



# Hawthorn Community Primary School



## Weekly Newsletter 16/10/20



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It is very hard to believe that we are already at the end of the first term of the year! We were all so impressed with the way that the children have responded to the return to school and the challenges of new ways of learning and playing, following the enforced closure during the last academic year. Their resilience and enthusiasm for learning has been inspiring. However, I think that everyone is feeling tired as we get to the end of the term and I am sure that lots of you (the staff included) are looking forward to the two-week break from school to recharge batteries! We are not sure what next term will bring – I'm sure that we still have some difficult times ahead of us before we see the back of COVID-19 and the awful restrictions that we have been forced to follow, but if the children continue to show such enthusiasm and positivity in their learning, I'm sure that next term will be equally as successful as this first one has been.

I hope that you were able to attend our on-line parent interviews this week. We expected that there might be a few teething issues as the system was something new for us, and I would like to apologize to those parents who struggled with connection and reassure you that we will offer the chance to rearrange an interview, either on-line or through a telephone consultation when we come back to school at the start of November. We will also be in contact with those parents who missed their appointments this week in early November to give you the chance to re-schedule the appointment should you wish to.

This week in EYFS we have been learning about Autumn. On Monday we went on a walk to St Michael's church garden to look for signs of autumn and to collect autumnal objects. We had a great time and we were very impressed at how grown up and sensible the children were on their first trip out of school. It was a pleasure to take them. In school, we have been creating autumnal pictures using the loose parts and different printing techniques. We have explored different natural objects and had lots of fun rolling conkers down tubes. In maths we have been comparing numbers using the language fewer, more and equal to. We have also learnt another 5 sounds in phonics. We are very proud of how the children have settled into school so quickly. We have had such a fantastic first term and we are really looking forward to seeing what adventures Term 2 brings.

We can't believe it is the end of the first term already. This week the children have been busy writing their own story about Mrs Armitage on roller blades. There are some very interesting stories! In DT, the children have been completing their own vehicles by adding the chassis and wheels, whilst in Science they undertook an investigation to see on which surface a car would travel the furthest. During Maths lessons, the children have been reading and creating part, part, whole models as well as comparing number sentences using the symbols for greater than, less than and equals to. Our Topic this week has seen the children learning about the history of flight including finding out about the Wright brothers. They discussed how lives had changed as a result of being able to fly. In the Hub, the children have enjoyed making paper airplanes out of different materials and finding out which one would fly the furthest. They have also had the opportunity to draw different types of plane.

It's been another super busy week in LKS2 this week. We have continued our learning about the Stone Age in different subject areas. In English, we have had a reading focus this week and have looked mainly at the lyrics of 'Oh I Just Can't Wait to Be King' from the Lion King. This has generated lots of good discussions and allowed the children to practise a variety of key reading skills. In Maths, we have started to look at addition and have slowly started to introduce (or consolidate) the format of column addition. The children have found why their place value knowledge was so crucial in understanding that 10 ones is equal to 1 ten or 10 tens is equal to 1 hundred when it comes to exchanging and bridging across 10.

We have all been so incredibly proud of all the effort, hard work and commitment shown by the children since returning to school and throughout the term. They have quickly adapted to new routines and ways of working and have not let that great attitude slip during the term. There are a few tired children looking forward to their well-earned half term break.

We have also had another superb week in UKS2. During Maths lessons, the children have developed their understanding of long multiplication. They have also applied this skill when problem solving and reasoning. The children have absolutely loved developing their writing skills in English - they have had the chance to write independently this week. We have been really impressed with the children's language choices and sentence structures. We have continued to study the amazing story 'Nevermoor' in Whole Class Reading. We have spent more time finding out about South America, which everyone has really enjoyed. The children used Excel to input data and create a graph about populations of the different countries. Thank you for continuing to support your children with their homework, and we are really impressed with how much reading is going at home.

Also a big well done and thank you to Emmanuela, Bridget and Lily from Cedars who have been hosting a competition this week to guess the number of sweets in the jar. The girls have worked hard to make the competition exciting and safe. All of the money raised will be going towards buying resources for the UKS2 classrooms. We are really proud of the hard work and initiative that these girls have shown.



### Christmas Cards

Christmas came early to Hawthorn this week, when all of the children had the chance to design their own Christmas card as part of our fund-raising efforts.

If you would like to buy cards, gift tags or wrapping paper featuring your child's design, please complete your on-line order by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November and then return your child's artwork to school by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Please contact the school office team if you have any queries. Thank you.

### Hawthorn Holiday Play Scheme

Our Holiday Play Scheme will be open from 8am until 5pm on Monday to Friday for the next two weeks, w.c. 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

Bookings can be made by following this link: [Eduspot - School Money](#)



## **A special message from Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Policing Team**

Halloween 2020 will be different to previous years as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

In line with the 'Rule of Six' legislation, people will not be able to hold Halloween parties and trick-or-treating is inadvisable in the current climate.

The following advice aims to inform the public on how Halloween 2020 should look like.

The Key Messages are:

- One dilemma facing parents this year is how to take part in Halloween without breaching Covid-19 legislation.
- Our advice is for parents is to steer away from taking part in the traditional form of trick-or-treating. It is vital that people from different households mix as little as possible in order to stop the spread of coronavirus.
- For many children dressing up and going out with friends and family trick-or-treating is a highlight of their year and we understand not being able to do this will be upsetting for them, especially when they've already had such a tough 2020.
- An alternative approach suggested for parents which the Force endorses, draws on the rainbow challenge which proved so popular in the spring. People who want to be involved in Halloween can display pumpkins (unlit), or pictures of the vegetable in their windows in the run-up to October 31. Then parents/guardians can go out with their dressed-up children and try to find them. If so desired, the adult can give the child a treat every time they spot a pumpkin.
- This would make a great Halloween themed activity during half term.
- A number of pumpkin posters for children to colour in are available to download and print from our website.
- We urge parents of older children to talk to them about why it's advised they don't take part in trick-or-treating this year and to respect people's decision not to take part. Anti-social behaviour is not acceptable and additional police patrols will be taking place during the Halloween period.
- A no trick-or-treating poster is available to download from our website.

This advice is subject to change, should the guidance/legislation from Government change before October 31, 2020.



## **Rockingham Castle Halloween Event**

Rockingham Castle is open for a Halloween Fun event from the 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> October and 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020. There will be Halloween themed activities in the gardens and Castle for children to take part in, all with Covid-safe measures in place. They have also organised a 15% discount code for all visitors that book using code SCHOOL15 when purchasing their tickets.

A poster advertising this event has been sent out with this week's newsletter.



## PFA Update

Exciting news! We are launching our School Lottery in November and it is so easy to take part. Tickets are just £1 to be a part of a weekly draw with a jackpot prize of £25,000, bonus prizes including family tickets to Harry Potter Studio Tour and also a guaranteed winner within the school every single week! You can choose to play every month or every now and then, whatever suits your family. The school will receive 40p directly from every ticket sold and this will be a brilliant way to bring the school community together and at the same time to give something back! Please share with wider family/grandparents and get everyone involved. You have to be in it to win it!

Our first PFA mufti day this year will be held on Friday November 27th. Please come to school wearing your most colourful clothes so we can brighten the school up whatever the weather! In exchange, please bring an item to be added to our rainbow Christmas Raffle hampers in the chosen colour of your year group!

See posters for more details!

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

FB - Hawthorn Community Primary School PFA

IG - Hawthorn.pfa

Email - [pfahawthorn@gmail.com](mailto:pfahawthorn@gmail.com)

Kettering Town Football Club are on the look-out for a few extra under 11 girl footballers to join their team that plays in the league. They have won their opening two matches, but require a couple of extra girls to boost the squad. No experience or ability level required.

They train on Wednesdays from 7-8pm at Latimer school 3g pitch.

They are also looking for players for their under 9's girls team as well.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Jason Thurland by e-mail.

[Jason.Thurland@ketteringtownfc.com](mailto:Jason.Thurland@ketteringtownfc.com)



I hope you all have a very restful two weeks away from school. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for the start of term 2 on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

## Dates for Your Diary:

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

## Free School Meals

We appreciate that the current situation may be having a huge financial impact on many of our families, as they struggle with potential job losses and the end of the furlough scheme. If your circumstances have changed your child may now be entitled to a free school meal.

Although we appreciate that the current free school meal offer only covers a packed lunch option because of the COVID restrictions, a child who is entitled to free school meals also has access to additional funding. This virtual voucher of £100 can be used by parents for their child to attend after school clubs, for support with uniform purchases, for contributions towards school trips or for payment for your child to attend our breakfast or after school club, or to pay for free fruit and milk in school. We are also aware that Marcus Rashford is currently lobbying the government to extend the provision of free school meals to cover school holiday period.

The link below can be used to access further information about eligibility and the very simple form that you need to complete if you believe that your child may qualify.

[Free School Meals](#)