

Spring 2, Issue 1

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Hanslope School NEWSLETTER

HAITI APPEAL

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term. The weather so far has resembled winter more than anything else., but we hope that it won't dampen the children's spirits both in and out of the classroom.

The first day back after a holiday is often a nightmare in terms of the volume of post that lands on Mrs Bishop's desk. This week, we welcomed the huge numbers of envelopes as they were filled with sponsor forms and sponsor money which had been collected over the half term break. A gentle reminder went out to

those children who had forgotten to start collecting their sponsorship money. That said, we are extremely optimistic about how great Hanslope School's contribution to the cause will be.

The School's Council deserve a special mention again for their launch. They will be able to report on the final figure raised very soon.

May I take this opportunity to thank parents, carers, family members and friends for supporting the children and the school in achieving our goals.

HOUSE NEWS

Friday assemblies have almost become the highlight of the week as this is the time of the week when house points are counted and publicly celebrated. Our Deputy Heads of House have taken on their roles with enthusiasm and routinely visit all the classrooms, totaling the house points awarded that week. The whole school wait with baited breath as the scores on the doors are revealed.

For Spring 1, the results are as follows:

Squirrel House: 237 points

Deer House: 247 points

Owl House: 241 points

Fox House: 192 points

Our recent inter-house Bird Watch competition was also a huge success. Staff commented on how well children from different year groups worked together. 1st place was awarded to Deer House.

The following children scored particularly well, achieving the highest scores within their Houses:

Vincenza Jaquest, Alice Gambles, Chantelle O'Connor, Eleanor Brain, Claudia Burton, Sophie Bird, Charlotte Barrow, Xcena Pasqualin, Emma Cheong and Elysia Woodman.

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Special points of interest:

- **Recommended book lists for each year group to be posted onto the website soon.**
- **The next session for the P.O.S.H. club will be on Thursday 4th March at 7.00pm.**

GOVERNORS REQUIRED

Hanslope School is very fortunate to have an established Governing Body which fully supports the school.

At present, we have two vacancies for the post of Community Governor.

If you would like to find out more about what this role entails or indeed if you would like to volunteer for the position, please contact the school.

CHOIR NEWS

The school choir have been part of the 'Moving on up' group since the beginning of the year. It began with a workshop at Willen School back in the Autumn Term and has since involved working with professionals in preparation for the event to be held this Saturday at MK Stadium.

Mrs Czornyj has been supported by Mrs Lawrence during choir sessions after school on Mondays and both have worked hard to pro-

duce what will be a fantastic performance at the weekend.

The Hanslope Choir will both sound and look professional as we have had T-shirts embossed with the school logo and 'HANSLOPE SCHOOL CHOIR' on the back.

I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Czornyj and Mrs Lawrence for all their hard work as well as wishing the children luck for the concert. Will we be the best choir there?YES!

General Administration and Housekeeping

PARENTMAIL

Feedback from parents in the July 2009 Parental Survey highlighted requests for different methods of communication between the school and home. The principal reason was to support the environment by cutting down on distributing paper copies of documents in book bags (particularly if you have more than one child in the school).

The school has since explored the available options and we are pleased to inform you that we believe we have found a solution.

PARENTMAIL is a system which facilitates communication between schools and their parents via the use of email and text messaging. Whilst we don't envisage frequent use of the text messaging service, the email facility will be used more frequently to send documents such as newsletters.

Last term, I asked parents to advise the school if they did not have internet access. I did not receive any responses. If this applies to you, please can you contact Mrs Bishop to let her know so that once the system is up and running, we can ensure that hard copies are sent home.

The system will not be fully implemented until after Easter, but in the interim, we would welcome any comments in respect of this.

PE KIT

Just a quick reminder that outdoor PE lessons will continue unless the weather conditions are extreme. Please can you ensure that your child comes to school equipped with appropriate kit as follows: trainers, jogging bottoms for colder weather and shorts in warmer months, tee-shirt, jumper or fleece, carrier bag for soiled clothing, All clothing should be different to that worn in class.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 11th March: Year 4 visit to Cadbury's World

Tuesday 16th March: Parent workshops

Tuesday 23rd March: Open Morning

Saturday 27th March: Year 5 and 6 RYG pupils leave, returning on Friday 2nd April.

Thursday 1st April—School closes for Easter break

Monday 19th April - INSET DAY

Tuesday 20th April— School resumes for the Summer Term