



Hardwick and Cambourne Community Primary School Newsletter

May 25th 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians

Firstly we'd like to say a huge well done to our Y6 pupils for dealing determinedly and calmly with SATs week and to you as parents for supporting them. Our Y2 pupils have also had their end of KS1 tests this month, though these don't have to be quite so formally timetabled and we've tried to minimise their impact on your children as much as possible. You have probably read various reports in the media about the concerns around our high-stakes testing culture, and we have welcomed the findings of the Commons Select Education Committee on Primary Assessment. Those interested can read it by following this link. <https://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201617/cmselect/cmeduc/682/68202.htm> .

Of course, the media coverage around school funding is very much an issue as the General Election approaches. We would really like to encourage you to question any parliamentary candidate who might turn up on your doorstep about their views on this matter. For the vast majority of you who now get this newsletter via email we have attached a useful list of questions and further details about the issues. This document was drawn up by groups of our secondary colleague headteachers working together across several counties. In addition, a parent "Fair Funding for All Schools" campaign group has now been set up in Cambridgeshire. They are looking to support groups of parents in every school in the County to join the campaign for fair funding for all of our schools. Attached is a letter from them and further information about the campaign. We will of course give our total support to any parents in our community who wish to take any action in this regard. Do come and find us if you are interested. At present we are a growing school and are just about able to make ends meet for the coming financial year, but are only managing this by trimming already small budgets for things such as books, and curriculum resources. We are hugely grateful to the PTA who work so hard to raise money so we can continue to give your children access to all the things that make their education so rich and diverse.

On a completely different note, we are sure you will join us in wishing both Mrs Samuels and Mrs Emery huge congratulations and every best wish for the happy arrival of their babies. Mrs Samuels' little one is due at the very end of term, so it's unlikely we will be seeing much of her in July, but we will be covering her class internally with faces very familiar to the children. Mrs Emery will be here until the end of term.

Finally, we'd like to remind you we have a training day on Monday 5th June so we look forward to welcoming the children back on **TUESDAY 6TH JUNE**.

Ruth French and Andy Matthews Co-headteachers

Network CB²³ Y5 Careers Event

All the primary schools in our local network liaise to run a careers event for Y5 pupils every few years. This gives them a chance to find out about a range of roles and opportunities and although starting a career is some way off, it's a really interesting and valuable event and gives them much food for thought. The event can only run however if we have some willing volunteers happy to spend a day or half a day on July 4th, sitting at a stand and talking enthusiastically about their wonderful jobs! If you or someone you know might be interested, please find a letter attached from our Network Co-ordinator, Sarah Singleterry.

PTA News

No one at our Cambourne Campus will have failed to have noticed the new Trim Trail. PTA funds of over £6000 enabled this to happen and the children are thrilled with it. Very ironically, the same day the children were able to try it out for the first time, the one at Hardwick had to be condemned as it's finally reached its sell-by-date. So all the more reason to support the PTA Carnival on Saturday 8th July 12—4pm @ Hardwick to help raise money to replace it!

You may also be able to double the money we raise if you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy. Companies may match the fundraising total for an event, or for the stall that their employee is working on. Usually, the employee will need to supply them with a letter from the PTA detailing the date and nature of the event, together with the total raised. We understand that the high street banks, building societies, supermarkets and large corporations are likely to do match funding, but these schemes are not exclusive to the major corporate giants. If you work for an independent company, they may be interested in charitable giving through match funding too.

We would be grateful if you could see if your employer has a match funding scheme, or if they are willing to match fund any of our events. This could be a really large source of income for the PTA so do let us know if you are interested or can help.

Diary Dates

Please find below a list of school events between now and the end of term for your diaries. There may be others!

May

Half term Monday 29th – Friday 2nd June

June

Monday 5th June Training Day—School closed

Weds 7th Class photos
Fri 9th Race for Life
Tues 13th Y1/2 to Bewilderwood
Tues 20th Reception Induction evening Cambourne
Weds 21st Reception Induction evening Hardwick
Weds 28th Reception to Wimpole Hall
28th—30th Y6 to Hilltop

July

Tues 4th Sports Day - Cambourne 1:30
Y5 Careers event
Weds 5th Sports Day - Hardwick 1:30
Thurs 6th Y6 intake days at CVC and Camb VC
Y2 Camping Night at Hardwick
Fri 7th Y6 Athletics Festivals
School Reports come home
Sat 8th Carnival 12—4 pm
Thurs 13th Y2 Camping Night at Cambourne
Fri 14th Class lists come home
Tues 18th Y5/6 Performance 7.00
Weds 19th Y5/6 Performance 7.00

End of Term Friday 21st July

Flute and Clarinet Taster Sessions

Mrs Ashman will be holding some taster sessions for pupils currently in years 3,4 and 5 who are interested in learning the flute or clarinet. These will take place during school time. If you would like your child to have a taster session please email enquiries@sheannaashman.co.uk to book a place.

Guitar lessons

Please could all pupils who are interested in beginning guitar lessons from September do contact Mr Cory at jim-mypagefans@hotmail.com with their name, parent's name & contactable home & mobile telephone numbers by the beginning of June. Limited spaces remain available, so all wannabe guitarists should contact Mr Cory as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.



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 would be grateful if you could ensure any outstanding dinner money for this half term is settled up and ensure that all dinners are paid for in advance next half term.

School term dates 2017/2018

Autumn Term 2017

Training days: Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September (school closed)

Begins: Wednesday 6th September

Half term: 23rd October to 27th October 2017

Training day: 30th October (school closed)

Ends Tuesday 19th December

Spring term 2018

Training day: Wednesday 3rd January (school closed)

Begins: Thursday 4th January

Half term: 12th February to 16th February 2018

Ends: Thursday 29th March 2018

Summer term 2018

Begins: Monday 16th April

May Day: 7th May 2018

Training day: Friday 25th May

Half term: 28th May to 1st June 2018

Ends: Tuesday 24th July 2018

Race for Life

Preparations are underway for our Race for Life events which will take part on Friday 9th June. The Golden Morning Committees on both sites have been busy planning and making arrangements for what they hope will be a very successful fundraiser for Cancer Research UK. Last time we raised £5,500 and the children are really determined to beat that this year! By now, all children should have come home with a letter and a sponsor form. Extra forms are available from the school office if you need one. We know lots of you have already collected a great deal of sponsorship, or donated online. Many, many thanks for your support. Online donations are the easiest, and can be made via our fundraising pages. The following links are also on It's Learning.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/race-for-life-hardwick>

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/race-for-life-cambourne>

At the moment Cambourne is ahead with the fundraising online, but Hardwick have some large donations coming in via cash sponsorship so it's a wide open race! More details about the day will come home soon.