



Hawthorn Community Primary School



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We were very excited this week to finally take delivery of our new school minibus. I would like to thank the members of the PFA for their promise of a generous donation towards the cost of the vehicle and to all of the parents and friends of the school who have supported the fundraising efforts over the last year. We are now looking forward to being able to transport the children to activities and events off-site once again.

In EYFS this week the children have been learning about the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears.' They have been encouraged to explore both wet and dry oats and to develop their use of language to describe their textures. Many apologies if your child has come home from school with their uniform, shoes and hair covered in oats, but learning is good fun, if sometimes a little messy!

This week in KS1 the children had a splendid time during their class reading session. They read one of their favourite stories called 'We're going on a bear hunt.' They had the chance of going outside onto the playground and retold the story out loud and also came up with actions for each part of the story. As they acted out the story, they wondered what they could see. Could there be a bear on our playground?

The big news in year 3 and 4 this week is the very welcome return of Mrs Park. It was lovely to see her back in school, even though initially she will only be teaching during the morning sessions. I would like to thank Miss York and Ms. Butler who have been covering Willows and Silver Birches classes during Mrs Park's absence and who will continue to work with the classes during the afternoon sessions until Mrs Park is able to resume her full teaching responsibility. Years 3 and 4 have had an exciting week this week! They have been exploring and dissecting soil to see what it is made from in Science. In topic they have used playdough to build models of Stonehenge while exploring why it was made. There has been some good team work with the children from Year 4 supporting Year 3s to use Mathletics for the first time. Please encourage your child to continue using this at home as it is a valuable resource for supporting what they have learnt at school.



Years 5 and 6 have been busy working on their multiplication skills in maths lessons this week and have revised squared, cubed and prime numbers, as well as factors, common factors, multiples and common multiples. It has been great to see so many children applying 'APE' – Apply, Prove, Explain, to show their deeper understanding of mathematical concepts, as well as seeing so many children quickly recall their times tables facts. It is lovely to see so many children progressing quickly through the '99' Club. How is your child getting on?

House Points for this Term		
	Weekly total	Termly total
Rockingham	91	397
Salcey	91	373
Sherwood	99	373
Theftord	96	394

Well done to everyone in **Sherwood** this week.

This term's leaders are:
ROCKINGHAM

PFA News

Don't forget the PFA meeting next Wednesday 10th October in the Community Room at school. We would love for you to come and join us and bring some fresh ideas.

Hopefully see you there at 7.15pm!

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Notes from the School Council meeting: We were very excited to have our first School Council meeting of the year. The children came with lots of ideas about how they could make changes or improvements throughout the school, to make Hawthorn the best school it can be! We discussed fundraising, play and lunchtimes, and daily routines such as the register. The children were very respectful and listened to each other's ideas with interest.



Meet the members of our School Council

Current project:
How can we improve play and lunch times?

Job Opportunity!

We are looking to appoint 2 Casual Lunchtime Supervisors to join our team. The successful candidates will be required to cover staff absence and courses, usually at short notice. The hourly rate of pay is £8.62 and a lunchtime shift is for 1¼ hours 11.50am – 1.05pm. If you know someone who may be interested in applying please ask them to contact Mrs Marshall, the School Bursar, on bursar@hawthorn.northants-ecl.gov.uk for an application pack. This post is subject to pre-employment checks that include enhanced DBS clearance, medical questionnaire and two satisfactory references.

Dates for Your Diary:

October	
10 th	PFA AGM and meeting 7.15pm
11 th	Individual School Photos
15 th	'Hawthorn in Action' for current parents, 2.30pm.
15 th	Open Evening for prospective new EYFS parents (September 2019) 6.00-7.00pm
17 th	Harvest Festival (am)
19 th	PCSO to talk to the children in assembly about staying safe
19 th	End of Term 1
29 th	Start of Term 2
w.b. 29 th	Parent Interview Meetings – late night to be confirmed
29 th	Year 6 Health Screening with the School Nurse
November	
1 st	Cedars Class first swimming session
5 th – 8 th	'Hawthorn in Action' visits for prospective new EYFS parents
w.b. 12 th	Anti-Bullying Week
16 th	Children in Need Day
w.b. 19 th	Road Safety Week
December	
6 th	Flu Vaccinations for children in years EYFS- 5
14 th	KS2 Children visit to the Pantomime
19 th	End of Term 2
January	
7 th	Start of Term 3

Parent Forum Coffee Morning

Thank you to all of those parents who attended the event this morning. Although there was a small delay in serving coffee because of problems with the urn, it was a very successful meeting and some good positive ideas were put forward of things that the school could do to improve parents' understanding of what happens in school, such as more information evenings. Although a date for the next meeting has yet to be arranged, we will publish this on the dates for your diary section as soon as it is agreed.

Please don't forget that the photographer will be in school next Thursday to take individual and family photographs, so make sure that your children are looking their best!



Attendance Update

This week's whole school attendance was: **97.4%**

EYFS and KS1 CLASSES	Total for week	Change from previous week	KS2 CLASSES	Total for week	Change from previous week
Cherries	95.5%	+ 2.9	Willows	98.5%	- 0.8
Apples	97.7%	- 0.4	Silver Birches	96.5%	+ 1.1
Ash	97.7%	+ 2.7	Redwoods	97.6%	- 2.1
Bay	95.8%	+ 1.7	Maples	98.4%	- 0.6
Elm	97.0%	- 0.6	Cedars	98.6%	- 0.1
			Oaks	97.0%	+ 0.7

Weekly Winner: CEDARS

MIA Weekly Winner: ASH