

Hawthorn Community Primary School

Hawthorn Road
Kettering
Northants
NN15 7HT

Tel: 01536 512204
Fax: 01536 512468



Head Teacher: Mrs Emma Jacox
Email: head@hawthorn.pfschools.org.uk
Website: www.hawthornprimarykettering.co.uk

3rd September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back

Ahead of the new term, which begins tomorrow (Wednesday 4th September), I wanted to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to Hawthorn after what I hope has been an enjoyable summer break. In particular, we would like to welcome the new families who have joined our thriving Hawthorn community - those in Reception and also those new to our area. We hope you will enjoy being part of Hawthorn and we look forward to getting to know your children and yourselves over the course of the next few weeks.

Staffing for the Year Ahead

Please see below for this year's staffing in all year groups.

EYFS		
Phase Leader: Miss Morris		
Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistants
Apples	Miss Greener	Miss Wylie, Miss Godwin, Miss Downs
Cherries	Mrs Dickens (formerly Miss Shipley) (M, T, W) & Mrs Syree (W, Th, F)	

KS1		
Phase Leader: Miss Morris		
Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistants
Ash	Miss Morris Mrs Hassan (Trainee Teacher)	Mrs Wootton
Bay	Miss Barr	Miss Masters, Miss Drummond
Elm	Miss Old	Mrs Jones
The Beehive	Mrs Oakes and Miss Keating	

LKS2		
Phase Leader: Miss Blakeley		
Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistants
Redwoods	Ms Butler (M, T, W) Miss Blakeley (Th, F) Miss Thomas (Trainee Teacher)	Miss Spencer
Silver Birches	Miss Harrison	Mrs Wiffen
Willows	Mr Lewis	Mrs Coppa

UKS2		
Phase Leader: Mrs Tinto		
Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistants
Cedars	Mrs Tinto and Mrs O'Keefe	Mrs Dillon, Mr O'Key
Maples	Mr Dix	Mrs Prior
Oaks	Mr J	Miss Bell
The Nest	Mrs King and Mrs O'Key	

PE and Sports Coach	Mr O'Key
----------------------------	----------

Mrs Martin, our Inclusion Lead and Senco, gave birth to a beautiful baby girl over the summer holidays and both mum and baby are doing very well. Mrs Martin will be in school on several occasions between now and her return to work in the Spring to oversee our SEND provision.

A reminder that we also have a Family Support Worker at Hawthorn called Mrs Brown. Mrs Brown's role is to support families in times of difficulty, so please ask for help should you need it. Mrs Brown will be able to support and signpost around areas such as attendance, behaviour, housing, finance, mental or physical health. She can be contacted by telephoning the school on 01535 512204 or via email: ebrown@hawthorn.pfschools.org.uk.

In addition, we have a Designated Safeguarding Lead (Mrs Jacox) and several deputy DSLs in school (Mrs Brown, Miss Blakeley, Mrs O'Key and Mrs Martin), who will be able to help, should you have any safeguarding concerns.

Building Work

We have had a huge amount of building work taking place at Hawthorn over the summer. Our Community Room, kitchen and toilets have been completely refurbished – we will shortly be launching a competition for the children to come up with a new name for our Community Room! We have also had the staff room and staff toilets refurbished along with the outdoor area for Ash class and other general work to keep our school environment looking inviting. A huge thank you to our site team who have worked so hard to co-ordinate builders and contractors over the summer.

If your child attends Breakfast Club, please note it will now be held in The Diner. Access will be through the Community Room gate as normal.

Attendance

Hawthorn strives to work with parents to ensure children have excellent attendance at school. Regular school attendance is crucial for your child's success and social development. We aim for all children to maintain an attendance figure of 96%. Of course, we are aware that children fall ill from time to time, but we will continue reporting your child's attendance to you on a termly basis so that you can keep track of their percentage. Please note that we are unable to authorise holidays taken in term time and you may be subject to a fine issued by the Local Authority. If you need any support regarding attendance, please contact school and we will do what we can to support you.

Drop off and Collection

Reception and KS1 (Y1 & Y2):

- Children should enter via the Hawthorn Road gate which will open at 8.30am and close at 8.45am. **Tomorrow only our new Reception children should arrive at the Hawthorn Road gate at 9am.**
- Reception and KS1 children should be collected at 3.15pm, from the Hawthorn gate (Reception) and the Broadway entrance playground (Y1 & Y2).

KS2 (Y3-6)

- Children should enter via the Broadway gates which will open at 8.30am. The whistle will be blown at 8.40am and the gates will close at 8.45am.
- KS2 children will finish at 3.20pm and should be collected from the Broadway gate.

The register will be taken at 8.50am with morning work starting at this time. If your child is late for school, they will miss important elements of our curriculum.

School Values

As we go into the new school year, we will be reminding our children to promote our school values. Hawthorn has six school values which are:

- Community
- Teamwork
- Resilience
- Creativity
- Respect
- Thoughtfulness

These values are important at Hawthorn because they focus on preparing our children to become well-rounded citizens as they move through the school and beyond. We will be focusing on one of these values each half term. The children will gain a good understanding of what the value means and how to live it out. This term, our value is Community. We will be talking to our children about the importance of being part of our Hawthorn community, but also what it means to be part of our wider community. Please talk with your child about what a community means to them and if they have any examples of how they have been active in their local community, we would love to see or hear about it.

Uniform

A reminder that we expect all children to be dressed in full school uniform, including the correct PE kit on PE days. Please see our website for details of our uniform and where you can purchase it from: [Hawthorn Primary - School and PE Uniform \(hawthornprimarykettering.co.uk\)](http://hawthornprimarykettering.co.uk). If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium you can use this towards funding school uniform.

If your child is in KS2 they will have a locker in which to store their school bags and coats. Please make sure any bag that your child brings to school is no bigger than 37cm x 24cm, otherwise it will not fit in the lockers. There is no need to bring large pencil cases into school as we will provide your child with all the stationery they need.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff here at Hawthorn, we are looking forward to working with you all and enjoying another wonderful year in our school. I will be on the playground regularly in the morning and afternoon to answer any questions and as always you are welcome to contact me by phone, email or Dojo.

Best wishes,

Emma Jacob

Head Teacher