



Hardwick and Cambourne Community Primary School Newsletter

20th July 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians

So we are finally at the end of another year, and this one really does seem to have flown by. This part of the school year goes especially quickly as it has so much packed into it and your children (and their teachers!) certainly deserve their holiday. At the end of every year we always look back with such pride on the achievements of your children, from the youngest to the oldest. This was evident this year in the huge confidence of the Reception children as they bounced their way over the stage in their Popstars Rockstars performances, to the incredible hard work of our Y6 as they survived SATs, threw themselves into (and off!) everything at Hilltop and rounded it all off with an incredibly mature performance of Guys and Dolls.

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 **Wednesday 6th September**, see you then!

Andy Matthews & Ruth French

Staffing News

We always gain more members of staff than leave us each year, (maternity leaves excepted!) However, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Robinson who will be working as a County supply teacher next year and we wish her well! Mrs Daniel who has worked as a TA at Cambourne this year is also moving to a job closer to her home. Most notably however we have said a very fond farewell indeed to Pam Brunson, who has been a teaching assistant extraordinaire and midday supervisor of limitless patience for many many years. She is finally retiring and so many families owe her a huge debt of gratitude for her endless love and care of the youngest children in the school. She hasn't wanted any fuss, so has slipped away as quietly as we would let her, but we fully expect to see her face popping back to see us on a regular basis.

Nursery news

We have had such a fantastic year in nursery and would like to thank all the parents for their support and congratulate the children on all their achievements, big or small. Nursery has been a different place this year, with far more children than previously but we have retained that family feel and are very proud of the way we function on a day to day basis. We are equally proud of the children we are sending up to Big School, they will love their next year and hopefully will give us the occasional wave when they see us! But not all our children are moving up and we can't wait to start the next year with them and the new starters, onwards and upwards! We wish everyone a great summer holiday, see you next year!

Reception news



We are all so proud of your little superstars! They had the time of their lives at their popstars and rockstars performances and really demonstrated how they have come in leaps and bounds in their confidence this year. We had a super trip to Wimpole Home Farm too, and the children were captivated by the animals, especially the pigs! They were also so excited by the hatching chicken in their classrooms. Thank you all so much for your support this year as we have all helped them take those very first important steps of life in school They are raring to go! Have a great summer!

The Reception Team



Year 1/2 news



We have had an exciting time being wild this half term! The children really enjoyed their trip to Bewilderwood a few weeks ago, where they had fun climbing, running and being adventurous. The trip also provided great inspiration for the childrens' own Bewilderwood stories. The children have produced some amazing outdoor artwork in the style of Andy Goldsworthy using leaves, twigs and seeds

and have learnt to identify and name some of the trees outside as well. The Year 2s had a great time camping overnight on the school field recently, where they sang songs, listened to stories and toasted marshmallows. The children have worked really hard all year and are certainly ready for a summer break to prepare for their next learning adventures in Year 2 and Year 3. Please do keep reading through the summer (why not sign up to a local library challenge?), and do encourage any writing and maths (how about a holiday diary?!) We wish all of you a great summer and look forward to seeing the children in the Autumn Term.

Best wishes, The Year 1/2 team.



Y3/4 News

It has been a wonderful term in Y3/4 studying Rivers and Mountains. We have incorporated the topic into our English work. The children have experimented with different types of poems such as kennings and haiku with wonderful results. In particular, we were impressed with their outstanding imagery using a range of features such as alliteration, simile, personification and metaphor. The children also really enjoyed constructing a persuasive letter based on cleaning up the River Cam.



It backed up our belief that we have some characters here who are excellent at using language to ensure they get their own way! Towards the end of term, we had a design and technology day where the children looked at a range of different bridge designs and created one in a team to fulfil their brief of it being able to take a model car across it. It was a super day and the children loved pitting their ideas against the reality of forces and gravity! We have been so impressed by the standard of homework this term, too. Thank you for all of the support you give to help them achieve their homework goals; fact files, presentations, cakes in the shapes of mountains, models and video reports were some of the creative homework ideas we have been particularly impressed with.



We have had such a wonderful year with your amazing children and we are delighted with the progress they have made against the new curriculum standards, but of equal importance, how they have grown as people and developed their skills to co-operate and look after one another that bit better. We wish you all a very happy summer holiday and look forward to seeing the children continue to shine in their new year groups in the new academic year. The Year 3/4 team.

Y5/6 News



Many, many congratulations go to all the Year 5/6 pupils on their performances of 'Guys and Dolls'. Y6s – what superb acting and singing! Y5s – thank you for singing so well and supporting the Y6s so beautifully. You all entertained and delighted your audiences (and your teachers) and did yourselves proud! We have loved teaching you, and see you grow in so many ways. We all wish you well as you move on to CVC and CamVC. Good luck, Y6!

For those of you returning to us in September, our new theme will be 'A Passage Through India' which will include a visit to the Hindu

temple, Bhaktivedante Manor, in November. More details to follow nearer the time. Please do try to keep those spelling, times tables and reading skills going over the summer. We look forward to seeing you all in September, ready and raring to go for a busy and exciting year.

Have a wonderful summer, everybody.

The Year 5/6 Team.



Race for Life 2017

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated so generously to this worthwhile cause. It's clearly a charity which is close to many people's hearts, and we hope the money we have raised will make a difference. There was a great atmosphere at both sites, with the children not only excited to run, but highly supportive of the others whilst they were spectating. There was lots of cheering for those children who needed it to keep them going!

We are ASTOUNDED by the amount of money we raised. Last time we did this two years ago we were thrilled to raise over 5K and really hoped we could match this total this time round. Nothing prepared us for the final amount though which, including gift aid will be £11,089.83. We can't thank you enough for this generosity, the children are so thrilled at their achievement! As one parent tweeted to us "Brilliant work by all involved, so proud to be part of this school."



Race for Life Golden Morning Committees

Ethics Council News

Firstly, we are pleased to announce that we raised £150 for the Arthur Rank Hospice through our Tin-Can Tombola stall at the Summer Carnival this year, which is an amazing amount! Thanks so much to everyone who donated cans of food, individual items and for those who took the time to make up tins of their own, They really were lovely and creative. Thanks also if you bought our raffle tickets on the day and of course to those who came to help. A special thanks goes to Lucy Byatt who spent almost the whole day there and was a massive help.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Ethics Council fundraisers and energy and waste awareness projects this year. We have had a busy year with the Xmas jumpers, Red Nose Day and the carnival and have raised a total of £1,365.85 for charity, which is a fantastic effort. We look forward to trying to beat that target next year and also look forward to supporting more, important causes. We are in the process of sponsoring a child and will have information to share with you all after the summer.

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!



Code Club at Cambourne



The children have been so enthusiastic about code club! Next year the Cambourne code club will have to be split into a half term of year 3/4 then 5/6 because of numbers (in excess of 40). The club has raised almost £1000 for investment in school equipment. Most of this has been for crumble control kits to extend the complexity of digital making projects for both sites. More parent volunteers will always be wonderful!. Special thanks be must extended to the volunteers who have assisted the children in code club so well this year - we couldn't have done it without you!

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

Parent Information Meetings

We have already planned the dates of our parent information meetings at the start of next term. We hold these at the start of every year to share important information about home learning, the curriculum to be covered and other items of general housekeeping. These will all be in the first full week of the new term at the end of the school day. We will of course remind you at the very start of next term but we thought it would helpful if you also had the dates now. Details of what is covered will also be available for those of you are not able to attend.

12th September	Y3/4 Cambourne
	Y5/6 Hardwick
13th September	Y3/4 Hardwick
	Y5/6 Cambourne
14th September	Y1/2 Hardwick
	Y1/2 Cambourne

Dinner Money

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

Daily	Weekly	Half Term
£2.30	£11.50	£75.90

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

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!

A message from Phoenix Korfball Club

Thank you to all the children who have taken part in my Korfball sessions during Golden Mornings this term. It has been an absolute pleasure to coach the children and to get to know them a little; they are such an enthusiastic bunch and have a great deal of sporting talent! If any of them would like to continue playing Korfball, they are very welcome to come along to Phoenix Korfball Club's junior sessions when they restart after the summer break in September. Our Sunday afternoon sessions are held at CRC's sports centre on Kings Hedges Rd in Cambridge. All children aged eight and over are welcome and there is no need to book - just turn up and pay £2 per session. Parents who would like to know the dates and times of the sessions can email juniors@cambridgephoenixkorfball.co.uk, or visit www.cambridgephoenixkorfball.co.uk for details of our club and the sport.

Chris White