



Hawthorn Community Primary School

Weekly Newsletter 9/10/20



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Don't forget that next week is our first parent Interview week of the academic year, where you have the opportunity to talk with the teacher about how your child has settled into their new class, learn about the targets that have been set for them for the coming term and address any issues that you may have. Unfortunately, because of the Covid restrictions, we are unable to invite parents into school to have these meetings face to face, but we do hope that you have all managed to arrange an on-line appointment with your child's class teacher for next week. Fingers crossed that everything will go well and we won't be let down by the technology!

Unfortunately, the system does not allow parents to sign into the appointment from 2 devices and we are unable to offer 2 different appointments per family unless you are a split family living at different addresses.

If you should experience any difficulties with connection during your allotted appointment, please do not panic. If you send a message to your child's teacher through the Class Dojo, we will rearrange an appointment for after the October holiday. Please don't forget that if you have any concerns about your child or their learning, these can always be addressed with the teacher, Mrs Billingham or myself, through the Class Dojo messaging service.

Today, the school nurse team have been in school to carry out the annual flu vaccination programme for all those children who had been signed up for this by their parents. The day worked with military precision (thank you Mrs Billingham) and we were happy that all of those children who were in school and had permission, received their vaccinations. If your child was absent from school and missed their vaccination, or if you did not complete the permission form before the deadline and so missed this in-school opportunity, but you would like your child to receive the vaccination, there will be a further opportunity to attend a clinic to receive the vaccination. The NHS will inform the school once this is finalised and we will then pass on the details of this clinic.

It's been a week full of mythical creatures and magic in UKS2. In our reading sessions, we have focused on the brilliant novel 'Nevermoor' by Jessica Townsend. The discussions about Jupiter North and the Wondrous Society have been superb. It has also been fantastic to listen to the links the children have been making between different books. In our writing, we have been working on sentence structures and the grammatical terms we need to know whilst using a theme of mythical creatures. It has been great to see the level of vocabulary continue to be of a high standard.

In Maths, we have focused on order of operation, factors and started to deepen our understanding of multiplication. We look forward to continuing with this next week. Finally, our foundation subject focus has been Geography. We have looked at the countries of South America, the lines of latitude, climate and the use of the Andes mountains. Please continue to check Class Dojo on a regular basis for class updates and information. We all look forward to speaking to you next week in our parents evening appointments.

Year 3 and 4 have continued their learning about the Stone Age this week. As with last week, the classes have completed slightly different lessons due to the staff organisation, but all will have completed everything by next week! There has been more learning about the properties of rocks, finding out about how the people of the Stone Age lived and some amazing cave art created. It's been a busy Stone Age week!

The children have also completed their unit on instructions and have written an independent text on how to capture a woolly mammoth - remembering all of the features they have learnt about in lessons, including imperative verbs, adverbs, time adverbials and sequenced steps. In Maths, we have completed our work on place value and the children have been working so hard on rounding this week - we have all been incredibly impressed with their hard work and understanding in this.

It's been very busy in KS1 this week. We have continued to use 'Mrs Armitage on Wheels' for our English lessons, and the children have been gathering more vocabulary based on two new lenses – feelings and action. They have also been planning their own story based on the book – this time about Mrs Armitage on roller blades! We are looking forward to reading their stories next week.

The Maths focus this week has been on ordering numbers, as well as counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s. In DT, the children have started to make their chassis for their vehicle. They have come up with some exciting designs, and we are looking forward to seeing the finished articles shortly. Our Science for the week has been completing a fun investigation to see which kind of wheels (plastic, rubber or wood) will allow a toy car to travel the furthest. The Hub has been a hive of activity this week. Children have been learning how to draw a variety of different trains, have worked out the cost of items in the garage area and have designed vehicles in the Discovery area.

This week in EYFS we have really enjoyed looking at the fairy tale, 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', we have explored capacity and measure using porridge in the barn and we made beds for Goldilocks using junk materials. The children came up with some great ideas about how to make her bed as comfortable as possible. We have also practised our story telling by recreating the story with props and small world figures.

In maths, we have been looking at sorting objects in many different ways, the children have been sorting by colour, size, shape and material. The children had a great time trying to guess the rule for how the adult sorted different objects and then they tried to add their own objects by following the rule.

A few reminders...

Please remember that mobile phones should not be used when on the school site, this includes when waiting on the Broadway playground to collect your child at the end of the day. The no mobile phone rule is part of our safeguarding policy and procedure.

Children should not be bringing large bags into school with them. We are still asking you to avoid sending your child into school with unnecessary items – they should just need their lunch, a water bottle and their reading book. Your co-operation in this matter is much appreciated.

We have noticed a few parents stopping at the zebra crossing on Broadway to allow their child to get out of the car. Please consider the safety of other road users and pedestrians when dropping your child off at school.

Don't forget that your child should be coming to school already wearing their p.e. uniform of black shorts, white tee shirt and dark coloured tracksuit of jogging bottoms and sweatshirt. kit on their assigned p.e. day.

Thank you.

Don't forget that we have been asked to support the Fire Service survey to families about their potential firework use this year.

The short survey should only take a few minutes to complete, but it would really help advise and support the fire prevention work at Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Please use the link below to access the survey.

<https://nfrsweb1.northantsfire.gov.uk/surveys/index.php/551379?newtest=Y&lang=en>

The survey closes today, Friday, October 9.



Hawthorn Holiday Play Scheme

Thank you to everyone who responded to our survey about the Holiday Play Scheme.

We are very pleased that we will be able to offer a play scheme and that it is not too late to book your child in for a session. The Play Scheme will be open from 8am until 5pm on Monday to Friday for the two weeks of the holiday (weeks beginning 19th and 26th October).

- Morning session from 8.00am to 1pm £15;
- Afternoon session, from 1 to 5pm £12.50;
- Full day rate £25.

A discounted rate applies to siblings within the family or if a full week is booked.

If you are interested in using this facility, further information and booking forms are available on our school website.



Thank you to all who donated items for the Kettering Foodbank. We have a wonderful selection of tinned and dried goods and toiletries which will be dropped off at the Foodbank next week, which I am sure will be very gratefully received.

THANK YOU

Earlier this week we wrote to parents advising them that we would be filming a short video to advertise the school to prospective new parents on Tuesday next week. Please use the link below if you do not wish your child to feature in this video.

[Video Consent NOT Given](#)

Dates for Your Diary:

October	
16 th	END OF TERM 1
November	
2 nd	START OF TERM 2
4 th	Parent visits for EYFS 2021 @6.30pm
7 th	Parent visits for EYFS 2021 @10am and 11.30am
w/b16 th	Bikeability for year 6 children
December	
18 th	END OF TERM 2
January	
4 th	START OF TERM 3
February	
11 th	END OF TERM 3
12 th	Teacher training day
22 nd	START OF TERM 4
March	
26 th	END OF TERM 4
April	
12 th	START OF TERM 5
May	
3 rd	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
w.b. 10 th	KS2 SATS
28 th	END OF TERM 5
June	
7 th	START OF TERM 6
w.b. 7 th	Year 1 Phonics Screen
July	
23 rd	END OF ACADEMIC YEAR

PFA Update

Thank you to everyone who has shown an interest in what the PFA is up to! It has been lovely to have some new faces join us and we are grateful for every offer of support or new ideas. If you would like to know more, to get involved or have any fundraising ideas please get in touch or speak to any of the committee, there is always at least one of us around on the school run!

Looking ahead to Christmas (sorry for mentioning the C word so early!) we are after prizes for our Advent raffle. If you or anyone you know is in a position to offer a prize please do get in touch, this can be anything from a voucher for a hair cut, discount at a local cafe to a bottle of wine. Thanks in advance!

Please watch this space as we will soon be sharing our fundraising plans for the rest of the term. The current situation has meant we are exploring some new fun ideas that we haven't done before :)

As always, you can contact us with any ideas, questions or to get involved via

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