



Hardwick Community Primary School Newsletter

9th March 2009

Dear Parents,

As we approach spring, there are a number of events to look forward to. The Cambridge Science Festival starts this weekend, the year 3/4 production is but a couple of weeks away, Red Nose Day approaches this Friday, and a Big Breakfast is being cooked up. Details of all these events and a whole lot more coming up. We have also welcomed back Mrs Menezes who has returned from her maternity leave, she's supporting Y1/2 and golden mornings.

Later this week we will be sending out a copy of the school's rules for ICT use and acceptable use policy. Please discuss these with your children and then sign and return the slip provided. All users of school ICT equipment are required to adhere to the rules and policy, including all members of staff, who are also required to sign an agreement. We are required to undertake these measures to comply with new guidelines. Your child's access to ICT equipment will be restricted if the slips are not returned.

Thank you,

Andy Matthews & Ruth French (Co-Headteachers)

Reception news

Reception Parents, we are well into our topic of Growing, with our broad beans growing into giant beanstalks, and our cress heads all doing nicely. We are starting to experiment with different conditions in which to grow seeds to see which is best. We have also just finished learning about the life cycle of a butterfly, and found an old chrysalis which has just hatched into a butterfly! There is also a keen gardener from the Council coming to plant with the children in our outdoor area on Tuesday 10th, which will brighten up the place!

This Thursday morning Mr. Hoban's class will have the chance to perform their Dot Wiggle Dash dance in a dance share for parents, please let him or a TA know if you will be coming, to give a rough idea for numbers.

Lastly, as the weather warms up we are hoping to start outdoor P.E. Please ensure your child has a pair of jogging bottoms and a pair of plimsolls or trainers in their P.E. kit. Thank You, the Foundation Stage Team.



Outdoor play



Book week costumes

Year 1/2 news

We are right in the midst of our transport topic and the children have been having a great time finding out about all kinds of different forms of transport and are now designing information pages for a year group fact book. We have also been conducting traffic surveys, and examining some fabulous historical vehicles brought in by parents. We will be rounding off this topic soon with the children designing some vehicles of the future.

It was great to see so many of you at the parent consultations, if you happened to miss this opportunity to discuss your child's progress please contact one of us for an appointment.

Could we also put out a plea for as many egg box cartons as possible please. Mrs Menezes needs them for making animals!



A Ford Model T station wagon!!!



A Golden Morning café visit



What is Burglar Bill up to here?

Year 3/4 news

The Year 3/4 Play will be on Tuesday 24th March 2pm and Wednesday 25th March 7pm, a letter with ticket details will be coming out this week. We have discussed costumes with children but if you have any questions please come in and speak to us. We have all been working hard and we hope the children are enjoying it as much as us! Homework – This term children will receive weekly spellings on Mondays due the following Monday, they need to look cover write check the words and then write a sentence for each word. Children will also get a maths homework sheet on Thursday due for the following Thursday. We are trying to encourage the children to take responsibility for remembering their homework and appreciate all your support with this matter. However, if this is a continuing problem a homework reminder will now appear on the school website.

As the weather is improving the children will be going outside for P.E. children need to make sure they have both indoor and outdoor kits in school. Indoor kit should be shorts and t-shirt; we don't allow children to wear tracksuit trousers for gymnastics as these can be unsafe when using equipment. Outdoor kit should be trainers, tracksuit trousers and jumper. Please make sure all kit is named. No jewellery should be worn and where possible earrings should not be worn on the day of P.E. lessons. Children with long hair should also make sure they have their hair tied back.



Ski slope models being tested and ski slope planning mind map

Our wonderful Year 5/6 footballers

Year 5/6 news

HILLTOP MEETING FOR YEAR 6 PARENTS - 20th May at 5.30pm to discuss any concerns and to give parents information about the trip. Children should not attend this meeting.

Year 5/6 Sex Education week will be the week after SATs 18th – 22nd May. We will not be holding a meeting for parents as the content was covered in the Whole School meeting last year. However if you would like to see extracts of the video material for your information, this will be available in school at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 5th May and Thursday 7th May. Please come in and speak to one of us about this course if you would like greater clarification.

YEAR 5 AND 6 MATHS CHALLENGES

4 pupils will be selected to represent Hardwick in the county maths challenges. 2 years ago we won the Year 5 County Challenge at the finals at Duxford Imperial War Museum.

The Year 5 Maths challenge is on Wednesday 6th May at Fawcett School, Trumpington, starting at 4pm.

The Year 6 Maths Challenge is on Thursday 4th June at St Faiths School during the afternoon.

Cambridge Science Festival 2009

The university science festival has been expanded this year and will now run over two weekends from the 9th to the 22nd of March, with family fun days on the 14th and the 21st March. There is a very long list of exciting events and activities arranged this year. For a full programme, including details of location, time and age suitability visit www.cambridgescience.org

The Colourbox

On another matter of science, the Big Wide Talk organisation are setting up a free science activity for children to attend between the 23rd March and the 3rd April. This consists of a large white space split into four areas for children to explore the properties of light by using light boxes, prisms and spot lights, all of which is videoed for families to watch back. The school has arranged for visits of Hardwick children with their parents during twilight sessions from 4.30 – 6.30pm. The sessions would be at 'The Brickworks' at Manor Community College, Arbury Road, Cambridge. Parents would clearly need to provide their own transport to and from the venue and supervise their children on site. This should be fun to do, as you will be encouraged to get involved with your children's learning. If you are interested in going, we will arrange for an evening session for groups over the ten days. In order to do this we will need to gauge numbers, so if you are interested please indicate below.

The Colourbox reply slip

I would be interested in taking my child/children to the colourbox. We would be able to go on the following days.

Mon Tues Wed Thur Fri

Signed _____ Parent of _____ Year _____

PTA news

Please note our change of date for the PTA bingo from the 25th March to the 1st of April. This has been an unavoidable alteration, please accept our apologies. We are still accepting new members for Wonderball. If you are interested please contact any member of the PTA or ring the school office.

Our next PTA meeting is at 7.30pm at the Blue Lion pub, where we will be planning this years carnival. The carnival this year will be focussed around the 30th anniversary of the school. If you are interested in getting involved then please come along.

For more information please visit our new website at www.hardwickpta.co.uk

Parent governor elections

We have two candidates for the recently vacated parent governor post. This means there will need to be an election. Ballot papers will have come out today with your children, if you don't have one then please come in to collect one from the school office. The ballot starts at 9am on the 17th March and will close at 3.15pm on the 19th March. Full details are with the ballot papers.

Get the enhanced E-Newsletter

If you would like the e-newsletter emailed to you please email hardwickprimary@hotmail.co.uk. This will be an enhanced newsletter containing colour pictures of curriculum experiences and events. The paper newsletter will continue, however it will not contain the photographs due to high printing costs.

School dinner promotions

From next week we will be taking bookings for a birthday table. Children with birthdays can invite their friends (up to six), and one adult (minimum) to lunch. A birthday cake, table cloths and napkins will be provided. This must be booked at least one week in advance and paid for beforehand. All the children on the birthday table need to have a school dinner.

On the 25th March we will be starting our half termly 'Well Wicked Wednesday' promotion. The menu this time is Cheeseburger or Quorn hot dog with baked beans, chips and a choc ice.

Also on Thursday 2nd April we will have our Easter lunch.

The Big Breakfast

Make a diary date for breakfast here at school on April 3rd. Bacon and sausages butties galore! This popular, and delicious, fund-raising activity for Cancer Research UK is also a great community event. We will be serving cereals, continental breakfasts and bacon or sausage sandwiches from 7.45 a.m. until 9.00 a.m. for a suggested donation of £1.40 per item.

The Big Breakfast reply slip

Child's Name.....Class.....

We will be coming to the Charity Breakfast on Friday 3rd April. There will be of us coming.

We would like

Continental
Breakfasts

Cereals

Sausage
Sandwiches

Bacon
Sandwiches

Signed.....

Diary Dates for the rest of this term

March

12th Reception dance share

13th Red nose day

24th Year 3/4 play 2pm

25th Year 3/4 play 7pm

5/6 Rugby tournament at CVC

April

1st PTA Bingo 5pm

End of term 3rd April

Comic relief fundraising

This year for Red Nose Day we will be having two fundraising activities. Firstly the school council will be running 'Dress in red or just for bed', on Friday, the proceeds of which will be split between the school council and the Comic Relief charity. Children will simply need to pay £1 to dress in as much red clothing as they have or in bed clothes (with slippers). Red wigs, dyed hair and red noses are of course allowed.

The second fund raiser is a pupil vote, where pupils pay 50p to vote for which headteacher they wish to see covered in gunge on Friday afternoon!!! Of course if no-one votes both of us will be saved. If it is a tie it will be both of us. Our fate is in your hands! The children can start voting tomorrow, (if they bring in 50p!) and all proceeds from this will go to Comic Relief.

