



# Hawthorn Community Primary School



## Weekly Newsletter 07/06/19



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We hope that you all enjoyed a wonderful week off last week! It seems impossible to believe that we are already into the final term of the school year, but the children seem to have come back to school refreshed and ready to face the excitement and challenges of this final term. Please check our dates for the diary section for information about what we have planned for the coming term.

You may have noticed a few changes around our school grounds this week. Very sadly we have had to remove the apple tree from the playground area. We asked a tree surgeon to advise us about treating the tree, because we were concerned that it could be becoming a health and safety issue, and when he examined it he confirmed the worst. The tree was rotten on the inside and we were advised that it needed to be removed. Whilst the tree was being taken down we took the opportunity to also remove the conifer hedge felt it would give us the opportunity to develop the area properly. We will be talking to the children about what they would like to see in this area, but it has already been suggested that it might become a wildlife area, or an area where we could install some more playground equipment. If you have any wonderful ideas about how we might develop this area further we would love to hear them.



On the other side of the playground you may also have noticed that the area adjacent to Mr Gilbert's shed has also been developed. The low fencing around the small patch of what was waste ground has been removed, and the area has been block paved to create even more space for the children to play in. We have also had a new water fountain installed adjacent to the Diner so that the children are able to get a drink of water during break times and p.e. lessons without having to come back into school.

This week EYFS have been learning the story of Handa's Surprise. They have been discussing the difference between different cultures and how it is important to treat people with respect. The children have also tasted a variety fruits from the story and used adjectives to describe them. In KS1, the children have had a great start back at school. We have continued to find out about our topic 'The Rainforest' and have been very excited to discover the animals and plants which live and grow there. We've learnt some really interesting facts too! Did you know that a sloth sleeps for 20 hours a day? In Geography, we have mapped rainforests around the world, and in English we have started to read our story 'The Great Kapok Tree'. We have imagined standing in the rainforest, and have collected nouns and adjectives to describe what we can smell, see, hear and touch.

We are now really excited to find out what will happen in the story, and why there is a man with an axe!

This week in year 3 and 4 we have spent 2 days completing a maths investigation, we really enjoyed the challenge of trying to find combinations of numbers to make 100. In our English lessons we have written our explanation texts all about our space boots, which had some very unique features! We have also continued to make our sandwich boxes in preparation for our visit to Wicksteed on Wednesday.

UKS2 have all been working incredibly hard this week. The children have really shown an interest in the cause and effects of the flooding in New Orleans. They also found it very interesting comparing that to the floods that the UK has experienced as well.

House Points for this Term		
	Weekly total	Termly total
<b>Rockingham</b>		
<b>Salcey</b>		
<b>Sherwood</b>		
<b>Thetford</b>		
<b>Housepoints will be collected next week.</b>		
<b>This term's leaders are: SHERWOOD</b>		

## PFA News

The Summer Fair will soon be here on **Saturday 6th July**. Don't forget we're happy to receive donations for our raffle and towards our general tombola.

We also welcome donations of old crockery for our crockery smash and teddies for our teddy tombola. Please leave any donations for the tombolas by KS2 entrance and any raffle donations at the office.

Unfortunately, the fun night for 14th June has been postponed due to shortage of helpers. We plan to host this in the new school year so that we can welcome new pupils and parents. Sorry but we need to ensure the safety of the children. Your continued support is appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support.  
The PFA x

Next Friday, Jack, Frank, Aathavan and Riley will be again holding a charity event where they will be selling home-made cakes (20p) and bookmarks (10p) at playtime to raise funds for Cransley Hospice and Cancer Research. The children will be able to buy banana bread or rocky road for their playtime snack. Please support their fund-raising efforts if you can!



## Uniform

Can we please remind all parents that although we do not insist that children wear logoed items of school uniform we do expect that all children will wear the correct coloured school uniform of white shirt or polo shirt, bottle green jumper or cardigan and grey skirt, trousers or shorts, or green checked summer dress. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

## PARKING PROBLEMS

Once again we have noticed that a few parents are stopping on the zebra crossings on Broadway and Hawthorn Road to let their children out of the car in the mornings. Can we politely request that you drop your child away from the crossings as we are very concerned that this creates a hazard and may result in a child being injured. Thank you.



## Dates for Your Diary:

June	
10 <sup>th</sup>	MCLP tri-Golf tournament at Montsaye
10 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome Meeting for parents of children coming into EYFS in September
11 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 group to St Anne's Residential Home
11 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Tennis Festival at St. Peters (am)
11 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/4 Tennis Festival at St. Peters (pm)
12 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/4 visit to Wicksteed Park
12 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Puberty Talk with the School Nurse
13 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Gala at Kettering Pool (pm)
14 <sup>th</sup>	Jam Jar Muffi Day
14 <sup>th</sup>	Tag Rugby Festival at KRFC (pm)
w.b 17 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Residential to the Isle of Wight
20 <sup>th</sup>	MCLP Year 4/5 archery competition
24 <sup>th</sup>	MCLP Tag Rugby tournament
w.b 24 <sup>th</sup>	New Reception Visits
w.b 24 <sup>th</sup>	National Sports Week
July	
w/b 1 <sup>st</sup>	New EYFS visits this week
1 <sup>st</sup>	Bay class Countryside Education Centre
2 <sup>nd</sup>	MCLP Athletics Event at Montsaye
3 <sup>rd</sup>	KS2 Choir to MFY at Birmingham
4 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Mid-Summer Dancing (pm)
5 <sup>th</sup>	Chocolate Muffi Day
5 <sup>th</sup>	School reports sent out to parents
6 <sup>th</sup>	PFA Summer Fare 1.00 – 3.00pm
8 <sup>th</sup>	Transition Day
8 <sup>th</sup>	Meet your child's new teacher evening 3.30 – 4.00pm
w.b 8 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Interview Week, by request
9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 and 4 trip to Sywell Country Park
10 <sup>th</sup>	Elm class Countryside Education Centre
11 <sup>th</sup>	Ash class Countryside Education Centre
16 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS/KS1 Sports Day @ KRFC (am)
17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 and 6 trip to Twin Lakes
17 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 performance to parents (pm)
18 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 evening performance to parents
19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Do
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 6 performance to parents 6.00pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 6 – school closes for the summer break
September	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Start of new academic year

## Attendance Update

This week's whole school attendance was: **96%**

EYFS and KS1	Total for week	Change from previous week	KS2	Total for week	Change from previous week
Cherries	97.9%	+1	Willows	98.7%	+3.5
Apples	92.7%	+0.5	Silver Birches	98.7%	+9.2
Ash	91.9%	-2	Redwoods	95.3%	-2.7
Bay	96.0%	+3.8	Maples	98.0%	+1.9
Elm	96.0%	+1.7	Cedars	96.9%	-0.7
			Oaks	95.7%	-1.1

SAM Winner: Willows and Silver Birches MIA: Silver Birches