



Hardwick and Cambourne Community Primary School Newsletter

17th November 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians

Hopefully most of you will get this newsletter via email. Sorry it's taken so long for us to get this up and running, but we are delighted that now the vast majority of our families have opted to receive newsletters by email. This will hopefully take away the seemingly baffling gap between teachers placing a newsletter securely in a child's hand at the very end of the day and it still not getting home! If you still have a paper copy but also have an email address, please let us know so we can send this to you online instead.

Can we also please remind you that if children have been sick or had diarrhoea they need to be absent for a **full 48 hours** after the last time they were ill. Please refer to any nhs site that will tell you the same. We know this is annoying if they are bouncing around looking well, but we really need to try and stop the ghastly germs spreading at the moment!

Andy Matthews & Ruth French

Diary Dates

Nov

- Sat 19th Guide and Scout xmas bazaar at Hardwick, choir singing at 2pm
Fri 25th Y1,2 3 Flu Vaccinations. Cambourne (do please return forms)
Mon 28th Choir to Albert Hall
Tues 29th Y6 and YR height and weight measurement
Weds 30th Y3/4 Wild West Dress up day - Hardwick

Dec

- Sat 3rd PTA Xmas Fayre at Cambourne 1 – 4pm
Tues 6th 6.00 Christmas Music concert (for choirs and musicians) at Hardwick
Weds 7th Y5/6 to London Kings Cross to see The Railway Children
Thurs 8th Reception children to Audley End to meet Santa
Fri 9th Y1 vision screening test
Tues 13th Y1/2 Performance Hardwick 2:00
Weds 14th Y3/4 Wild West Dress up day - Cambourne
Nursery Xmas event 1:00
Y1/2 Performance Cambourne 1:45
Y1/2 Performance Hardwick 6:00pm
Thurs 15th Christmas lunch day
Y1/2 Performance Cambourne 6:00
Fri 16th Reception performances Hardwick and Cambourne 2pm
Tues 20th End of term

Jan

- Weds 4th Start of new term!



A Message from the Y5/6 Gardening Team at Hardwick,

Fellow gardeners we would love it if you could come in to our school and run a club for the pupils of Hardwick School. We have lots of keen children ready to tackle the obstacles that might come our way. We are neutral as to when the club will be as we are happy to do it any day, but we need you to come during lunchtime (12:15 - 1:30pm). We would like you to help us fix up our school courtyards and our wild-life area, which includes our over-grown pond. It will take time and we hope you are patient because we need advice. Please do bring some equipment, but if not that is fine as the school can provide some equipment. We hope you can join us soon. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

Christmas dinner

Thursday 15th December

If your child would like the Christmas dinner on Thursday 15th December, please complete and return the booking form by 1st December at the latest. This should have come home/be coming home this week, KS1 meals are of course free of charge but KS1 children do need to return the form too please. Even if your child always has a school dinner, please return the form! The kitchens have to order the food in advance and can't manage additional unbooked lunches with no notice.

Car Parking

Please don't park in the disabled bays at either Hardwick or Cambourne unless you or your child have a disability. Please don't think they aren't needed. There are parents or children who really need them.

As is always the case at this time of year, both car parks are really busy. Please consider walking if you live close to the school on either site, and do please be considerate and patient.

Governors Update

Firstly we would like to extend a huge thank you to all staff, existing and new, who pulled together for the recent OFSTED inspection. Everyone showed the school at its usual best. It was certainly a challenge for the beginning of the school year.

Adam Fogerty has been elected Pupil Governor for 2016. Adam attended the first full governors' meeting of the school year and delivered an honest and inspiring speech for governors, duplicating the speech he gave to fellow students. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Adam and look forward to his contribution.

Finally, a warm welcome to all the new staff who joined the school this September and we hope to get to know you over the coming year.

Codeclub - A message from Mr Gaynord

Starting in the spring term, I would like to start an after school **Codeclub** at the Cambourne campus. Research has proven that the success of a school codeclub is very dependent on having a high adult to child ratio. Even if the adults have no experience of software development, they can still support the children. If you would be able to help, or know someone who may be interested, please contact me to find out more about what would be involved. Cambridgeshire is one of the most successful places for Software Development in the UK and I'm sure that there are many local companies who would be very keen to get involved in this excellent opportunity for educational outreach work.

Many thanks, Mr Gaynord <http://codeclub.org.uk/>