



HCCPS Times

Spring into March

As we come to the end of a very busy and productive half term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on all that has been achieved across the school. It has been a packed few weeks, filled with exciting learning opportunities, special events and memorable experiences for all our children. From engaging lessons in the classroom to enrichment activities beyond it, the enthusiasm and effort shown by both pupils and staff have been fantastic.



This half term in Reception, the children have been learning about 'People who help us' and have been thinking about all the people in our lives that help us including our mummies, last week ahead of Mothers' Day. We have been learning about the emergency services and last week we were very lucky to welcome a parent into Reception who is a nurse at Ad-denbrookes. She talked about the jobs that nurses do and the qualities they possess. She explained and demonstrated various pieces of equipment before the children got stuck in to having a go. Our role play doctors surgery and coffee shop have been very busy and the language and writing to come out of it has been fantastic!

KS1 recently enjoyed a fantastic Mexico Day, immersing themselves in the sights, sounds and flavours of another culture. The day began with an exciting "flight" to Mexico, where the children had their passports stamped, boarded their aeroplane and set off on a journey to learn all about the country. Throughout the day, they explored Mexico as a place, created vibrant Mexican-inspired artwork, and even had the opportunity to make their own delicious salsa. It was a wonderful hands-on experience that brought learning to life and sparked great enthusiasm across the year groups.



Our Year 5/6 pupils had a brilliant day out in Cambridge, with most children visiting the Museum of Classical Archaeology and the Museum of Zoology. They stepped back in time during a lively workshop exploring ancient Greek and Roman sculptures, before heading over to the Museum of Zoology for a hands-on session packed with fascinating (and sometimes surprising!) animal facts. From marble statues to skeletons and specimens, there was plenty to spark curiosity and excitement. The children were a credit to the school and returned full of stories - and a few new favourite animals! Due to Otters class being unable to visit the Museum of Classical Archaeology, they instead embarked on a historical walking tour through Cambridge, learning about Norman castles, Roman churches and Cambridge University tales.

And finally, Lower Key Stage 2 have been working incredibly hard in preparation for their end-of-term events, making the most of every rehearsal opportunity. The children have shown great enthusiasm and teamwork as they practise, and there is a real sense of excitement building. They are very much looking forward to showcasing their efforts and performing to parents—it's set to be a wonderful celebration of all their hard work.

Thank you to all our families for your continued support—it has been a truly positive half term with much to celebrate. I hope that you have a lovely Easter break and just a reminder that school reopens for everyone on **Monday 13th April at 9am**

Fund Raisin

A big thank you to everyone who took part in Fund Raisin during the February half term. It raised approximately £785.00 across both sites, which is a fabulous amount. Grasshoppers class on the Hardwick site and Foxes class on the Cambourne site were the two classes that raised the most money, raising a whopping £250 between them. Each class has won a non-uniform day and class teachers will be communicating with parents (if they haven't already) which date this will take place on.

Cyber Crime

Police officers and staff from the Cyber crime team are presenting a series of webinars in the coming months for parents/carers. There are two different webinars on offer although you might find both relevant and useful in understanding how cyber crime can impact families and young people. For more information please see the flyer attached to this email.

Sports Day

We have decided to hold Sports Day earlier in the Summer term this year as you can never be too sure about the good old English weather! Therefore please put the following dates in your diary:

Cambourne: **Monday 18th May, 1.30pm**

Hardwick: **Wednesday 20th May, 1.30pm**

School Dinners

A polite reminder to parents and carers to please ensure that any outstanding balances on your child's account are cleared as soon as possible. To help the smooth running of the school's services, we kindly ask that all accounts remain in credit at all times. If you believe there may be an error or if you need any support, please contact the school office who will be happy to help. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Birthday Celebrations in school

We would like to take this opportunity to gently remind parents and carers that children should not bring sweets or treats into school to share for birthdays or other celebrations. We understand that these moments are special and we love to celebrate them with the children; however, this guidance helps us to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all pupils, particularly those with allergies or dietary requirements. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Guitar Bulletin

Our resident guitar teacher, Mr Cory, may now have some available 30min slots (£20.25 per session) and/or 15min slots (£10.12 per session). If your child is age 7 or above and interested in learning the guitar, please contact Mr Cory via email at jimmypagefans@hotmail.com. Please include:- pupils name, parent/guardian name, school name, class teachers name for 25/26 term, home address & mobile phone number. Please book early to avoid disappointment. Please note if you have already been added to his waiting list, you will be the first to be offered any spaces that become available.