



Hardwick & Cambourne Community Primary School Newsletter

23rd May 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are pleased to say that the vast majority of our end of year testing is now behind us, and all the children completing national statutory testing in Years 2 and 6 have done so with great enthusiasm and high levels of commitment. We are now all looking forward to all the lovely things that the latter part of the summer term offers. We have the carnival, sports days, Year 5/6 plays etc to look forward to, alongside some school trips and some more great topics.

Hopefully you all received a copy of our new permission slip letter yesterday. The school needs to change this as part of our compliance with the new GDPR requirements. If you could please return these to the school office as soon as you can that would be great.

We are now starting to plan for next year too, and our final year of growth at the Cambourne campus. From September we will have successfully grown the whole site from Reception up to Year 6. This should lead to a more stable period for the school in terms of growth. We hope you have a lovely half term break and enjoy the sun.

Andy Matthews

Nursery news

Nursery have had a great half term with topics ranging from 'the circus' to 'minibeasts' to 'Room on the Broom' - one of our favourite books! We also have introduced our tadpole pond, enabling the children to get a really good look at a wide range of pond life and watch first hand as the tadpole change into frogs. We will release any frogs we have back into the main school pond later in the year. We'd also like to thank once more all parents that came in for the latest 'stay and play' session, and remind everyone we have our shared reading sessions next half term - hope to see more of you there! We hope you all enjoy half term.

Reception news

Reception have enjoyed a very busy half term. All the children have been involved with creating a brand new digging area outside. They are very pleased with the final result! The children have been learning all about growing. They have nurtured our ducklings and tadpoles and made lots of insightful observations. The ducklings will be leaving to their new home on the farm over half term. After half term we will be learning about Jack and the Beanstalk. We will write our own beanstalk stories. Our Father's Day afternoon is scheduled for Friday 15th June. We are looking forward to seeing lots of you there. Have a lovely half term. The Reception Team

Year 1/2 news

Year 1/2 have thoroughly enjoyed their new topic of Chocolate this half term! We have been exploring how chocolate is made and where it comes from, as well as designing and creating advertising for our own chocolate bars. Next half term our new topic will be Habitats. We are looking forward to getting outside and investigating our local habitats and wildlife. As part of the topic year 1/2 will be going on a trip to Wandlebury where the children will work with the Wandlebury Education Team to investigate woodland, pond and chalk grassland habitats through fieldwork. It would be lovely if you could encourage your child to do a local wildlife project over the half term holidays and bring it in to school to be shared with the class. At the end of the first week back we will be saying goodbye to our PGCE trainees Miss Hubert and Mr Pusey. We wish them every success for their future careers and would like to thank them for their hard work; the children have certainly enjoyed having them here!

Year 3/4 news

What an exciting half term it has been for Year 3/4. It was the time of the year for the Year 4 trip to Grafham Water Centre. During this trip, the children were able to try canoeing, kayaking, raft building and many more activities. As well as this, the annual 'Grafham's got talent' show was held live on the trip, with children from Hardwick and Cambourne competing against each other for the top prize. Whilst they were away on the trip, there was plenty going on at school, with the children cooking gingerbread houses, creating some amazing artwork and retelling traditional tales from the Wolf's perspective. The children have also looked at some incredible inventions, in particular from the Victorian era and more recently Apple products whilst writing a biography of Steve Jobs. Next half term looks to be just as exciting when Year 3/4 will be exploring the lives of invaders and settlers, particularly during their trip to the Anglo Saxon village of West Stow.

Year 5/6 news

Many, many congratulations to all of our Year 6 pupils who worked so hard and remained incredibly calm during their SATs last week. Year 6s, you applied yourselves to the task in hand with a great sense of determination and maturity. Well done. Thank you also to the Year 5s who showed a great deal of consideration for the Year 6s - moving around quietly, giving them 'space' and being especially kind. Thank you, too, to all of you, their parents and families, for all the encouragement and support you have given your sons and daughters. What a great team effort! The Year 6s have been facing some new challenges this week. They've been busy with Bikeability and auditions (both acting and singing) for their end of year production. The excitement is rapidly building and we anticipate there may be much line-learning and laughter over the holidays as the pupils eagerly throw themselves in to mastering their parts, some with a Yorkshire accent! Meanwhile, the Year 5s have been focused and working hard to complete their own SATs tests, this week. In between all of this, work on our topic - Stone Age to Iron Age - has continued and it has been lovely to see some really creative homework projects being brought in. Thank you for your continuing support with these home-learning tasks.

Parking and travel issues at both Campuses

Can we please remind parents about safe and courteous parking in and around the school site. Both the school carparks are incredibly busy in the mornings and spaces are at a premium (particularly at the Hardwick campus). At the Cambourne car park, we'd request that people stop parking on the yellow hatched areas by the double gates; not only is this an access point for emergency vehicles, but it also prevents cars from being able to turn the corner along the drop off road. This only adds to the backing up of traffic around the entry road. On that note we do have some good news to share. Following some years of campaigning that the 'slalom' entry road to the school is not suitable and that the corner where the main gates are is not wide enough, we will be seeing some improvement over these issues during the next couple of years (not early enough I know). The Village college has negotiated that as part of their expansion the access road will be two lane and be reworked more effectively into the school site.

At the Hardwick Campus, we'd ask parents to not double park their cars, as this only leads to some parents being unable to vacate the carpark and make a new space available because they are boxed in. We also like to remind parents who park along Egremont road not to park inconsiderately to local residents, not park too close to a junction and to be mindful of other road users.

On both sites now have the additional provision of the early morning drop off reading group, if parents need to drop earlier. This provision is not full on either site and runs from 8.15am. Please contact the school office if you would like to book a place. We are also taking advance bookings for this provision for September.

Sports news

Our school football and netball teams have recently been doing great things with a series of fantastic wins against other local schools. We are looking for any keen parents who might be interested in running a netball club at our Cambourne Campus. If you are interested please email the school. The people who currently run the Netball club at the Hardwick Campus would be more than happy to help you out in setting it up, if you'd find that helpful.

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). Please do so as soon as possible.

Lunches

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

June

4th start back at school

12th New intake evening (Hardwick)

13th New Intake evening (Cambourne)

19th-22nd Hilltop residential for Year 6

27th Sports day at Hardwick (afternoon for parents)

28th Sports day at Cambourne (afternoon for parents)

July

7th School Carnival at Hardwick (12-4)

