



Hawthorn Community Primary School



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Welcome back to school everyone, I hope that you all had an enjoyable autumn break! This term is always exciting and, just as in previous years, it promises to be a very busy one with all the fun of Christmas to look forward to at the end of it. Please see the list of dates on page 2 for information about things that are already planned for this term, and we will try to provide you with as much notice as possible of any other special events.

We do hope that you were able to join us for our parent interviews this week, as it is an important opportunity for you to discuss the progress that your child is making and any particular issues that they may have. If you missed out on an appointment for any reason, please do contact your child's teacher to arrange an alternative date and time, as we would like to be able to give all of our parents and carers an update on how their child is performing.

On Tuesday this week we were very pleased to welcome members of the NMPAT brass quintet into school to perform for the children. The children learnt about the different instruments that make up a brass quintet – 2 trumpets, a tuba, a trombone and a French horn and listened to them perform a range of music from the Doctor Who theme to 'Baby Shark'! The children also had the opportunity to participate in making music themselves by joining in with a vuvuzela hosepipe performance! Hopefully this visit may inspire some of the children to learn a musical instrument.

This week in EYFS the children have been learning about light and dark, particularly looking at fireworks. They have made very sparkly firework pictures and have learnt to develop their language by describing the sounds that the fireworks make.

In KS1 this week, the children enjoyed an autumnal walk to St Michaels Church which inspired them to create a fantastic word bank that was used to adapt an autumn poem by Shirley Hughes. They discovered the meanings of some new vocabulary and developed skills of using a dictionary and/or thesaurus!

This week in years 3 and 4 the children have been writing instructions for cleaning their dirty woolly mammoths! They have enjoyed thinking about how to get them into the bath tub and what they might use to clean them. Their ideas have been full of humour and unique! They have also moved into the Iron Age with their topic work and have been learning about the discovery of iron and the different jobs that they might have needed to do in an iron-age fort. In science they have enjoyed learning about fossils and making their own replicas using shells and clay.

This week in UKS2, the children have been learning about the features of a Newspaper Report. They have been writing a report about an imagined insect invasion of the school which was found by Mrs Brookes, our Chair of Governors. In Maths, the children have been learning about short division including remainders and how to convert these to fractions and decimals. The children started their new topic of World War 2, and have shown great curiosity as well as prior knowledge about the subject. Several children have already brought into school some amazing artefacts including old Newspapers, and talked about relatives who were involved in the war.

House Points for this Term		
	Weekly total	Termly total
Rockingham	122	122
Salcey	136	136
Sherwood	138	138
Thefford	117	117
Well done to everyone in Sherwood this week.		
This term's leaders are: SHERWOOD		

PFA News

Don't forget that tonight is the Halloween Disco!! Bring the children along to have some fun with their friends.

£2 per child

KS1 - 5.45pm to 7pm

KS2 - 7.15pm to 8.30pm



There will be crisps and drinks available to keep the energy levels up! Parents are welcome to stay. Fancy dress optional.

Thank you to everyone who supported the cake sale after school today. All proceeds will go to Oaks and Cedars classes.

Please follow our Facebook page **HAWTHORN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL PFA** to keep up to date with events.

On Wednesday evening some of our year 5 and 6 boys took part in a football match against Hall Meadow School. Although the team was defeated 4 – 0 Mr Hall was happy that the boys all put in 100% effort and gained a lot from the experience. Better luck next time!

Playground Leaders

Before the half term break, Elm class had an amazing opportunity to have a fun-filled sports session with brilliant and caring playground leaders, from our year 6 classes! They did a fabulous job at keeping Elm class engaged and focussed at all times. We were eager to get that bean bag into the hoop, some of us were lucky enough to get it in on our first attempt! They taught us a few skills which we can apply during our P.E sessions. We very much look forward to seeing the playground leaders around school. All the best, we have no doubt the playground leaders will be fabulous!

Dates for Your Diary:

November	
2 nd	PFA Halloween Disco
5 th	Hawthorn vs Mawsley Football match
w.b. 12 th	Anti-Bullying Week
16 th	Children in Need Day
w.b. 19 th	Road Safety Week
23 rd	Jam Jar Muffi
28 th	Open Meeting for parents re academisation 6.30pm.
29 th	Y4 children ukulele concert to parents (pm)
30 th	Academy consultation period for staff and parents closes.
December	
6 th	Flu Immunisation for children in years EYFS-5
7 th	Chocolate Muffi Day PFA CHRISTMAS FAIR 6-8pm
12 th	EYFS Christmas production to parents (pm)
13 th	EYFS evening performance to parents 6pm
14 th	KS2 Children visit to the Pantomime
14 th	KS1 pantomime in school
17 th	EYFS/KS1 Christingle Service 1.30pm at St. Michael's Church
18 th	KS2 Christmas Musical Evening 7pm at the United Reform Church
19 th	End of Term 2
January	
7 th	Start of Term 3

POPPY APPEAL

We are now selling poppies and other items to support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Next Friday, 9th November, we will be marking Remembrance Day by assembling the whole school around the flagpole at 11am to observe the minute's silence for all those who have been killed or injured in conflicts around the world.

Please note that we have now set the date for the meeting for parents who are interested in finding out more about the plans to join with Montsaye Community Learning Partnership. On Wednesday 28th November at 6.30pm you will have the opportunity to meet with the academy's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Finance Officer and to ask them any questions about the Academy that you may have.

Attendance Update

This week's whole school attendance was: **95.5%**

EYFS and KS1 CLASSES	Total for week	Change from previous week	KS2 CLASSES	Total for week	Change from previous week
Cherries	97.8%	+ 14.1	Willows	97.7%	+ 6.3
Apples	92.0%	+ 6.0	Silver Birches	97.3%	+ 3.3
Ash	87.6%	+ 0.3	Redwoods	97.3%	+ 7.0
Bay	98.3%	+ 3.9	Maples	95.0%	+ 3.7
Elm	96.2%	+ 1.4	Cedars	98.0%	+ 1.0
			Oaks	92.4%	- 5.9

Weekly Winner: BAY

MIA Weekly Winner: CHERRIES