November. We've accepted their invitation, seemed rude to refuse! More details next term. Choir will start in the second full week of term, again at 8.30am. Tuesdays @Hardwick, Wednesdays@Cambourne. All children from Y2 up welcome.

A Message from Miss Cameron

As you all now know, I will be leaving Hardwick and Cambourne Primary School this summer. I have had a wonderful 5 years teaching in Year 1/2 and would like to thank every single one of you who have made my time here so special. I will be moving to Harrogate this summer and teaching a Reception class in my new school which will be an exciting new challenge. I will miss everyone here, children, parents, staff and the community, and hope to keep in touch with everything that is going on in Hardwick. Thank you again for all your support and kind words over the years.

Road to Rio

The Road to Rio sponsored walk has been a huge success, many many thanks to all the children for each lap walked and to all parents, carers and friends for each pound raised. Just to remind you, the total distance walked was 7436 kilometres, which means nearly 30,000 laps walked. This is an incredible effort! Small amounts of money keep trickling in, but at the last count the grand total raised was £3492.30. WOW! Thank you so much!! We decided to donate 25% to the Dame Kelly Homles Trust, equivalent to £873. This money will go a long way to helping disadvantaged children and young adults, and the PTA will keep us all informed on how they've been able to continue to support the school with the funds raised.

Lost Property

We have the usual mountain of lost property on both sites. Please come and browse! If it's un-named it's up for grabs!

School Carnival

We had another very successful carnival, raising over £3000. It was a lovely afternoon, and again the sun shone!!! Thank you everyone who helped to make this event such a success and a great day out!

Ethics Council - Tin-Can Tombola

A big thank you from the Ethics Council to everyone, for supporting our 'Tin-Can Tombola' at the school carnival this year. We are pleased to say that we made £40 on our stall and will put the money towards an exciting new project which we will launch in the Autumn. Thank you if you donated a tin or can. We had a great range, including: baked beans; caramel waffles; playing cards; tins filled with sweets. We also made up big tins with collections of things from other generous donations. I would like to say a special thank you to Georgia Down and Aidan McGowan for their hard work during the carnival. Thank you also to those who came and had a go at our 'Tin-Can Tombola' on the day. The stall proved to be very popular and sold out quickly. Thank you to all children and parents for your support this year with our Ethics Council projects. We have raised £300 over the year which is a fantastic achievement. Mrs Marlow and the Ethics Council.

Term Dates 2016-17

Autumn Term 2016

Training Days: Thursday 1st Sept,
Friday 2nd Sept

Begins Monday 5th September

Half Term: 24th -28th October

Training day: Monday 31st October

Ends: Tuesday 20th December

Spring Term 2017

Begins: Wednesday 4th January

Half Term: 13th - 17th February

Training Day Monday 20th February

Ends: Friday 31st March

Summer Term 2017

Begins: Tuesday 18th April

May Day: Monday 1st May

Half Term: 29th May— 2nd June

Training Day Monday 5th June

Ends: Friday 21st July