



16th February 2024

Hauxton Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the half term draws to a close, we have a chance to reflect on the learning opportunities that the children have had over the past few weeks and to look forward to what is to come during the second half of the Spring Term.

Two weeks ago we welcomed Premier Sports into school to deliver dance, drama and wellness workshops to the children in Sycamore and Oak classes, to support Children's Mental Health Week. Here's what some of the children and adults had to say:

It was really nice to have a chance to build up my confidence with my friends.

Daliah,

It was lots of fun and we got to know more about each other.

Sam.

It was really nice to see children playing and interacting with children they would not normally work with. They really pushed themselves out of their comfort zones and had a great time.

Miss Garrett

Looking forward to immediately after the half term break, the children in Oak Class will be undertaking their Bikeability Training on the school playground and around the village. This is an opportunity for all of the children, whatever their ability, to learn about road safety and have the chance to practice the necessary skills to ensure that they are safe and competent to cycle on the road. The sessions will take place between Monday and Thursday and the children will be spending some of their time practising on the playground. Please bear this in mind at drop off and pick up time when there are likely to be more bicycles on the roads than normal.

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. However, at Hauxton we feel that reading and books deserve a whole week of celebration! Therefore we have designated the week beginning 18th March as 'Hauxton Primary Book Week'. For further details of what to expect, please turn to page 2...

In the meantime, have a wonderful half term break. I hope the sun shines and that you all have a chance to relax a little.

Mrs Hurworth

CLUBS

Tuesday

Hockey Club (Mrs Cooke)
3.15pm to 4.15pm ***FULL***

Wednesday

Multi Sports Club EYFS/KS1
3:15pm to 4:15pm

Wednesday

KS2 Choir (Mrs Parks-Connolly/Mrs Hurworth)
3.15pm to 4.00pm

Thursday

Multi Sports Club KS2
3:15pm to 4:15pm

Friday

KS2 Running Club (JS Sport & Education /Mrs Hurworth)
8am to 8.45am

DIARY DATES

Half Term Break

Monday 19th—Friday 23rd February 2024

Open Classroom for Parents

Friday 1st March 2024
from 2.30pm—3pm.

Parent Consultations (online)

Wednesday 6th March 4pm—7pm
Thursday 7th March 3.30pm—6pm

~~World Book Day~~

~~Thursday 7th March 2024~~

KS2 Sleep Out for Centrepont

Friday 9th March 2024
*Further details on page 2

Sustrans Big Wheel/Walk Challenge

Monday 11th—Friday 22nd March 2024

Book Week

18th—22nd March 2024
WATCH THIS SPACE!

Last Day of Spring Term

Thursday 28th March 2024

School Council—KS2 Big Sleep Out—Friday 8th March

The School Council met recently to discuss issues which were of concern to them and one of the issues raised was to raise awareness of the thousands of young people sleeping rough across the UK each night.

So, we have decided to invite the children in KS2 to give up the luxury of their bed for one night and swap it for a night sleeping on the School Hall floor in a sleeping bag. Sleep Out is a national campaign, run by the Centrepont charity, designed to support people to understand some of the realities that homeless young people face and help to end youth homelessness.

Mr Carter has (bravely!) volunteered to join me supervising the children overnight on Friday 8th March (times to be confirmed) and we will be providing the children with a basic breakfast before collection on the Saturday morning. We will be sending further details after the half term break but wanted to share the date with you, in case your child was interested in joining us. There is no charge for this experience, all we ask is for the children to bring a donation with them for the Centrepont charity.

Food Collection Box Harston Food Hub

We have been approached by Harston Food Hub to ask if we would be prepared to have a food donation box located in the school foyer. The food collection box will be in place after the half term break and the Food Hub would welcome donations of dried and tinned goods, should you wish to donate.

Hauxton Primary School Book Week 18th—22nd March 2024

We are delighted to share that we will be kicking off the week with a visit from local, children's author, Pippa Goodhart. Pippa, who also writes under the pen name 'Laura Owen' has written a number of award winning books including 'You Choose' and the 'Winnie the Witch' series. Pippa will deliver an assembly and spend some time in each of the three classes delivering a workshop. To complement Pippa's visit, we are also delighted to welcome David Oates, a professional illustrator of children's books, who will join us on Wednesday 20th March to work with all classes on creating characters for their stories. The week will finish with a quiz and the children will be invited to come to school on Friday 22nd in an outfit based on an onomatopoeic word, such as 'pop', 'splash', 'buzz' or 'bang'. Onomatopoeia is when a word sounds like the noise it describes. The outfits can be as simple as wearing stripes like a bee which goes 'buzz' to using hair spray and a comb to create wild hair that has been shocked by an electrical buzz. You can be as creative as you like!

Boom! Shake, shake, shake the room...49!

In my last newsletter I asked for your support to encourage the children to read at home on at least 3 occasions each week and record these on Boom Reader. I am absolutely delighted to share that last week, with your help, we were able to celebrate an amazing 49 children in Friday's assembly for reaching their reading target. Wouldn't it be fantastic if we could make it an even 50 after the half term break?



"To read is to fly: it is to soar to a point of vantage which gives a view over wide terrains of history, human variety, ideas, shared experience and the fruits of many inquiries."

— A.C. Grayling