



Hardwick & Cambourne Community Primary School Newsletter

28th March 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We've got to the end of another great term at school, capped off by the truly wonderful Year 3/4 production of Mary Poppins. We're now looking forward to all the joys of summer term and doing them in the company of Ms Cate Thompson (our new deputy head). I'm sure you'll all welcome her into the school community, and I know she'll be going out of her way to meet as many parents as possible during her first few weeks.

We are also pleased to be welcoming back Mrs Samuels into the school, who will be working across a range of classes during the summer term. As one maternity leave ends, another will be soon beginning. We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Chambers is now expecting her first child. I'm sure you'll all want to congratulate her in person, but try not to swamp her all at once! She'll teach until the end of the school year, before going on maternity leave.

On a sadder note, the school (along with a large number of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough schools) received another anonymous email earlier today, this time suggesting that a car would be driven at pupils after school. We immediately contacted the police and have followed their advice about being vigilant and contacting them again on 999 if we identify a specific threat. Please be assured that the safety of your children remains our paramount concern and school staff have been asked to be extra vigilant of any unusual incidents around the school. It's a sad time we live in when people can threaten children and attempt to create such fear and panic amongst parents. The advice we received is clear, and I completely agree with it, that we should not overly react to such threats. To do so would empower them further, allow fear and intimidation to win, and increase the likelihood of repeat incidents. We will remain highly vigilant of anything out of the ordinary and we do have emergency critical incident plans to follow should we be instructed to do so. Please don't let these events overly worry you, it appears increasingly likely that their prime intention is to create fear and extract money from schools.

We hope you have a happy and peaceful Easter break.

Andy Matthews

Nursery news

Firstly, a huge thanks to all who attended our 'Big Read' sessions- the children had a great time picking out some of their favourite books to share with parents. The event highlighted perfectly our love of a good story and it was fantastic to see so many adults engaging and enthusing over books with children. Next term we will be having two more sessions- the first half term having another 'Stay and Play' session and the second half term having another 'Big Read'. We hope to see more of you there. The summer term brings with it a new group of children who have just finished having their first taster session with us, but also sees our oldest children get ready for the transition up to Reception class. A big term for all! We hope you all have a great Easter break.

Reception news

Reception children have been very busy over the last few weeks. They turned into detectives to investigate a burglary in the classrooms and wrote fantastic character descriptions of Burglar Bill using their phonic knowledge. If you spot him please let us know! The children have revisited their learning on 3D shapes as well as making numbers up to 20. Our topic after the holidays will be all about growing. We are all looking forward to our visit to Wimpole farm at lambing time. Enjoy the break and have a very happy Easter! The Reception Team

Year 1/2 news

What an exciting half term it has been in Year 1/2! The children have thoroughly enjoyed their 'trip to Mexico', making Mexican food and creating some wonderful clay pots and Mexican inspired sombrero artwork. We have learned about this magnificent country in Geography and written persuasive holiday brochures in English. Thank you to all parents/carers who came to our Mexican sharing afternoon. We hope you enjoyed the dancing and singing and were impressed with the children's culinary skills. Next half term, we will be doing a new topic: Chocolate! Mrs Swann and Miss Galloway are also excited to have PGCE trainees Josh Pusey and Emily Hubert, who will be working with their classes until June. We hope you have a restful and enjoyable Easter break. Please continue to practise reading, spelling and number facts such as times tables over the next two weeks as well as any other additional homework activities that may have been given to your children.

Year 3/4 news

What a 'Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious' half term it has been in Year 3/4. The children have worked so hard learning all their songs, dances, lines and movements for Mary Poppins, and we are really proud of the end result. During rehearsals, children undertook individual projects based on various activities linked to Mary Poppins, which they have thoroughly enjoyed doing. They have acted and sung their socks off, and we hope you enjoyed the show too. We have also been really impressed by the maths times table games that have been sent in so far, and the children have loved playing them with their friends. Next term we move on to 'Inventions' – for the start of term we will 'get stuck into' the topic, so please send in any small junk modelling bits you may have - cardboard boxes, plastic pots, cardboard tubes etc. Grafham won't be far away once we return, so Year 4s - start thinking about what you might like to do for 'Grafham's Got Talent'. Year 3 will have a fun filled few days while the year 4s are away. FYI – in the second half of the summer term, we are planning a trip to West Stoe. Look out for the letter in the first week back. Wishing you all a happy Easter.

Year 5/6 news

The Spring term has flown by and our Year 5/6 pupils have worked hard on their topic on Ancient Greece, enjoying their study of Greek myths and discovering all we have to thank the Greek mathematicians, thinkers and philosophers for. Many thanks to all parents who supported their children with their homework projects for this topic – we really enjoyed the food tasting from their Greek homework projects! Your child should have given you a few dates now for the diary for the first half-term:

- Year 6 End of Key Stage 2 SATs - 14th May – 17th May (a timetable will be sent home via diaries)
- Year 5 Assessments will be the week of 21st May;
- Year 6 Bikeability Course Levels 1 & 2 (Monday 21st to Thursday 24th May). Please use the Bike and Helmet Checklist, sent out with the permission letter, to ensure your child's bike is roadworthy and safe. **(NB a properly fitting helmet is compulsory for this course);**
- **Hilltop meeting for parents** – Monday 21st May (Hardwick 3.45pm) and Wednesday 23rd May (Cambourne 3.45pm).

Next half-term we will be embarking on a shorter topic, based on 'Stone Age' involving some independent projects for Year 5, whilst Year 6 prepare for their SATs and improve their cycling proficiency! The Year 5/6 Teams from Hardwick and Cambourne wish you all an enjoyable and refreshing Easter break!

Family worker drop in- Wednesday 18th April at 2.30. Cambourne Campus.

Samantha Stacey (Family worker) will be holding a second drop in session at our Cambourne Campus on Wednesday 18th April at 2.30. There is no need to book- just turn up! Samantha can advise on sibling rivalry, parenting worries, behaviour strategies and has lots of experience in these areas. She can also signpost you to services/ courses that may be helpful as well as giving advice. She's looks forward to meeting you. This opportunity is open to parents from both Campuses.

Ethics council news

Thanks to everyone who took part in our 'Wear whatever-you-like' Day last Friday. Hardwick raised £246.00 for Stand Up To Cancer, which is a fabulous amount. Well done. We also had a successful Waste Week in March, thinking about ways in which we could reduce food and food packaging waste, by buying less, reusing more and recycling effectively. Next term we look forward to our regular Tin-can tombola stall at the summer carnival, in July.

Sports news

Our school football teams have been doing very well lately, winning matches against Monkfield Park (6-5), drawing against Mayfield and our girls team narrowly losing to Mayfield Primary. We are also pleased to say that we've now got new school team kit for both campuses, which has been kindly sponsored by Rolling Dojo.

Lost property

Our lost property pile is building up, people are welcome to collect it, either from the changing room (Hardwick) or the back office (Cambourne). If it is not claimed by early next term it will be offered to parents to take for free before the remainder bagged up and sent to a clothing bank.

Lunches

Summer term menus are now available to view via this link <https://www.cambridgeshireccs.co.uk/page/school-meals/primary-school-meals/menu> then clicking on the Summer Menu.

Dinner Money - the cost of school dinners for next half term is as follows:

Daily Weekly Half Term

£2.30 £11.50 £82.80

Please ensure all dinners are paid for in advance, we not able to provide lunches without payment.

Get the enhanced E-Newsletter

If you would like the e-newsletter emailed to you instead of a paper copy, and don't usually get one please email **hardwick-primary@hotmail.co.uk** We will send this newsletter out via email in the next couple of days. If you usually receive one, and haven't got it by Monday, can you let us know please!

Twitter

We now have a large number of you following the school on Twitter and we are starting to use this as a very quick and immediate means of informing you of school events. If you've not already joined please start following @HardwickHead

Diary Dates for next term

April

16th Summer term begins

25th Reception trip to Wimpole

June

27th Sports day at Hardwick (afternoon for parents)

28th Sports day at Cambourne (afternoon for parents)

