



# Hawthorn Community Primary School



## Weekly Newsletter 4/10/19



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We are very pleased that the installation of our new playground equipment into the apple tree area was completed this week, and I know that the children are looking forward to accessing this area once the new surface has bedded in. Fingers crossed that if it doesn't rain all weekend, we will have a 'grand opening' next week! The next project in school is the refurbishment of our school library, please watch this space for further updates.

This week, EYFS have been reading the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. They have explored capacity and weight using porridge oats and different sized containers. They have made beds for Goldilocks and we have discussed the different materials they have used and why. We have continued to work on our number knowledge to five and we have been exploring how we can make five in different ways. We have used our large construction in the barn to build an obstacle course for our remote control cars. What a busy week we've had!

This week KS1 have been using the story 'Pirates Love Underpants' to continue their English work of using descriptive language. At the end of the week the children wrote the story in their own words and it was great to see them applying what they had learnt about adjectives. They worked hard to remember capital letters and full stops as well as using some adjectives to describe the different locations the pirates visit in order to find the Golden Underpants. In Maths the children have been using mathematical language, such as greater than and fewer than, in order to compare amounts. During continuous provision the children have continued to explore number in the Maths area by using Base 10 to represent numbers, practised writing their spellings and high frequency words in glitter and used cups and string to make telephones in the Discovery Area.

Years 3 and 4 have been very busy writing their own version of 'Plot on the Pyramid' this week. They have used the characters from the story and created their own problem and resolution. The classes are at different stages with their own versions, but they are all sounding great so far! Silver Birches enjoyed their trip to the library and getting to explore some of the books there. Redwoods and Willows are keen to visit too now! There is some new artwork proudly displayed in the classrooms as the children are finishing their Egyptian landscapes, they have focused on texture and perspective to give bring the landscapes to life. In Maths, they have started applying their place value knowledge to addition and subtraction. This is being completed mentally first and then will move into more formal written methods.

In years 5 and 6 we've really enjoyed writing our own descriptive scenes based on the film, 'Wall-E'. The children have been trying to use a range of sentence structures and ambitious vocabulary. In Maths we've been learning about square, cube and prime numbers and using our number facts to help us solve calculations mentally. Finally, we've really enjoyed creating our 3D rockets and can't wait to see how they turn out! Thank you to everyone who brought in materials for this project.

House Points for this Term		
	Weekly total	Termly total
<b>Rockingham</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>391</b>
<b>Salcey</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>405</b>
<b>Sherwood</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>393</b>
<b>Theftord</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>404</b>
<b>Well done to everyone in Sherwood this week.</b>		
<b>This term's leaders are: SALCEY</b>		

## PFA Update

Thank you to everyone who attended the PFA AGM on Wednesday night, it was lovely to see some new faces there & we appreciate all the support!

If you would like to get involved with the events throughout the year please do let the school know. You can also get in touch with us & follow for updates via our Facebook page 'Hawthorn Community Primary School PFA' We have lots of exciting things planned for the year ahead! Please see the calendar for dates of upcoming events.

The PFA

## Reading

Developing children's reading continues to be a huge focus in school (in line with the new OFSTED Framework) and we have just taken delivery of over £4500 of new books to support our phonics teaching in EYFS and KS1. Please ensure that these books are returned each day, as they may be needed for another group who will be using them. Our year 6 reading buddies have also started working with some of the younger children this week, and we have been really proud of how they have been spreading their love for reading. Well done.

Don't forget that your child will earn a raffle ticket every time that they read at home at least 3 times in a week!

## Twitter

If you have requested to, or would like to, follow our Twitter feed @HawthornsCh please send a direct message to @HawthornsCh with the name of your child. We will only allow access to parents and carers of children in our school community. Thank you



Don't forget!

Next Thursday morning our school photographer will be in school taking individual and family photographs, so please make sure that your child is looking their best! For further information please see the letter that was sent out earlier today.



## Dates for Your Diary:

October	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Individual School photos
11 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 5/6 girl's football tournament
16 <sup>th</sup>	Yr5/6 Wonderdome planetarium experience
17 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 3/4 football tournament
18 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 5/6 football tournament
22 <sup>nd</sup>	EYFS new parent's meeting (Reception 2020)
23 <sup>rd</sup>	EYFS/KS1 Harvest Festival and Hawthorn in Action – morning
23 <sup>rd</sup>	KS2 Harvest Festival and Hawthorn in Action – afternoon
24 <sup>th</sup>	Afternoon Tea for selected children
25 <sup>th</sup>	Jam Jar muffin day
25 <sup>th</sup>	END OF TERM 1
November	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Teacher Training Day
5 <sup>th</sup>	START OF TERM 2
w/c 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability Training for year 6
5 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Interviews – late night Wednesday
6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup>	New Reception children parent visits
7 <sup>th</sup>	Cedars Class first swimming session
w/c 11 <sup>th</sup>	Anti Bullying Week
11 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Chat with the school nurse 9 – 10am
15 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need Day
w/c 18 <sup>th</sup>	Road Safety Week
25 <sup>th</sup>	Flu vaccinations for all year groups
December	
11 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS performance to parents 2pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS performance to parents 6pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS/KS1 Panto 'Robin Hood' in school
17 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Musical Evening at United Reformed Church 7pm
18 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS/KS1 Christingle, St Michael's Church 2pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 trip to the Lighthouse 'Cinderella'
20 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day
20 <sup>th</sup>	END OF TERM 2

## Beat the Street

Has your child been playing along? Our school has amassed 19060 points so far and we are currently in 11th position in the leaderboard (out of 30 registered teams). If you haven't already joined, why not give it a go!



## Attendance Update

This week's attendance: **94.5%**

EYFS and KS1	Total for week	Change from previous week	KS2	Total for week	Change from previous week
Cherries	95.8%	+ 8.8	Willows	94.1%	- 3.3
Apples	91.8%	- 0.5	Silver Birches	91.0%	- 2.3
Ash	97.1%	+ 7.8	Redwoods	97.7%	+ 0.4
Bay	97.9%	+ 3.6	Maples	99.0%	+ 3.7
Elm	87.2%	- 4.9	Cedars	92.4%	- 6.4
SAM Winner: MAPLES	MIA Winner: CHERRIES		Oaks	94.5%	+ 0.8