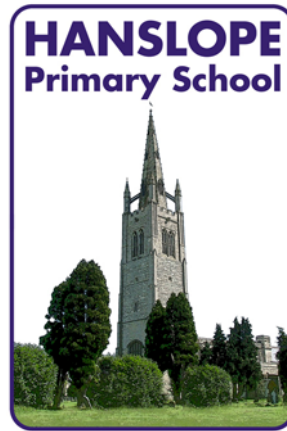


NEWSLETTER



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Time flies when you are having fun - or so they say. This half term has flown by and believe it or not we close for the half term break in a just as few days time. Learning and every child making progress remains a priority for us at Hanslope; the children have continued to have opportunities for new learning, the reinforcement of previous skills and knowledge, whilst working towards meeting their targets. Further assessments will take place in the second half of the Summer term and you will be advised of your child's overall progress in the end-of-year reports.

Baby News!

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that Mrs Cowper gave birth to a baby boy at 6.35pm on Monday 18th May. Mother, baby and father are all doing well.

Healthy Schools National Status

Friday afternoon was cause for celebration as we were visited by Terry Brown, Healthy Schools Consultant. As we marked 'Fruity Friday' with a 'How many fruits can you name?' competition, Mr Brown arrived to present our award. We are really pleased with our achievement and look forward to working with you all to further improving our provision. We have recently drawn up a draft Food Policy which will be going out to parent/carer consultation in due course.

SATS

The Year 6 SATs finally came to close on Friday morning. Loud cheers could be heard from oak classroom as the children completed their final paper. Mrs Czornyj, Mrs Hughes and I are very proud of the attitudes displayed last week and believe that the children did their best, despite some tricky questions. Unfortunately, we have at least a 6 week wait until the results are returned to us. KS1 SATs will take place over the course of the next few weeks.

Refurbishment

We are now into the next cycle of refurbishments now the boiler and heating system have been fully replaced. Painting contractors began work last week; every wall, door, skirting board and architrave will be getting a new lease of life. Be assured that we will endeavour to minimise any disruptions this work may cause.

News from the office

Mrs Bishop has asked me to inform you that the school now has an answer machine. Our experience to date is that some parents have left messages, whilst others may have thought they had rung a wrong number and left no message at all. Please be assured that we will action or respond to all messages.

Homework

Due to the additional workload created at this time of year by report writing, homework will not be issued for the first 2 weeks of the Summer term. Although no formal tasks will be set, please continue to encourage your children to read and practise time tables. Should you wish, they can undertake research to support their class topic as part of their home-study regime.

Morning Reading sessions

We would like to invite you to share a book with your child before the official start of the school day. Between 8.45 and 8.55 you are welcome to come into school and hear your child read in the classroom or to browse through the books in the library to support your child in changing his/her reading book. This facility will be available every day in KS2 and every day except Wednesdays in KS1. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible commencing the first day back after half term.

And finally..... many thanks for your understanding and cooperation in respect of the early school closure on Friday. Enjoy the half term break and we look forward to a sunny and productive Summer 2. School resumes on Monday 1st June.

Debbie Doherty
20th May 2009