



Hawthorn Community Primary School

Weekly Newsletter 6/11/20



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Welcome back to the start of a new term, I hope that you all had a restful autumn break! I am sure that this term will continue to present us with a number of challenges – particularly in light of the new regulations that came into force regarding lockdown yesterday. Please be reassured that we will do everything that we can to keep your child safe and to continue with life 'as normal' at Hawthorn during the coming weeks, but if we are required to make any changes we will keep you informed of these in a timely manner.

This second term is usually a wonderful time in school as we approach the excitement of Christmas but unfortunately we will be unable to celebrate this term in the ways that we would normally do. Even if the current lockdown ends on 2nd December, as is currently forecast, we can expect that there will still be restrictions in place that will prevent us from putting on our usual end of term activities and inviting parents to join us for our Christmas celebrations – the performance by the EYFS children, the EYFS and KS1 Christingle Service at St. Michael's Church or the KS2 Musical Evening at the United Reformed Church.

We will try to ensure that the children still have the opportunity to 'celebrate' Christmas in some way within their bubbles – and we will share our plans with you as soon as these have been finalised, but there will not be our annual pantomime visits or the usual party day celebrations where children bring in party food to share with their friends.

This week in school has been as busy as usual and it has been lovely to see the children re-engaging with their learning so positively after the two-week break.

EYFS

This week in EYFS, the children have settled back into routines brilliantly. We have enjoyed looking at light and dark where we have created junk model fireworks, night sky pictures using paint and marbles, and we even used the interactive whiteboard to create digital art on Purple Mash. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the shadow puppet theatre creating and putting on their own shows using torches. In maths, we have focused on finding one more and one less than a given number. This week we also introduced rainbow challenges and the children have worked hard to complete each one to make the rainbow. What a great start to the term!

KS1

It was lovely to see all the children back this week. This week in English, the children have been basing their work on the book *The Squirrels Who Squabbled*. They have used the noticing lens to describe what could be seen in a forest during Autumn. They have continued to focus on punctuating sentences correctly using capital letters and full stops. In Maths, the children have been finding number bonds to 10 and using these to find number bonds to 100. They have also been finding 10 more or less than a number. Our Science focus this week has been finding out about the different seasons and identifying which months are included in each season. In Art, the children have been creating poppies in order to celebrate Remembrance Day next week. The Hub has changed from a garage to a Design Studio. The children have been given the opportunity to create new fabric designs, design a T-shirt as well as practising their phonics. In Geography, the children have been learning where the UK is in relation to the rest of the world as well identifying which countries make up the United Kingdom.

Lower KS2

It's been great welcoming the children back all refreshed after their half term break. We have started a new text in English called Beware of Bears. The experience lesson saw the children 'visiting' a forest (within the classroom and with a digital slant) to generate writing ideas. They have started to write their own version of the story by describing the main character's journey into the forest. In history, the children have been learning about Stonehenge and all made a model in their pairs of the well-known prehistoric site - see dojo for photos/videos of some examples. Our art work has also linked with this great monument and has seen the children practicing their colour blending skills. In maths, we have been getting stuck into the column method for addition, the children have worked incredibly hard on the method and remembering to exchange 10 ones for a ten, 10 tens for a hundred and 10 hundreds for a thousand.

UKS2

We have had a super first week back at school. The children settled quickly into learning on Monday morning and have continued to work hard for the rest of the week. We have had a Science focus this week. The children have learnt about life cycles of mammals as well as how plants and mammals reproduce. The children have also learnt about metamorphosis. There has been a lot of challenging vocabulary to learn and understand, but all the children have been very sensible with the language. During English Writing lessons, the children have amazed us with their newspaper reporting skills. Don't be alarmed if you hear about giant, mutant bugs invading our corridors - it's just a fictional report!! As a team we have been so impressed with the level and amount of homework being shared with us via Class Dojo as well as the amount of reading going on at home as well.



WOW WORKER WALL OF HONOUR



EYFS		KS1		LKS2		UKS2	
Cherries	Joseph	Ash	James	Redwoods	Ekam	Cedars	Finley B
Apples	Thalia	Bay	Esther	S. Birches	Beatrice	Maples	Oscar
		Elm	Otto	Willows	Andrei	Oaks	Noah

Well done to these children who have been chosen by their teachers as their classes 'Wow Worker of the Week'. They are rewarded for their special efforts or achievement this week and should be bringing a certificate home with them today.

Flu Vaccinations

The School Aged Immunisation Service visited the school recently to offer the nasal flu vaccination. If your child missed this opportunity to be vaccinated and you would like your child to receive the vaccine please contact us to book an appointment at one of our community catch up clinics.

If your child is in a clinical risk group or shielded group you can also access the vaccine via your GP surgery.

To book an appointment please contact our 0-19 Admin hub on **0800 170 7055 (option 4)**.

Please

visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/flu-influenza-vaccine/>

Remembrance Day

Although we will not be able to mark Remembrance Day next week with our usual ceremony around the flagpole, we will still be holding a moment of silence in each classroom at 11am next Wednesday in honour of the occasion. Although we are not selling the snap bands, and bracelets this year, the children are still able to purchase a paper poppy or a reflector poppy to attach to their coat or bag from their teacher, with all donations being sent off to the Royal British Legion fund.

Thank you.



FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS FOR THE HALF-TERM BREAK

During the half term break it was announced that Northamptonshire County Council would provide free school meal vouchers to cover this break from school to children in the county who qualified for free school meals. Distribution of the vouchers should have been made to families who have previously applied and have been deemed eligible for free school meals.

The scheme was delivered using an online platform, which distributed the vouchers directly to the email addresses of eligible parents. The email will appear in parents' inboxes as a message from Northamptonshire County Council.

Those who are eligible but do not receive this email should visit the Northamptonshire County Council website and complete the eligibility form available as directed.

Please do not contact the school regarding this matter as we have no further information on the vouchers.

Next Friday is Children in Need day and children are invited to come to school in muffi wear in return for making a donation to the cause.

PARKING

Can I please remind parents to consider other road users and our neighbours when dropping off or picking up children from school.

We have had a request from a family in Broadway who have a designated disabled parking space marked on the road because their son has mobility issues, asking that parents do not park in this space because of the difficulties this is causing the son when they are unable to park next to the house.

Thank you.

Dates for Your Diary:

November	
13 th	Children in Need Muffi Day
w/b 16 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

The Northamptonshire Football Association are running a competition to create a **Mascot** to represent the NFA to a wider audience.

The mascot will be shown on the NFA website, social media and be recognised by many people across the County and the Country!

Please use the NSport website link provided below to find out further details.

<https://www.northamptonshiresport.org/competitions>

Deadline for entries is **Friday 27th November 2020**

Good luck!!

PFA News

Thank you to everyone who has already bought a ticket to our new school lottery! Our first draw is a couple of weeks away so there is still plenty of time to get involved. The jackpot prize is £25,000, further prizes include a Nintendo Switch bundle, and there will be a guaranteed cash win within our school every single week (the cash prizes increase as we sell more tickets!). 40p from each ticket will go straight back into the school & really adds up! For more information and to buy your tickets, simply visit yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Hawthorn Community Primary School.

We are holding our Rainbow Muffi Day on Friday 27th November. The children are invited to wear their most colourful clothes into school for the day and to bring in an item of their year group's colour to be added to our rainbow hampers in the Christmas raffle. This can be anything from chocolates & sweets to homewares & stationary (see the poster for Year group colours).

We will be launching raffle ticket sales at the end of next week and explaining how this will work with the current restrictions. If you, or any one you know, is able to offer a prize for the raffle (eg. a gift voucher) please let us or the school office know. Thank you!

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

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