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“Cultivating the Futures of our Children”

Dear Parents and Carers,

We’ve come to the end of a busy year at Hawthorn and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your on-going support of our school.

It has been a busy year and we have faced numerous challenges from Covid absences to a 40-degree heatwave, however as a school community we have accomplished a huge amount and are very proud of how far our children have come this year.

Some of the highlights of the year include:

- Our Hawthorn celebrations, such as Harvest Festival, Carols Around the Tree, Jubilee and Mayday dancing, where we were finally able to re-open to parents and our local community and keep some of the Hawthorn traditions alive.
- Taking part in a range of sporting competitions including cross-country, archery, netball, dodgeball, swimming galas, cricket, hockey and our Y5/6 netball team being crowned County Champions!
- Our Y6 residential to Longtown which was the first time many of these children had been on a residential and was great fun. Also various school trips to places such as Hamerton Zoo, Holdenby House, Twinlakes and Northampton University
- Our school library has been redecorated and refurbished and is now a warm and inviting space which reflects our school’s love of reading. There is a rolling programme of works in place which has seen classrooms begin to be re-decorated
- Our KS2 SATs results, which were significantly above the national average
- Performances from the Hawthorn Choir, which have taken place at local care homes and music festivals
- The support of our PFA The Friends of Hawthorn in holding some fantastic events such as a Winter Fair, Break the Rules Day, Mother’s Day Stall and Key Stage discos. We continue to be grateful for their support and the vital funds they are raising for our school.

In addition, we have worked closely with Pathfinder Schools to improve our quality of education here at Hawthorn. We will continue to build on this work next year in order to ensure we are offering our children the best provision possible.



Thank you to all parents who completed the parent survey recently – your views are important to us so that we can continue to evolve and improve as a school. We will share the results of the survey with you in September.

Today we will say goodbye to some members of staff including Mrs Macfarlane, one of our KS1 teachers, Mrs Lawson our HLTA, Miss Curtis one of our TAs and our lunchtime supervisor Mrs Hills. We thank them for all of the hard work they have put into Hawthorn over their time here.

We are welcoming Miss Harrison as Y1/2 teacher in Elm from September and are delighted to have her on board. In addition, we are pleased to now confirm that Mrs Billingham will be teaching two days a week in Silver Birches, job sharing with Mrs Park from September, alongside her Deputy Head duties.

Today we will be saying goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 group. By the time you receive this newsletter the Y6s will have taken part in their Leaver's Assembly and I'm sure there will have been a few tears shed! Y6, it has been wonderful to get to know you all this year, I wish I'd had longer with you. Go on to have a fantastic time at secondary school, work hard and have fun!

And finally, thank you for making me so welcome at Hawthorn this year, I look forward to building on our partnership further next year.

On behalf of all the staff here at Hawthorn, we wish you all a wonderful restful summer and we look forward to seeing all of the children back on Monday 5th September.

Best wishes

Emma Jacox