



Hawthorn Community Primary School



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Over the last two weeks we have been very happy to welcome Miss Brown, our Family Support Worker, and Mr Gilbert, our Site Supervisor, back to school following their recent bouts of ill health. It is lovely to see them back in school – we have missed them both! EYFS have continued their work on 'Supertato' this week. They have written wanted posters about the Evil Pea, freed the carrots from the ice, and made their own Supertato using the art and craft materials.

This week in key stage 1 the children have been very excited to listen to a new version of the fairy tale 'Little Red Riding Hood'. They have explored lots of different traditional stories in order to gather story language ready for their own writing. Together they have enjoyed stepping out the sequence of events and creating story maps. The children have been working very hard this week on their 2D and 3D shape properties. They have been spotting a variety of shapes in the school environment. In RE the children have really enjoyed discussing things that are special to them and reflecting on the importance of those items. Mrs Clubley and Mrs Billingham have also enjoyed reminiscing about their own childhood by reading some of the children's accounts of the toys that children used to play with, following Mrs Lomath's visit to talk to them about the toys of her own childhood.

In Lower KS2 the children have completed their own versions of the Goldilocks story and have been busy planning their own stories that they will write next week. In maths lessons they have continued to develop their learning about measurements and have completed activities involving capacity, weight and length. Science lessons this week have focused on finding out about the human skeleton, with the children making their own skeleton and labeling it with the correct names – 'Bony Barry' is now on display in Redwoods class to show what they have been doing. In their topic work the children have been researching Rome and have used the information that they have learned to create fact files about some of the ancient monuments. It has been a very busy week!

The Year 6 reading buddies have now started, where the children visit the KS1 and EYFS classes to listen to children read and share their enjoyment of books. We are really proud of how enthusiastic and responsible the children have been. In English we have been overwhelmed by the quality of writing the children have produced for their independent horror stories. Mrs Clubley has had lots of visitors to wow her with their work. It has been a real treat to read some of the horror stories that our year 5 and 6 children have been writing this week, the quality of their work is superb, and I am sure that some of them could become future published authors. We will try to make some of their work available for parents to look at during our forthcoming parent interview week.

House Points for this Term		
	Weekly total	Termly total
Rockingham	165	503
Salcey	174	561
Sherwood	142	477
Thefford	170	559
Well done to everyone in Salcey this week.		
This term's leaders are: SALCEY		

PFA News

Next Friday 8th February is the cake sale for Willows and Silver Birches classes. Cake donations from these classes can be brought in on the morning of the sale. Helpers for the sale after school would be much appreciated. Please let us know via the school office or on our Facebook page if you are able to help. Thank you for your continued support.
The PFA x

Cake Sale Update:

The children in Oaks and Cedars classes are still discussing what they would like to buy with the proceeds of their cake sale. Redwoods will be buying some new games for class time once they have agreed on the games they would like, and Maples class have purchased 2 new games, 'The Game of Life' and 'Rumikub' for the children to play with during class time and wet breaks. Thank you!

A Request

As we are now nearly halfway through the year and the children are generally very settled, can we please ask that parents of children in year 1 upwards do not come into school with their child each morning. Parents should not be in the school building after 8.50am unless they are talking to the ladies in the school office. Teachers will be unable to talk to parents after 8.50am as they will be busy with their classes.

E-Safety Update

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people and inspire a national conversation. During next week we will be celebrating Safer Internet Day in school, when we will spend time talking about how the children can keep themselves safe when using the Internet. We know that the Internet is an incredible tool, but it can also be a dangerous place! As a parent you may want to look at the resources that are available on the safer internet centre website, which can be accessed on <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2019/education-packs/activities-parents-and-carers>

Parent Forum Update –

There was a meeting held in school this week to discuss the possibility of starting up a 'stay and play' session in school for children under school age. We hope to be able to provide you with further information in the near future.

Dates for Your Diary:

February	
w.b 4 th	Mental Health Awareness Week
5 th	Internet Safety day
7 th	School Nurse to talk to EYFS about hand washing
8 th	Willows and Silver Birches Cake Sale
w.b 11 th	Parent Interview Week
13 th	Football match v Hall Meadow
15 th	End of term 3
25 th	Start of term 4
28 th	KS1 SATs Information evening
March	
1 st	Secondary Schools allocated
5 th – 7 th	Book Fair after school
7 th	World Book day – details tbc
15 th	Red Nose Day – details tbc
15 th	Yr3/4 Gymnastics
15 th	PFA Movie Night – details tbc
21 st	Class Photos
22 nd	Ash, Bay and Elm Cake Sale
23 rd	KS2 Choir – Music for Youth at Northampton
29 th	KS2 Archery session at Southfield School
April	
5 th	End of term 4
23 rd	Teacher Training Day
24 th	Start of term 5

Uniform Reminder

We have noticed that a number of children are not wearing school uniform. Please remember that although there is no requirement for children to wear logoed items of school uniform, we do expect that children will wear dark green jumpers or cardigans and no other colours.

Also, from year 1 through to year 6, children should have a p.e. kit of a plain white tee-shirt or polo shirt and plain black shorts, which should always be available in school. A number of children are missing out on p.e. lessons because they do not have their kit in school. Please ensure that your child has their kit in school every day, as P.E. is an important part of the school curriculum. Thank you.

Attendance Update

This week's whole school attendance was: **94.6%**

EYFS and KS1 CLASSES	Total for week	Change from previous week	KS2 CLASSES	Total for week	Change from previous week
Cherries	92.2%	- 4.5	Willows	92.3%	- 2.3
Apples	96.0%	+ 1.6	Silver Birches	93.6%	- 0.6
Ash	91.8%	- 5.0	Redwoods	93.0%	- 1.3
Bay	97.6%	+ 1.1	Maples	96.5%	- 2.1
Elm	92.8%	+ 3.9	Cedars	98.3%	- 1.4
			Oaks	95.7%	+ 3.4

SAM Weekly Winner: CEDARS

MIA Weekly Winner: ELM