

Hawthorn Community Primary School

Weekly Newsletter 05/07/19



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It has been an incredibly busy week in school this week, with classes taking part in off-site visits, children participating in sporting fixtures, The KS2 Choir attending the Music for Youth celebrations in Birmingham and our KS2 Mid-Summer Dancing afternoon! Next week promises to be equally as busy, with Transition Day on Monday; further off-site visits for some classes; a sporting festival at Moulton College for some of our year 3 and 4 children; and Key Stage 2 Sports Day. I think we will all be ready for the summer holidays when they finally arrive!

On Monday Bay class had a fabulous day out at Holdenby village. They went on a nature trail around the village, spotting signs of badgers, birds and rabbits, as well as comparing evergreen and deciduous trees. The children then went on a bug hunt in the woods and had great fun upturning logs to see what signs of life lay underneath. The children were very careful to put the logs back afterwards so that the creatures had their home back. Finally, after having their picnic lunch on the sunny village green, they made wonderful clay creatures using leaves and sticks to give them legs and wings.

An exciting event took place on Tuesday as 48 children from years 1 - 6 went to Montsaye Academy to take part in a Pathfinder athletics tournament. All the children took part in at least two events each. There was long jump, throwing, sprints, long distance running and relay races. It was superb to see the team spirit of Hawthorn and so many children proud of taking part in the different events. As always, the children were a pleasure to take to an off-site event. Well done to all of the participants involved and thank you to Mrs Tinto for organising the team!

This week in EYFS the children have been learning about the jungle and the animals that live there. The children have solved clues to identify different animals and have written their own 'What am I?' poems. The EYFS children have also continued to act as super role models when our new reception children have visited the school.

This week in KS1 the children have been very busy learning their songs and group dances for the production that will take place in two weeks. They have been working hard as a team, putting routines together and practicing at every possible moment and are starting to get excited about showing off their amazing production to all families and friends. Some of the children have been finishing off their fact files, whilst others have been making posters about how plants grow.

As well as their amazing dancing on Thursday, Years 3 and 4 have been busy starting a new unit in English on persuasion. They started by working hard to persuade their teachers to give them a biscuit to eat. They certainly grasped the idea of using emotions in persuasion! They then looked at transferring these skills into persuading people to visit a theme park. We have looked at rhetorical questions to draw the reader in, and then

persuading people to have a go on the rollercoasters. They have also been looking at co-ordinates and translation in Maths and worked hard to make links between the two. There is also much excitement as they are looking forward to their trip to Sywell next week!

UKS2 have been working hard this week. We were proud of all the children who took part in the athletics event and music for youth event. The Y6 children are busy working on their end of year assembly and the Y5 children have created a wonderful spell and potion recipe based on Circe the Witch from The Odyssey. The children have also enjoyed designing their shadow puppet theatre.

House Points for this Term		
	Weekly total	Termly total
Rockingham	112	592
Salcey	119	627
Sherwood	111	628
Theftord	127	586
This week's winners are: Theftord		
This term's leaders are: SHERWOOD		

PFA News

The Summer Fair is finally here!!

We look forward to seeing you all for some fun and games!

Please come and join us tomorrow from 12pm til 2pm.

Thank you for all your support for this event and all the others throughout the year.

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National Music for Youth Birmingham

The sun shone gloriously as our KS2 Choir left for Birmingham to perform at the National Music Festival for Youth. On arrival, the children had a quick snack on the newly revamped Centenary Square. Then it was on to the Birmingham Library – an amazing building that would dwarf our school – and up to the Secret Garden for lunch. The views over Birmingham were astounding, and the children loved their high vantage point. Then the children went off to perform in the Foyer of Symphony Hall, although there was just a little time for the children to first experience a range of electronic music gadgetry, finding out what could be done to their voices with some electronic wizardry. It was then onto the stage to sing their songs. It was lovely to see a few parents there supporting the choir. The children sang excellently, and had many of the watching children joining in with their actions. Many passersby complimented the children on their behaviour and manners. The final part of the day was a singing workshop in Symphony Hall itself. The children were amazed and fascinated by this immense hall, and loved the opportunity of singing in it. Once again, the children were great ambassadors for our school. Thanks you Mrs Hill for preparing the choir so well.

Parent Interviews next week.

We hope you can come into school to meet with your child's new teacher on Monday evening from 3.30 – 4.00pm. If you are unable to make this time, please contact the school office who would be happy to arrange an alternative time to meet. Also don't forget that you have the chance to discuss your child's annual school report with their current teacher. Please contact the office or the teacher to arrange a suitable appointment.

Dates for Your Diary:

July	
6 th	PFA Summer Fare 12 – 2.00pm
8 th	Transition Day
8 th	Meet your child's new teacher evening 3.30 – 4.00pm
w.b 8 th	Parent Interview Week, by request
9 th	Year 3 and 4 trip to Sywell Country Park
10 th	Elm class Countryside Education Centre
10 th	KS2 Sports Day @ Bishop Stopford (am)
11 th	Ash class Countryside Education Centre
16 th	EYFS/KS1 Sports Day @ KRFC (am)
17 th	Year 5 and 6 trip to Twin Lakes
17 th	KS1 performance to parents (pm)
18 th	KS1 evening performance to parents
19 th	Year 6 Leavers Do
22 nd	Year 6 performance to parents 6.00pm
24 th	End of Term 6 – school closes for the summer break
September	
4 th	Start of new academic year

Term Date Consultation

Following some concerns about the Academy's changes to the October half term date for 2020-2021, a consultation period for Hawthorn parents has been opened. You should have received a letter regarding this consultation at the start of this week. The consultation will run until next Friday (12th July). Whatever your views, please take the time to participate in this consultation so that we have an accurate picture of how all of our parent community feels. The consultation (2 short questions) can be accessed here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/83FZDBP>

Hawthorn Summer Holiday Playscheme

Open: 25th July – 23rd August

Also open on 2nd and 3rd September

Different session times available.

Booking forms available from the school office.

Please book in advance!

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Attendance Update

This week's whole school attendance was: **96.7%**

EYFS and KS1	Total for week	Change from previous week	KS2	Total for week	Change from previous week	
Cherries	94.3%	- 1.8	Willows	97.4%	+ 2.2	
Apples	98.0%	+ 6.0	Silver Birches	96.7%	+ 0.4	
Ash	92.3%	+ 1.6	Redwoods	98.7%	+ 1.4	
Bay	99.3%	+ 4.7	Maples	94.5%	- 2.6	
Elm	97.5%	+ 3.6	Cedars	98.3%	+ 3.1	
SAM Winner: BAY		MIA winner: APPLES		Oaks	96.0%	+ 2.3
					96.3%	