



Hawthorn Community Primary School



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And so we come to the end of another term and it is hard to believe that we are already half way through the school year! Where does the time go?

On Tuesday we celebrated Safer Internet Day in school, when the children were reminded by their teachers about the importance of using the Internet safely and reporting any worries that they may have to an adult. Although unfortunately we had to cancel the E-Safety workshop for parents that was due to take place before school, we did still welcome a representative from the NSPCC to assemblies to talk to the children about staying safe. Our year 5 and 6 children will be taking part in safety workshops with representatives from the NSPCC after the half-term break, when they will have the opportunity to learn more about keeping themselves safe.

Our Cheerleading club run by Mrs Brookes has proved to be very popular and the children have been working hard to perfect their routines. This week was the last session and the children had the opportunity to share their routines with the other members of the club. Next term Mrs Brookes will be leading a year 5 and 6 netball club, more details to follow after the half term break.



On Thursday our EYFS children celebrated 'Shrove Tuesday' a few days early, by making pancakes and tasting them. I think the big smiles show that that they all enjoyed the experience!

Our year 5 and 6 children are currently learning about 'Extreme Environments' and this afternoon they welcomed one of our school governors, Hilary Guy, into school to talk to them about her visit to Antarctica. The children were fascinated by her talk and asked some probing questions about her experiences at the bottom of the Earth. They were particularly interested to learn that if you dig a hole you have to fill it in afterwards to stop the penguins from falling in!

Our Parent Voice have been very active recently, investigating what can be done to help with the parking issues around the school – you may have seen the new banners on display on Hawthorn Road and the Broadway, and the presence of our PSCO and a parking warden at drop off and pickup times. We understand that parking outside of the school can be extremely difficult, but in order to keep the children safe, please don't stop on the zebra crossing to drop off or pick up children, or double park, as this can cause frustration to other road users. There are usually spaces to park a little further afield, if you are able to set off a little earlier and then walk the last bit of the journey to school.

I hope everyone has a good break next week and comes back to school re-invigorated on Monday 19th February.

House Points for last Term		
	Weekly total	Termly total
Rockingham	127	650
Salcey	106	619
Sherwood	133	658
Thefford	109	624
Well done to everyone in Sherwood this week.		
This term's champions are: SHERWOOD		

Hawthorn PFA

Thank you to everyone who helped with the cake sale today and to all who brought in the cakes, as well as the people who helped to sell, and to the people who spent their pennies!

Upcoming events include:

Weds 28th Feb to Friday 2nd March - Book Fair.

Friday 9th March: Movie Night KS1 and KS2

If anyone is able to help at any of these events then please let us know.

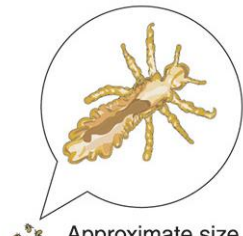
Unwanted friends

Sadly, the battle against head lice is ongoing in all schools. Nobody likes having head lice but it does take everyone to help with this problem to try to prevent the spread of head lice.

CHECK REGULARLY, TREAT and REPORT IT TO SCHOOL if you find head lice or eggs.



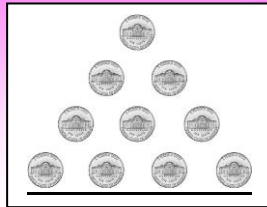
Louse eggs glued to hair shafts. Eggs are the size of a small pinhead



Approximate size

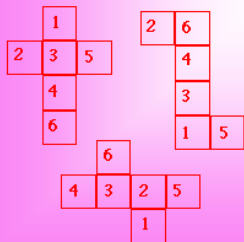
This week's maths puzzle

Can you move only three coins to turn the triangle upside down?

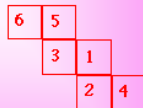


Last week's puzzle

These three all made cubes:



But only this one made a correctly numbered dice:



The trick was to get each pair of opposite sides adding up to 7. This is the only one that does it!

Dates for Your Diary:

February	
9th	End of Term 3
19th	Start of Term 4
w/b 19th	Parent Interview Week
22nd	NSPCC Safety Workshops for year 5 and 6 children
22nd	Parent Internet Safety workshop run by NSPCC and O2 (9.00-10.00am)
27th	School Book Fair delivered
28th	Book Fair in the hall after school
March	
1st	World Book Day – children to dress as a book character. Book Fair in the hall after school
1st	Secondary School allocations
2nd	Book Fair in the hall after school
9th	PFA Movie Night for all children from EYFS to Year 6 (4 film choices!)
16th	Rowans and Beeches Cake Sale
16th	School Uniform Amnesty – donate your 'grown-out-of' uniform to the PFA for them to add to the second-hand uniform stocks.
25th	Regional Music for Youth Festival at Northampton for KS2 choir
29th	End of term 4
April	
17th	Start of term 5

HAWTHORN HOLIDAY PLAYScheme

Don't forget that our Holiday Playscheme will be in operation during next week from 12th – 16th February

The playscheme is open to children aged 4 – 11 between the hours of 7.45am and 5.30pm.
Tel: 01536 529059 or 07813 478205 (text only)
E-mail: hawthornosc@gmail.com

E-Safety News

Included with this week's newsletter is an advice leaflet designed for parents from the UK Safer Internet Centre. Their website is a great starting point if you want to find out more.
<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/resources-parents-and-carers>



Attendance Update

EYFS and KS1 CLASSES	Total for week	Change from previous week	KS2 CLASSES	Total for week	Change from previous week
Cherries	90.7%	- 0.9	Willows	99.0%	+ 2.0
Apples	88.6%	- 3.2	Silver Birches	94.3%	- 3.9
Pears	90.0%	0.0	Redwoods	98.2%	- 0.4
Beeches	91.4%	+ 1.7	Maples	98.7%	+ 0.7
Rowans	95.4%	- 0.6	Cedars	99.3%	0.0
			Oaks	97.3%	+ 4.3

SAM Weekly Winner: Cedars

MIA Weekly Winner: Oaks