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## ***"Cultivating the Futures of our Children"***

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy year at Hawthorn, I wanted to take this opportunity to give you some staffing updates and thank you for your on-going support of our school. We have had an excellent year. Our staff have worked incredibly hard and our children have enjoyed a huge range of opportunities and experiences throughout the year.

Some of the highlights include:

- Our Hawthorn celebrations, such as Harvest Festival, Carols Around the Tree, Jubilee and Mayday dancing. It was wonderful to be able to bring back the Key Stage 2 Carol Concert to enjoy with our school community, whilst the lower year groups performed the Nativity and Christingle.
- New initiatives such as Toast and Tales and the Celebration Assemblies and Afternoon Teas. We have all enjoyed inviting parents in to share these special events with us.
- Taking part in a range of sporting competitions including archery, swimming galas, cricket, hockey, athletics and tri-golf. The sporting highlight of the year however was undoubtedly Sports Day, which we held at St Peters School. Again, having parents and carers cheer along with us made the event even more special.
- Our second Y6 residential to Longtown – this time it was plagued with heavy rain and Mrs King's broken ankle, but still a great experience for all! We also carried out our first Y4 residential to the Frontier Centre. For the majority of our children this was the first time they had been on a residential and we were so impressed with how they tackled the experience. Also, various school trips have taken place, including to Hamerton Zoo, Irchester and Sywell Country Parks, Chester House and Northampton University.



- We continue to make improvements to our school building. Several classrooms have now been redecorated and we have cleared and decorated some additional rooms for small group work and teacher work spaces. Over the summer, our site security will undergo significant updates with new fencing and security systems in place.
- The support of our PFA, The Friends of Hawthorn, in holding some fantastic events such as a Winter Fayre, 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. We have recently been donated £8000 by the Friends and this money is going towards revamping the reading area in the KS2 corridor and IT equipment including laptops...watch this space!

In addition, we have continued to work closely with Pathfinder Schools to improve our quality of education here at Hawthorn. Our teachers have benefited from getting out of Hawthorn and visiting many other successful schools beyond the local community, sharing best practice and bringing back new ideas. We will continue to build on this work next year in order to ensure we are offering our children the best provision possible.

Our staff team at Hawthorn goes from strength to strength. We are thrilled to be fully staffed for September, enabling us to really hit the ground running. Following interviews earlier this week, I am delighted to announce that Miss Blakeley has been successful in securing the position of Deputy Head and Mrs Tinto as Assistant Head of Hawthorn. I'm sure you will agree with me that both Miss Blakeley and Mrs Tinto have been strong members of the Hawthorn team for many years and are well placed to support driving the school forwards. In addition, Miss Morris will also take up the post of EYFS/KS1 Lead in September, whilst Mrs Martin will take on the role of Inclusion Lead, which encompasses all SEND and Safeguarding responsibilities. These appointments ensure we have a strong, and driven Senior Leadership Team in place here at Hawthorn, capable of supporting our excellent teaching staff and raising standards further across the school.

Today we will say goodbye to Ms Brookes who has been teaching in Silver Birches since Christmas. We wish Ms Brookes the very best of luck and would like to thank her for all her hard work here at Hawthorn. It has been a pleasure having her with us.

We will also say goodbye to our Y6 children today. This week they have taken part in their graduation and enjoyed a fantastic leaver's party last night. Thank you to all the parents and staff who helped out to give them a memorable evening! By the time you receive this newsletter the Y6s will have run through the school arch and out into the big wide world! I'm sure there will have been a few tears shed! Y6, have a fantastic time at secondary school, work hard and have fun!

On behalf of all the staff here at Hawthorn thank you for the many gifts and flowers we have received today. We wish you all a wonderful restful summer and we look forward to seeing all of the children back on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September**.

Best wishes,

Emma Jacob

