

**Newsletter**

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**2018**

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**Mrs Capp**

I am delighted to have this opportunity to introduce myself to you as the new deputy headteacher of Hanslope Primary School and I am looking forward to teaching your children, working closely with the staff and becoming an integrated and proactive member of this community.

My background is in science research, however, I decided to retrain as a primary school teacher in 2008 as a result of my passion for education and my desire to have the opportunity to teach the young people of our future.

Over the last few years, I have worked at Tickford Park Primary School where I specialised in developing the teaching and learning of English. Books are my passion and I truly believe that the skill of reading is a lifelong gift which not only gives great pleasure but will also enable children to become equipped for every stage of their learning journey.

Please feel free to introduce yourself or contact me by email. I hope to be able to meet many of you in the near future.

**Breakfast with a Book**

As part of our World Book Day celebrations (1st March 2018), Mrs Capp and Mrs Knight will be running ‘Breakfast with a Book’. This event is designed to enable children to enjoy reading a book with their family over a light breakfast, which will consist of a small pastry and a drink of fruit juice, water or squash. Tickets will cost £1.00 and any profits made will be used to buy new books for the library which will be chosen from the wish list that children are adding to outside the library. The event will take place in Salcey Hall, starting at 8:15 and ending at 8:45 to enable children to line up on the playground in time for the school day to begin. The date for these sessions will be Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd February.

Details on how to obtain tickets will be sent out soon.

**Mrs Czornyj**

Mrs Czornyj has asked me to pass on her thanks to all the children and parents that gave so generously towards the collection for her leaving present at the end of last term. With the money raised we bought theatre vouchers so that she can enjoy trips to see different productions of her choice; this seemed fitting as she has organised such wonderful plays and musical evenings for our school over the years.

**Lost Property and Donated Clothing**

At the end of term we were left with a large amount of lost property. Some of the items were clearly named and easy to match with children. The rest has been displayed in the main hall for children to claim and has now been donated to charity.

A kind parent has arranged for us to have a dedicated donation bin, positioned outside the main office, for any unwanted clothes you may wish to send to charity.

**Behaviour Policy**

Just a reminder that our Behaviour Policy can be found on our School Website via the parents’ section.

**Lunchtimes**

As I am sure you are aware, we have decided to operate our lunch system at school in a different manner. We have now got a staggered lunch system that appears to be working well and maximises time spent playing in a safe manner.

We are currently short of two midday supervisors and would really like to recruit parents who have fresh ideas about children’s play, who enjoy working with children and are reliable. The hours are 11:45am to 1:15pm every day. If you wish to apply, please contact Mrs Loveday.

**Information about Your Child’s Progress**

By the beginning of February, we will have placed a detailed document on our website explaining how we assess the children in our school and monitor their progress. Hopefully you will find this information useful.

During our Parents’ Evening times (See Diary Dates), Mrs Capp and I will be available in Salcey Hall with the document. Should you wish to have clarification on its contents, please come and speak with us. No formal appointments will be necessary and we will operate under a drop-in basis.

**Spring Fayre**

F.O.H.S. have arranged for there to be a Spring Fayre this year on Saturday 14th April between 10 -2 pm. The committee would like to ask for donations of chocolate items, big or small, to be sent into school by Thursday 12th April to be used as prizes on a stall. Anything you can spare will be greatly appreciated.



**Diary Dates**

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***Please note all the dates and times shown here are accurate at the time of the publication of this newsletter. Any unforeseen event may happen that could cause alterations to the information listed below; if this does occur we will endeavour to let you know as quickly as possible.***

**Tues 6th February (3:30 – 6:00) Parents’ Evening**

**Wed 7th February (6:00 – 8:00) Parents’ Evening**

**Sat 10th – Sun 18th February Half Term**

**Mon 19th February Term begins**

**Thurs 22nd February Breakfast with a Book**

**Fri 23rd February Breakfast with a Book**

**Thurs 1st March World Book Day (details to follow)**

**Wed 14th March Y2 Sea Life Trip**

**Thurs 15th March Disco**

**Fri 23rd March Sports Relief**

**Sat 24th March – Sun 8th April Easter Hol**

**Mon 9th April Term begins**

**Sat 14th April (10 – 2) Spring Fayre**

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