



Hawthorn Community Primary School



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Welcome back to the start of term 2! Despite the children only having been in school for four days this week, it has been a very busy start to the term. We hope that you took the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher during this week's parent interview sessions, and that you found the target sheet useful. If you missed out on a meeting for any reason and would still like to arrange to meet with your child's teacher, please contact the school office who will be happy to arrange a suitable time for you to meet with the teacher. This term is one of the busiest of the school year, so please don't forget to check the dates for the diary section of the newsletter each week to check what is happening. New dates will be added to the list as they arise.

Some of our year 6 children have been completing their Bikeability training this week. On Tuesday they had the chance to demonstrate their safety on their bikes on the school playground, before venturing out on the streets later on in the week to learn the rules of the road and how to keep themselves safe when cycling. Well done to all of those who participated and earned their Bikeability level 1 and 2 certificates.

This week Hawthorn has been represented at two KSSP sporting events. On Tuesday, Miss Blakeley and Miss Marshall took 13 children to represent the school to a KS2 cross country event. It was amazing to see Hawthorn represented by such dedicated pupils who were unbelievable. It was a rather muddy event with many of the children returning to school with a slightly muddy tinge to their appearance. The children in UKS2 were also competing to represent the school in the county finals. It's brilliant to see that Sydney, Taylor and Haydn from year 6 have qualified for this event which will be taking place in a couple of weeks' time. A huge well done to them and all the other children who took part in this event.

On Wednesday Miss Barr and Miss Bell took 10 KS1 children to a multi-skills event. This was to give opportunities to children to develop their fundamental skills. The children had a fantastic time taking part in a variety of activities which focused on 6 key values: passion, teamwork, determination, honesty, respect and self-belief. They proved to be polite and well-motivated ambassadors for the school and really enjoyed developing their skills of passing and throwing balls, aiming at targets and taking part in problem solving activities. They were particularly proud to earn themselves a badge by demonstrating the key values to the leaders! Well done everyone!

It has brilliant to see all the children in UKS2 return to school with the same enthusiasm and determination to succeed they had before the holidays. They have started their new topic about the Anglo Saxons and linked to this have looked at the story 'Beowulf'. They enjoyed listening to the story as well as watching an adaptation of this before creating some brilliant drama. It was great to see the children really embrace the roles of the monster Grendal, as well as the hero Beowulf. In Maths, the children have been developing their understanding of short division. It has been fantastic to see the year 5s become more confident when remainders are involved and some year 6 children starting to represent the remainders as fractions and decimals. The children have also started work on their new science topic – materials and their properties.

Year 3 and 4 have been looking at poetry in English this week.

They started by looking at model performances and decided what made a good performance, the children then performed their own version of 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright and there were some fantastic performances. The children have then created their own versions and looked at abstract ideas of things that they would put in their box. In Maths, there has been a big focus on times tables and looking at the structure of equal groups and times tables. Although there was a main focus initially on the 3 times table, we looked at how these skills could be transferred when learning all times tables. We have also spent some time reviewing our reading assessments from last term, and looking at how to answer the different types of questions effectively.

House Points for this Term		
	Weekly total	Termly total
Rockingham	78	78
Salcey	65	65
Sherwood	61	61
Theftord	91	91
Well done to everyone in Theftord this week.		
This term's leaders are: THETFORD		

PFA Update

Thank you for your support at the cake sale and uniform sale this afternoon. This money goes back to the children in the classes and is much appreciated.

Next week is the PFA MOVIE NIGHT

Friday 15th November 6-8pm

(See poster for movie choices)

This is a free entry event to thank you all for your support of the PFA throughout the year. Children can either be signed in and left or parents are welcome to stay.

The Christmas Fair planning meeting is being held next Wednesday 13th November 7.30pm upstairs in Jurassic Grill. All welcome!

As always, any help is very appreciated big or small. Please get in touch on our Facebook group 'Hawthorn Community Primary School PFA'.

Our supplies of junk modelling materials are running low, so if you have any empty cardboard boxes or tubes, we would be happy to take them off your hands. We are also on the lookout for old toy cars or building bricks that the children could play with at lunchtimes. Thank you

School Council Update

Our new School Council met with Miss Morris this week to discuss some of their ideas and plans for the year. Their first initiative this year is to support the Children in Need appeal next Friday, when they would like everyone in school to wear something yellow in return for a donation to the appeal. This could be something as simple as a yellow hair band, socks etc. We hope that you will be able to support their fund-raising efforts.

As the weather starts to become a little more unsettled, can we please ask that your child has a suitable clothing to wear for outdoor opportunities. Wherever possible we will try to ensure that the children have the opportunity to take a break outside, but we have noticed that a few children are coming to school without a coat. When it gets colder, if your child comes to school in a hat, scarf or gloves, please ensure that these are named so that we are able to reunite your child with any lost items!

Please don't forget that our lost property bin is located in the KS1 entrance area, should you need to search through it for any misplaced items of clothing, p.e. kits or lunchboxes! Thank you



Dates for Your Diary:

November	
11 th	New Reception 2020 parent visits
w/c 11 th	Anti Bullying Week
11 th	Parent Chat with the school nurse 9 – 10am
12 th	Yr5/6 Indoor Sports Hall Athletics @KLV
15 th	Children in Need Day – wear something yellow
15 th	PFA Movie Night
w/c 18 th	Road Safety Week
25 th	Flu vaccinations for all year groups
29 th	Redwoods, Silver Birches and Willows Cake Sale
December	
6 th	Chocolate Muffin Day
6 th	Christmas Fare 6-8pm
9 th	Yr3/4 Futsal Tournament @ Montsaye
11 th	EYFS performance to parents 2pm
12 th	EYFS performance to parents 6pm
13 th	Rocksteady concert for parents
13 th	KS2 choir to perform at Luncheon Club Christmas meal
14 th	KS2 Choir perform at GUS Christmas Concert
16 th	EYFS and KS1 Party Day with 'Robin Hood' panto in school in the afternoon
17 th	KS2 Musical Evening at United Reformed Church at 7pm
18 th	ABM School Christmas Lunch Day
19 th	KS2 Party Day, with trip to the Lighthouse 'Cinderella' in the morning
19 th	EYFS/KS1 Christingle, St Michael's Church 2pm
20 th	Christmas Jumper Day
20 th	END OF TERM 2
January	
6 th	START OF TERM 3

This week the children in KS1 have been learning how to use onomatopoeia to describe fireworks. They have also attempted writing acrostic poems using this descriptive language. In the Orchard the children have been using a range of resources to create fireworks.

This week Reception have been reading 'The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark'. They have sorted light sources and explored lights and shadows in the role play cave. They have also made rockets using a range of resources and have made firework pictures using the 2simple programme on the computers.

Attendance Update

This week's attendance: **94.4%**

EYFS and KS1	Total for week	Change from previous week	KS2	Total for week	Change from previous week
Cherries	98.1%	+ 8.9	Willows	94.6%	+ 0.9
Apples	100.0%	+ 7.6	Silver Birches	95.8%	+ 2.5
Ash	92.0%	+ 1.6	Redwoods	96.3%	- 1.7
Bay	98.7%	+ 3.7	Maples	95.8%	+ 0.1
Elm	87.5%	- 5.6	Cedars	95.8%	- 0.2
SAM Winner: APPLES		MIA Winner: CHERRIES	Oaks	93.2%	+ 0.6