



Hawthorn Community Primary School



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On Wednesday evening we invited two representatives from Montsaye Community Learning Partnership into school to talk to staff and parents about us potentially joining this academy trust. I hope that the parents who were able to attend the meeting found it informative and were reassured that if we were to join the academy that life at Hawthorn would not change dramatically, as we are very keen to ensure that the values that we hold dear remain in place. Accompanying this newsletter you should find a summary document of some of the questions that were asked at the meeting. One of the issues that was raised at the meeting for parents was how the staff felt about the prospective conversion, and so I have included quotes from two of my colleagues to reassure parents that we are not going against their wishes:

"I am looking forward to working with other schools within an academy. The professional development and collaborative element of working with other schools is exciting. I always enjoy meeting other teachers at training and moderation meetings I have attended as a quality professional discussion about what has worked well as well as insight to challenges is always great - this will be more regular when part of an academy. As well as this, comparing the work the students at Hawthorn create with those at other schools allows us as teachers to be confident in our judgements. I am looking forward to seeing how Hawthorn can move forward within the trust."
Mrs Tinto.

"I believe the decision being made to join the trust is well thought-out and will certainly cater for the needs of both the children and staff members at Hawthorn. Ann and Peter who came in to share MCLP's wonderful vision and thoroughly explained how the Academy Trust operates. I was particularly impressed that their beliefs and goals are very much centred around the well-being of children. They aim to help schools to create a strong learning environment where all children believe that they can achieve whatever they put their mind to, make progress and be sure that their achievements will be valued at all times. As teachers' we will have the opportunity to visit other schools within the Trust and work collaboratively to moderate work and ensure that our teacher assessments are in line with the national standards. Most importantly, we will be able to communicate with other educators within the Trust who also wish to raise student achievement and take it to a whole new level. The best part is we will still be able to keep our identity as a school and follow the lovely traditions we have had over the years at Hawthorn. As teachers and parents' we always want the best for the children and I feel accepting the guidance and support from MCLP will prove to benefit our school in every possible way." Miss Osman.

On Thursday afternoon this week our year 4 children had the opportunity to show off what they had been learning in their music sessions over the last ten weeks. During this time a

member of the NMPAT team has been coming into school to teach them all how to play the ukulele, and the sessions culminated in a performance to their parents and the other children from KS2. It was lovely to see them all performing so confidently and I hope that this experience may encourage a few of them to want to continue to learn how to play a musical instrument. We are investigating the potential costs of introducing ukulele lessons for KS2 children, so if your child has taken part in this project and would like to continue or is interested in learning how to play the ukulele, please contact a member of the school office team for more information.

House Points for this Term		
	Weekly total	Termly total
Rockingham	117	717
Salcey	140	814
Sherwood	145	817
Thefford	144	807
Well done to everyone in Sherwood this week.		
This term's leaders are: SHERWOOD		

PFA News

Only one week to go until the Christmas Fair!! Don't forget to sell your raffle tickets and book your child's ticket to see Santa! (Preschool children are also welcome to attend).

Next Friday is chocolate mufti day. Your child can wear their own clothes to school in return for donating a bar of chocolate for our chocolate tombola.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the fair and we thank you for your continued support.

Helpers are still needed, so please let us know if you are able to help.

Please don't forget that if you are looking for embroidered name tags to label your child's clothing, you can help to raise money for the school by ordering your tags from My Nametags, using the School ID 30168. www.MyNametags.com

Thank you, The PFA

Please help – KS1 are desperate for empty cereal boxes for making their Great Fire of London houses!

Spelling Shed

We are really pleased that the introduction of Spelling Shed has been so successful, as it has given many of the children an increased enthusiasm for learning spellings. Remember that this is a fun tool that can improve your child's spelling whether they are in year 6 or year 1!

If your child is not using Spelling Shed at home because they don't have Internet access, please inform your child's class teacher so that we can try to create an opportunity for them to use this valuable tool in school.

Get Well Soon!

You may have noticed that a key member of our school staff has been missing this week. Sadly, Mr Gilbert, our site supervisor was taken ill last weekend. We are very pleased to hear that he is on the road to recovery and hope to see him back at school in the New Year, but I am sure you will join us in wishing him a very speedy recovery.

Dates for Your Diary:

December	
4 th	Reception Screening (school nurse)
4 th	KS2 Choir to sing carols at Four Seasons Day Care Centre (am)
5 th	Rock Steady Day – assemblies and workshops for all children
6 th	Flu Immunisation for children in years EYFS-5
7 th	Chocolate Mufti Day PFA CHRISTMAS FAIR 6-8pm
12 th	Kingswood Christmas Lunch Day – don't forget to book your child's lunch!
12 th	EYFS Christmas production to parents (pm)
13 th	KS2 party Lunch and afternoon
13 th	EYFS evening performance to parents 6pm
14 th	KS1 and EYFS panto in school – 'Aladdin'
14 th	EYFS and KS1 party lunch and afternoon
14 th	KS2 Children visit to the Pantomime
14 th	KS1 pantomime in school
15 th	KS2 Choir perform at GUS Carol Concert
17 th	EYFS/KS1 Christingle Service 2.00pm 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

Christmas Holiday Playscheme Dates

20th -21st Dec and 2nd-4th January

Full and part days available.

Please help the staff to plan ahead by booking in advance. Thank you

Our direct line telephone number is
01536 529059 (Please leave a message)



Christmas Card Delivery service – 30p to local area

Once again we are a collection point for the Scout Post who will deliver your Christmas cards within Kettering and the surrounding villages for a cost of 30p per card. This is cheaper than Royal Mail and a great way to donate money to charity at Christmas. The box can be found at the school office. Please bring your addressed cards and money at any time.
Last collection date 14th December



Attendance Update

This week's whole school attendance was: **94.1%**

EYFS and KS1 CLASSES	Total for week	Change from previous week	KS2 CLASSES	Total for week	Change from previous week
Cherries	89.5%	- 5.0	Willows	93.0%	- 6.0
Apples	85.9%	- 12.1	Silver Birches	94.8%	+ 2.9
Ash	94.5%	- 3.2	Redwoods	94.7%	0.0
Bay	94.2%	- 4.1	Maples	95.7%	+ 0.4
Elm	94.1%	+ 2.0	Cedars	99.3%	+ 1.7
			Oaks	95.3%	- 1.7

SAM Weekly Winner: CEDARS

MIA Weekly Winner: SILVER BIRCHES