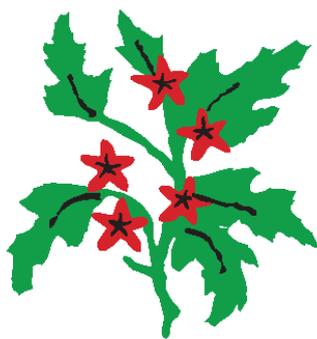


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It has been quite an active week for our Key Stage 2 children with many of the year 6 children undergoing their Bikeability Training over the course of the week. Despite the awful weather at some points, when learning to use a kayak rather than a cycle may have been more appropriate, the children have completed their training enthusiastically, and it is good to know that they have a good understanding of how to keep themselves safe when using their cycles on the roads.

On Tuesday representatives from the whole of Key Stage 2 went down to KLV accompanied by Mr Hall, Mrs Corney and Mrs Brookes, to take part in the Sports Hall Athletics Event. Luckily this event was held indoors and so was not affected by the weather, and it was good to see so many children coming back into school rewarded with medals for their performances. More children from Hawthorn were involved in the event than have ever participated before, with the year 3 and 4 finishing 3rd overall out of the 12 teams that competed, and although the two year 5 and 6 teams competed enthusiastically, they were unfortunately not able to match the success of the younger children, finishing 6th and 12th. Well done and many thanks to all of the children who represented the school so well.

I am also really pleased to be able to report that the school has been awarded the Silver Games Mark for the second year running. This is in recognition of the work the School and its pupils put into PE, Out of School sports clubs, intra, inter and county events and the promotion of healthy living. Many thanks to everyone in the school for working so hard to promote P.E. and sport across the school, but particularly to Mr Hall for all of his work and enthusiasm in this area.

Preparations are now underway for the EYFS and KS1 children's Christmas performances which will take place during the week beginning 5th December. Lines are being learnt, songs practiced and dances choreographed, and it is lovely to see the children so excited and enthusiastic about their performances.

House Points for this Term

	Weekly total	Termly total
Rockingham	158	499
Salcey	131	486
Sherwood	147	492
Thetford	155	485

Well done to everyone in **Rockingham** this week

This term's leaders are:
ROCKINGHAM

A request

A number of parents have commented about the difficulties regarding the collection of children from the Key Stage 2 exit at the end of the school day, because of the congestion in this area. Could we please request that parents keep away from the doorway in order to allow the children to exit more safely and give them the opportunity to see who is collecting them.

We recognize that space around this exit point is very limited, and if parents of the children in years 5 and 6 are able to wait in the top playground or outside Pears classroom to create a little more space by the doorway, this would be very much appreciated.

PFA NEWS

Christmas Fair - Friday 16th December 6pm-8pm

We would still love for some volunteers to help on the night, even if only for half an hour. Please let us know if you can.

Don't forget donations of the following:

- New, or nearly new, teddies;
- New or used items for our general tombola;
- Cake donations for the refreshments area (not until the day of the fair please)
- Any items for our Grand Raffle.

If you are able to donate any items then please leave by the shed next to the mini buses (KS2 entrance).

Many thanks in advance.

Please do not hesitate to contact us about this, or anything, re the PFA. Facebook page - **Hawthorn School & Parents and Friends Association** or email : Hawthornpfachair@aol.com

Promoting Reading

To encourage the children to become more enthusiastic readers, if your child reads their book with you at home at least three times a week and you record this in their reading record, they will earn themselves a house point!

Online Safety

You might want to use some of these discussion starters with your child regarding online safety:

- What are your favourite things to do online?
- What is personal information? Why should you keep it private?
- What could you do to be safer online?
- What would you do if anyone online asked to meet you face to face?

Dates for Your Diary:

December	
1 st	Choir Competition 6 – 8pm
2 nd	Bottle Muffi Day
7 th	EYFS Performance to parents 1.30pm
8 th	KS1 Performance to parents 1.30pm
9 th	KS1 Performance to parents 9.30am KS2 choir perform to Christ the King Luncheon Club
10 th	KS2 Choir concert with Rushden Town Band
12 th	EYFS and KS1 Party Day
13 th	EYFS and KS1 Theatre production KS2 Musical Evening
14 th	KS2 party Day
15 th	Chocolate Muffi Day
16 th	KS2 Pantomime Trip PFA Christmas Fare
17 th	KS2 Choir concert with GUS Band
19 th	EYFS and KS1 Christingle 2pm tbc
20 th	End of Term 2
January	
5 th	Start of Term 3

WARM CLOTHING

Wherever possible the children in KS2 will continue their outdoor P.E. lessons all through the winter so please ensure that your child has warm clothing – i.e. jogging bottoms and sweatshirt, or tracksuit for their lessons on a Monday (for years 5 and 6) or Thursday (for years 3 and 4).

We will also try to ensure that wherever possible the children get to play outdoors each day, so it is important that your child has a warm coat to wear. Don't forget to label up all items with your child's name.

Hawthorn is registered for the **November Numeracy Challenge**, a competition which challenges children with adaptive curriculum questions and live multi-player games on **Mathletics** which runs until 4th December. We will be up against other schools across the country and the top 3 schools will receive prizes. If your child is in KS2, Please encourage them to use **Mathletics** over the next week, as every point for a correct answer in the challenges and games, will count towards our whole school total!



This week's Maths Poser is linked to road safety week:
How many different shapes can be seen out and about on the roads and what are they used for?

Our Calculation Policy, outlining how we teach addition, subtraction, multiplication and division can be found on the school website. Visit the learning section – maths and problem solving, for further details, of how you can support your child.

For further information, please use the school website: <http://www.hawthornprimarykettering.co.uk>
Thank you for your continued support. Julie Clubley, Headteacher