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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great week we have had at Hawthorn! As always its been packed with some amazing learning and lots of fun. Some of the highlights for the teachers this week, included our walk around to look at the maths being taught across the school. It was great to see the consistency between the classes, seeing children keen and eager to join in and challenging themselves with their learning.

Yesterday, myself, Mrs Tinto and Miss Morris visited an outstanding primary school in Northampton and came back with lots of ideas to make Hawthorn even better than it already is! We focused particularly on writing, and how we can improve handwriting and spelling...so watch this space!

Toast & Tales

*A reminder that Toast and Tales for Year 4 and Year 3 will be held on **Tuesday (21st November)** (Y4) and **Wednesday (22nd November)** (Y3). Come and join us at 8.20am in the hall to share a light breakfast and a story with your child. Please note, there will be no Sensory Circuits on these mornings.*

Athletics Competition

Well done to all our children who took part in the Kettering Sportshall Athletics event yesterday. Behaviour was excellent, our children were great ambassadors for Hawthorn and all tried their best. We achieved great results for both year 3/4 and 5/6 and our children were supportive to the other teams. Thank you to Mr O'Key (who came back with no voice!), Miss Greener and Mr J for supporting our children in this event.

Children in Need

Thank to everyone who came dressed in pyjamas/ sports wear today to raise money for Children in Need. It has also been great to see the children completing their 'Bearpees Challenge' promoted by Joe Wickes. Of course, I walked into Apples class at the wrong time on Wednesday and ended up having to do 10 Bearpees! Thank you children, that was certainly an energetic start to the day! At the time of writing the school has raised £558 which is fantastic! You can still pay your sponsorship money and Mufti day money up until 9am on Monday via SchoolMoney.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Emma Jacox

Head Teacher

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow!



Thank you everyone for continuing good attendance and making sure your children are not missing out their education here at Hawthorn.

*This week, **Willows and Elm** are in joint first place with 98% attendance! Well Done!*

Willows: 98%

Elm: 98%

Redwoods 97%

Silver Birches: 97%

Apples: 97%

Ash: 96%

Maples: 96%

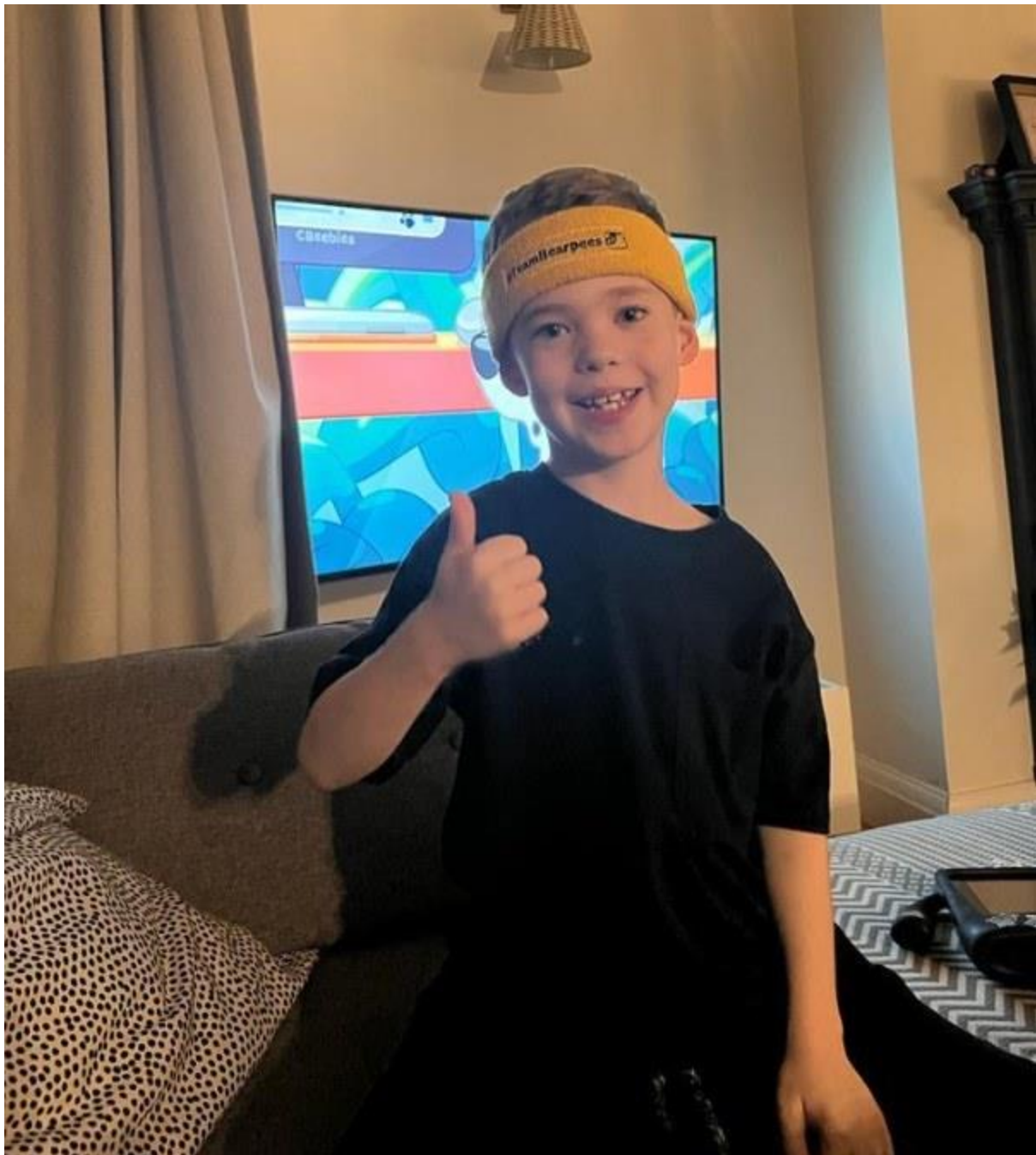
Oaks: 95%

Cedars: 95%

Bay: 95%

Cherries: 95%

Bearpee Challenge



Well done to all of our children who have completed their Bearpee Challenge this week. A particular well done to Louie who has done 33 Bearpees every day and raised more than £453 from friends and family!! What a fantastic effort Louie! We are very proud of you.

Remembrance Service



Hawthorn pupils past and present did the school proud last weekend when they took part in the local remembrance service with the cubs and beavers. It's fantastic to see our Hawthorn children out and about in the community, being excellent role models and displaying our Hawthorn values.

New Reception Intake 2024

School tours for our Reception 2024 intake are ongoing!

If you have a child who will be of school age next September you can now apply for a primary school place on [North Northamptonshire Council - Apply for a Primary School Place](#) The closing date to apply is 15th Jan 2024.

We are offering school tours for prospective families on a variety of dates. Please contact the school office on 01536 512204 to book your place.

Online Safety: What Parents and Carers Need to Know About...Smart TVs

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many devices which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalonsafety.com for further guides, tips and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SMART TVs

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself: from on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer to streaming services such as Netflix, as well as connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new televisions are internet enabled – so whether you're thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.

INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.

REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly – especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.

UNCONVINCING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.

A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information – while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to 'eavesdrop' on owners. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming – all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.

CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs: from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.

SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.

CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space – so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.

Meet Our Expert

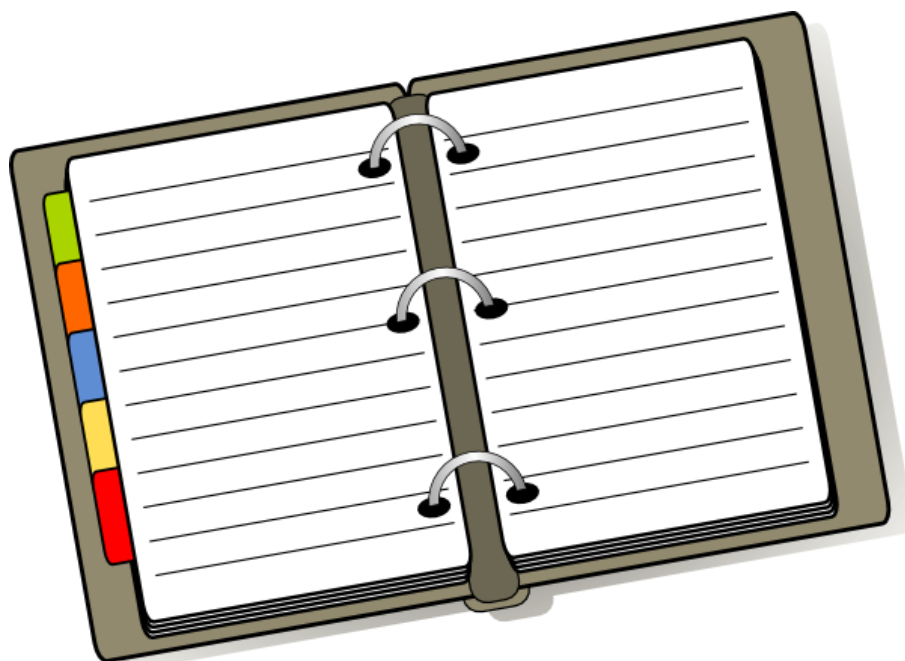
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Community News & Events

Please follow the link below to the school website to find information on events happening in Kettering and surrounding areas:

[Hawthorn Primary - Community News and Events \(hawthornprimarykettering.co.uk\)](http://hawthornprimarykettering.co.uk)

Dates For Your Diary...



Tuesday 21st November: Toast & Tales (Y4)

Weds 22nd November: Toast & Tales (Y3)

Fri 24th November: Jam Jar non-uniform day (FOH)

Tuesday 5th December: KS2 Carol Service - 6pm

Friday 8th December: Rocksteady Concerts

Friday 15th December: KS2 panto at Lighthouse Theatre

Monday 18th December: KS1 Christingle

Tuesday 19th December: Break Up

Carols Around the Tree

