



Hawthorn Community Primary School



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After the disruption of last week, we are so pleased that the winter seems to have finally disappeared and we can all get back to normal! I would like to thank everyone for their co-operation last week when the school was affected by the snow, hopefully this will be the last that we see for a while, although the forecast for next week is not looking particularly good. Decisions about closing the school are never taken lightly and we will always try to remain open wherever possible, but we also recognise that the more notice we can provide parents with regarding any closure the more time you have to make alternative childcare arrangements.

It was very disappointing that our celebrations for World Book Day last Thursday were disrupted, but for the children who made it into school that day we tried to put on a special day of events linked to books and reading, before the snow led to the early closure of the school during the afternoon. It was lovely to see all of the children dressed up as their favourite book characters for the day and we were very pleased that some of the parents were able to join us for our EYFS and KS1 assembly during the morning and then stay behind in school to share a book with their child. Unfortunately the assembly for our KS2 children during the afternoon fell victim to the bad weather, but we hope to rearrange the opportunity for parents to come into school and share a book with their child for later on this term. We were still very pleased that Wayne Dickens, a local children's author was able to come into school and spend time with the children from each class, reading some of his stories to the younger children and talking to our KS2 children about his work and the writing process. Although we were unfortunately unable to hold our school book fair last week as planned, we did open the fair on Monday after school to give the children the opportunity to purchase books if they wished. A huge thank you to everyone who attended – we sold just under £300 of books and were able to claim some new books for our school library in reward for this total. We appreciate that it was short notice regarding the opening of the fair on Monday, but wanted to provide the opportunity for those children and parents who could attend before the books were collected on Tuesday. In conjunction with World Book Day the children were all invited to take part in competitions to try to identify children's books from clues. All of the children who entered the competition will be given a bookmark for their efforts, and the winner from each class earned a book, which was presented to them this morning in our celebration assembly. Please don't forget that if your child earns any awards or certificates out of school, we would love to celebrate their achievements in our Friday morning assemblies. Just send the trophy or certificate into the school office and we will do the rest!

On a final note, Mrs Corney leaves us today to begin her maternity leave – we wish her well, and hope to share some good news with you in the near future!

House Points for last Term		
	Weekly total	Termly total
Rockingham	176	342
Salcey	154	295
Sherwood	175	362
Theftord	151	303
Well done to everyone in Rockingham this week.		
This term's leaders are: SHERWOOD		

Hawthorn PFA

Don't forget the PFA Movie Night this evening. There will be 4 films for the children to choose from: 'Boss Baby', 'Moana', 'Beauty and the Beast' or 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' and refreshments are included in the ticket price of £2.00. 6pm start - we hope to see you there!

Thank you for your continued support.
The PFA.

Please follow our Facebook page:
Hawthorn Community Primary School PFA

READING

There is a fantastic website / app called 'Teach Your Monster to Read.'

Some of the staff have been using it in class and there are so many lovely games to play as well as sentence level work. It runs alongside the phonic phases, so is suitable for children from YR to Y2.



Telephone Troubles!

I would like to thank all parents for their patience over the last couple of weeks whilst we have been having problems with our telephones. A new system was installed on Thursday and thankfully everything is now back to normal!

Sporting News

This week Mrs Tinto took some year 4 children to Southfield School to take part in a Tchoukball Festival. The children had a great time and were good ambassadors for our school, making it through to the semi-final stage of the competition. Well done to Michaela, Iris, Jan, Harvey, Eshaan and Ashton.

Dates for Your Diary:

March	
9 th	PFA Movie Night for all children from EYFS to Year 6 (4 film choices!)
13 th	Parent Forum 7pm
14 th	Kettering Eisteddfod
16 th	Rowans and Beeches Cake Sale
16 th	School Uniform Amnesty – donate your 'grown-out-of' uniform to the PFA for them to add to the second-hand uniform stocks.
22 nd	Class photographs Final session for year 4 Samba Drumming – performance to parents, time tbc
25 th	Regional Music for Youth Festival at Northampton for KS2 choir
28 th	Easter Bonnet Parade for EYFS and KS1 children 9.00am
29 th	End of term 4
April	
16 th	Teacher Training Day Primary School allocations
17 th	Start of term 5
18 th	PFA Meeting 7pm
20 th	Pears, Apples and Cherries Cake Sale
26 th	Year 3 Dance Festival at Southfield School
May	
7 th	School closed – May Bank Holiday
w.b. 14 th	KS2 SATs week
25 th	End of term 5
June	
6 th	Start of term 6

Parent Voice

The next meeting of the Parent Voice Group is next Tuesday, 13th March at 7pm in the School Community Room. If there are any items that you would like the group to discuss please forward them to our e-mail: hawthornparentvoice@gmail.com or via our Facebook page.

As always, new members are welcome to attend. All you need is to be able to spare 2 hours a term and have a desire to work with the school to look at ways to improve the school experience.

Car parking around the school is a hot topic that the group have very actively taken forward and with even more support we could make a big difference. Can you help? If so, come along to share your ideas.

Attendance Update

EYFS and KS1 CLASSES	Total for week	Change from previous week	KS2 CLASSES	Total for week	Change from previous week
Cherries	92.5%	- 4.6	Willows	95.2%	- 2.0
Apples	97.1%	+ 4.0	Silver Birches	97.9%	+ 5.6
Pears	95.9%	+ 2.7	Redwoods	100.0%	+ 8.4
Beeches	97.9%	- 1.1	Maples	95.4%	- 0.3
Rowans	97.7%	+ 3.8	Cedars	95.7%	- 1.2
			Oaks	98.0%	- 0.2

SAM Weekly Winner: Redwoods

MIA Weekly Winner: Redwoods