



Hawthorn Community Primary School



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I would like to begin this week's newsletter by welcoming Miss Carter as the new teacher working in Maples, on a Thursday and Friday and Oaks class on a Wednesday. We hope that this is the start of a happy association with our school.

This week the first coronavirus cases have been confirmed in the local area and there have been a few concerns raised by some of our parents about how this will affect Hawthorn. I would like to reassure you that both as a school, and also as part of the Pathfinder Trust, we are monitoring the situation very closely and are following the advice from Public Health England and the government. We will provide you with regular updates should there be any changes to the current situation. A letter with further information for parents has also been sent out today.

In upper key stage 2 the children have really enjoyed developing their narrative voice during English Writing this week. They watched a short film clip that had an element of mystery to it. The children have learnt how to use pathetic fallacy (when the weather reflects the mood of a character or situation) to add depth and detail to their own mystery stories. In Maths, the children have been learning how to compare fractions, decimals and percentages. They have worked really hard to see the similarities between these three things. In DT, we have started our unit on moving toys. This week the children have investigated different shaped cams and the effect that these have on other moving parts.

Firstly, a huge thank you from everyone in Years 3 and 4 to all of the parents and children who supported the cake sale on Wednesday. It was a huge success and a massive £147.75 was raised for Water Aid. Thank you also to Oscar in Silver Birches for suggesting we raise money for such a good cause. This week, the children have continued their excellent report writing, and have written independent reports on the Yangtze River. These have been well researched and the final pieces are fantastic. In maths, the children have continued their work on fractions and have been finding fractions of quantities. This has been done practically by sharing cubes and counters and by using times tables to demonstrate the link with fractions and division. In geography, we are preparing for our trip to Slade Brook - hopefully the children will go next week if the weather is kind to us.

This week, Years 1 and 2 have been learning about Roald Amundsen and how his journey to the South Pole differed from Scott's. In Maths, they have been learning how to find thirds of objects and numbers. In Science, the children have learnt about different food chains and sorting animals according to what they eat.

This week in EYFS we have been looking at the story of Hansel and Gretel. We have been making potions and writing about what our potion creations will do. We had great fun thinking of lots of different ingredients, including dragon's blood, spider legs and squished flowers. In maths we have been looking at the numbers 11-20 and different ways to represent them. In the barn we have been building obstacle courses and as an extra challenge travelling across these blindfolded with the help of our friends.

House Points for this Term		
	Weekly total	Termly total
Rockingham	112	362
Salcey	139	442
Sherwood	156	457
Thetford	110	378
Well done to everyone in Sherwood this week.		
This term's leaders are: SHERWOOD		

PFA NEWS

Due to the current situation, we have made the decision to postpone tonight's PFA night out for a few weeks. Watch this space for the new date!

Thank you for your donations of school uniform so far. Please leave donations in the school office. We are in need of GOOD QUALITY, CLEAN items (especially Hawthorn Logo jumpers, summer dresses, grey trousers/shorts/skirts). The sale will run alongside next week's Book Fair (18th-20th March).

So you are not bombarded with pleas for help, we now have an informal volunteer WhatsApp group that we use to let you know where we need volunteers and of what's going on behind the scenes. It's also become a friendly place for discussion about school life in general. If you would like to be added in please let us know, there is absolutely no obligation to help at every event!

Contact us via

FB - 'Hawthorn Community Primary School PFA'

IG - 'hawthorn.pfa'

Can you help?

Every year we are overwhelmed by the generosity of our parent community during our harvest festival celebrations and today I have been approached by a parent asking if, in light of the current 'coronavirus' situation, we could organise a collection of food and toiletries for the local food bank. I think that this is a wonderful idea and really promotes our focus on the community. The panic buying that has resulted from the uncertainty at this time has left the food bank short of normal essentials such as toilet paper and long-life products.

If you are able to help, then we would welcome any donations being sent into school during next week. We will then gather the donations together for our whole school celebration assembly next Friday.

Many of the children are aware of the current situation and it would be lovely for them to see how this simple gesture of donating something for the Foodbank is a positive way of helping out those in our community who need it most. Thank you.

Dates for Your Diary:

March	
16 th	KS1 Cross Country event @ Rothwell
17 th	KS2 Cross Country event @ Rothwell
18 th -20 th	Book Fair
18 th -20 th	Second hand school uniform sale
20 th	'Funky Lil Feet' visiting EYFS and KS1
21 st	Regional 'Music for Youth', KS2 choir
25 th	Class photographs
26 th	Ukelele concert for year 4 parents
27 th	Cherries and Apples cake sale
April	
1 st	EYFS/KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade
3 rd	Rocksteady concert for year 4 parents
3 rd	End of Term 4
20 th	Start of Term 5
27 th	School nurse drop in session 9-10.30am
28 th	KSSP Goalball event @ Desborough
May	
7 th	EYFS/KS1 Mayday - tbc
8 th	Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
w.b 11 th	KS2 SATs Week
19 th	Y6 Sports Morning with Pathfinder Schools
22 nd	End of Term 5 'Jam jar Muffi Day'
22 nd	PFA Quiz Night at school – adults only
June	
1 st	Start of Term 6
3 rd	KSSP School games year 5/6 cricket
4 th	KSSP School games KS2 Quadkids
8 th	KSSP School games KS1 and year 3/4 real tennis
11 th	KSSP School games KS1 and year 3/4 Tri Golf
18 th	KSSP year 4/5 Archery
24 th	EYFS Screening, all children – School nurse
30 th	Year 3 and 4 trip to Holdenby House
July	
3 rd	KS2 Sports Day
6 th	Transition Day – current year 6s to secondary school, all other children to new classes
6 th	Year 5 puberty talk
9 th	Parents Meet the Teacher session after school
10 th	Chocolate Muffi Day
11 th	Summer Fayre
w.b. 13 th	Parent Interviews by request

Attendance Update

This week's attendance: **97.24%**

EYFS and KS1	Total for week		KS2	Total for week	
Cherries	92.5%	- 3.3	Willows	95.6%	+ 2.6
Apples	100.0%	0.0	Silver Birches	97.8%	+ 1.9
Ash	97.1%	- 2.5	Redwoods	99.0%	+ 2.3
Bay	97.0%	0.0	Maples	96.7%	- 0.3
Elm	97.5%	- 0.7	Cedars	96.7%	+ 2.0
SAM Winner: APPLES	MIA Winner: WILLOWS		Oaks	97.7%	+ 0.6