



Hawthorn Community Primary School



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This week marks the end of term 5, probably one of the strangest term's in Hawthorn's 125-year history! Over the last few weeks the school has been a very different place, with only the children of some of our keyworkers attending school whilst everyone else has been encouraged to engage in home learning opportunities. I would like to thank all of those families who have embraced this challenge, despite the many difficulties that it creates. Your communications through the Class Dojo have shown us how so many of the children have risen to the challenge of the daily activities suggested by their teacher, but how they have also engaged in so many other very valuable learning experiences.

At this point we still do not know what the new term, starting in June, will hold for us and whether the school will begin a programme of re-opening in line with the government's proposals. I have met with our Chair of Governors and the CEO of Pathfinder Trust today to discuss our plans going forward from this point and to review the risk assessments that we have produced to try to ensure that we are able to keep all members of our school community safe. The decision regarding any potential re-opening will not be made until the end of next week, as our plans now need to be approved by the Trust Board. For the first week of next term, week beginning 1st June, the school will still only be open to our keyworker children, but **not** for any other children. I will write to all parents during this first week of term 6 to further update you regarding our re-opening arrangements.

Next week the teachers will be taking a well-earned break from school and will not be providing home learning suggestions, posting messages or answering queries on Class Dojo. We would recommend that all of the children also take the opportunity to switch off from home learning and recharge their batteries. The school will not be open in any form during this week. The teachers will begin to post a daily message and provide suggestions for home learning once again on Monday 1st June, and new home learning packs will be available to collect from the school office for any parents who would like them. Please remember to contact the office first in order that we can photocopy a pack ready for you to collect. Our community resource bank (located outside the main school office door) will also be re-stocked on 1st June, should any parents need exercise books, pencils, whiteboards or new reading books for their child.

Officially today, Mrs Corney will be leaving us to begin her maternity leave. We know that the children from Maples will be very sorry that they have been unable to say a proper 'goodbye' in person, but I am sure that you would like to join me in sending Mrs Corney our love and very best wishes. We hope that everything goes well and that in a few weeks' time we will be able to welcome another new addition to our Hawthorn family.

Pathfinder Poetry Competition

Don't forget today is the last day that your child is able to submit their entry for the Pathfinder Poetry competition. Poems should be e-mailed to office.hawthorn@gmail.com by the end of today. I have been so impressed by the quality of some of the poems that have already been submitted, it has been lovely to see who the children consider to be their hero and who has inspired them.

I hope that you all have a restful week next week. Hopefully the sun will shine on us all and the children will be able to enjoy some time away from working. Let's hope that we can see some sort of return to normality during the final term of the school year. Stay safe!