



Hardwick and Cambourne Community Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Guardians

Thank you to everyone who has provided their email addresses so this newsletter can go out electronically to so many more families in the future. We are still updating our newsletter email account with all these email addresses and will hopefully complete this after half term, as forms are still coming in and there were so many of you to add to the list. Do bear with what we hope will be our final large paper copy print run in the meantime. We had been holding off with this newsletter for the last week or so as we had hoped our OfSTED report would be published by now, but have been told this now won't be until half term. We will distribute the good news it contains as soon as we are allowed to! We hope you all have a very happy and enjoyable half term. We'd like to remind you that the school will be closed to pupils on Monday 31st October as we have a staff training day, so the children will return on **Tuesday 1st November**. This is also the day they will have their school individual and family photos taken, so if you want them to look extra smart for this do bear it in mind!

Finally we're sure you will join us in wishing Miss Lawrence all the best as she becomes Mrs Chambers tomorrow. We hope wonderful Autumn weather makes her wedding day even more extra special.

Andy Matthews & Ruth French

Reception news.

We are so proud of how well Reception children have settled in after only a few weeks at school! The children seem to be embracing every learning opportunity and new experience with excitement and enthusiasm. We will be continuing with our autumn topic for a week after half term as the nights draw in, going out with a bang as we find out about Bonfire Night celebrations. This will lead us into our next topic Space where we will be learning about the solar system and setting off on our own imaginary adventures just like the bear in 'Whatever Next'! As the weather is colder now please could you ensure your child has a coat in school every day, as a proportion of our day is spent outside. Book bags and water bottles should be brought in daily too!

The children have been busy learning new sounds in phonics and enjoying lots of counting and measuring opportunities in maths sessions. Thank you to all who attended the phonics workshop at Cambourne. Hardwick will be hosting their phonics workshop after half term on the morning of Wednesday 2nd November and we look forward to seeing many of you then. Thank you for all your support over this half term and we hope your children enjoy a well earned break!

The Reception Team

Year 1/2 news

This half term started with a bang thanks to our incredible trip to the Natural History Museum. This was such a valuable experience for the children and from this the children have produced some excellent work throughout the half term. It has been a joy to see the children's enthusiasm and interest in our dinosaurs topic and they have really impressed us by writing some terrific dinosaur reports in English, painting and printing dinosaur scenes in Art and sorting and grouping animals in science. Thank you for your efforts in supporting your children with reading and spelling at home, as well as the super home learning projects that have been completed by lots of the children. The children are already getting excited about our next topic-Toys!

The year 1/2 Christmas production will also be one of the highlights of next half term so look out for your children's lines as they will need to learn these as soon as possible. We think you will have a great trip down memory lane when the children start learning the songs... We hope you have a restful break. Please encourage your children to keep reading and practising their spellings! Thank you for your support.

The Y1/2 Team

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	£81

Please ensure you pay for school dinners in advance.

Year 3/4 news

What a great start to Year 3/4! Our trip to Hunstanton was truly memorable day for all. It was wonderful to see the children building sandcastles and rummaging through the rock pools. Bear's Fish and Chips were a huge hit and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The children were incredibly enthusiastic during their Sealife Centre experience and enjoyed the talk from Matt about rock pools and starfish. Both sites behaved impeccably throughout and were a credit to the school. After the trip to Hunstanton, we wrote brochures advertising it and persuading others to visit. The children were excellent at coming up with catchy slogans and imperative verbs. A highlight this term has been combining computing and DT to create some incredible fairground rides. We have been astounded by their creativity and ideas. Thank you for your support in your child's home learning this half term. We have been delighted with the learning that has been produced.

Next half term, we will be moving onto our Wild West topic, which we are all excited about. We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of a Wild West day that we will be having on Wednesday 14th December (Cambourne) and Wednesday 30th November (Hardwick). We would be most grateful if children could come into school dressed as either a cowboy or Native American.

Have a great half term.

Thanks, The Year 3/4 team

Year 5/6 news

The school year has started well and the Y5/6 pupils are now settled into their routines. Most are remembering to bring their diaries daily and are developing good routines around homework tasks. There is a homework club on Tuesdays from 12:50 - 1:20 for any pupil in Y5/6 that needs help with their homework or simply wants a quiet place to get their homework done. Our topic, 'Fighting for Freedom', is going really well, with the children engaging enthusiastically with the learning activities. There have been some very passionate debates about the rights and roles of women as we have studied the suffragette movement.

Just this week we had a visit from the Quantum Theatre Company which the children thoroughly enjoyed. The play covered the period of time around WW1 up to the Battle of the Somme in 1916, marking the centenary of this battle. It was both thought-provoking and funny and was enjoyed by all. It was particularly lovely to listen to the children questioning the actors about the war - they have clearly learned a great deal already!

Continuing our work on this history topic next half term we have a visit to Madingley Cemetery in November and a trip to London in December to see 'The Railway Children' at King's Cross Theatre, so please look out for the letter with details shortly after half-term.

It has been lovely to meet you all at parents' evenings this week and to have the opportunity to talk through with you how your children have settled, their targets and successes so far. Thank you for all the support you give your children with their learning and homework.

We hope you all have a fun-filled half term. See you on the other side!

Harvest

Thank you everyone who contributed to our Harvest celebrations. We raised a wonderful £288.58. Our ethics council are now deciding which charity they wish to support.

Headlice

Please check hair and treat as necessary over half term!

Poppies

We will as always be raising money for the British Legion Poppy Appeal after half term, with children being able to make a small donation to wear a poppy. We'll remind them again after half term as we will be bringing the poppies around from class to class as usual.

Half term writing challenge.

Do please look on the English page of It's Learning.

All you need to do is finish off the story that has already been started for you. Use the picture to inspire you and let your imaginations run wild. Bring it back to school after the half term break, win yourself a certificate and hear your wonderful work come to life when it's read out loud to the rest of the school!

Mrs Emery and Miss Haji.