



# Hawthorne News



November 2017

## Goodbye and good luck Mrs Harvey

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Harvey who has been a valued member of staff at Hawthorne for 10 years. Mrs Harvey has secured a position in another school as a pastoral, behavioural teaching assistant which I know she will thrive in. I'm sure everyone will join me in wishing her luck in her new venture and thank her for her hard work and commitment to Hawthorne over the years.

## Drop off and collection of children

There have been some concerns raised about the drop off and collection of children in different year groups. I have discussed this with staff and this is what we have agreed as school policy. Children in F1, F2, year 1, 2 and 3 must be dropped off by an adult who must wait with them until the classroom door is opened by a member of staff and collected by an adult from the classroom door at the end of the day where your child will be handed over. Please note, under 16s will not be able to collect unless an agreement has been made with a member of school staff.

In the autumn term children in year 4 will be handed over to an adult at home time. In the spring and summer term, children and their parents/carers can arrange a place to meet at the end of the day. This can be at the classroom door, at the gate or another agreed place. If you would still like your child to be handed over, this is not a problem; please inform the class teacher and we will continue to do this. Children in years 5 and 6 will be dismissed from the classroom and they should arrange to meet their adult in an agreed place or walk home. Again if you would like them handed over, please speak to the class teacher.

## Parking

Thank you to all of those parents who are putting our children and their families first when parking outside

of school. Before and after school is an extremely busy time and the roads around school get very congested. Some parents/carers have raised concerns that some people are not parking safely; therefore putting our children and their families in danger. Please can I ask you to consider where you are parking your car to prevent any accidents occurring in the future.

## School Games

Hawthorne have had a successful start to the School Games competitions this year. In the year 5/6 mini-tennis qualifier, our talented children won a gold medal and qualified for the district finals. 38 teams in total participated in the qualifiers, with our children earning 3rd place overall and a bronze medal at the finals. Well done to Will Thompson, Liv Johnson, Mat Rose and Imogen Patterson.



The Year 5/6 Handball Team fought a very close battle, winning a silver medal. Well done to Tegan, Liv, Holly, Imogen, Amelia, Tom, Dylan, Leo, Mat and Dominic.

## Twitter

To follow our progress and achievements in the school games and other events in school, follow us on Twitter. Search for us at @bvhps and request to follow. We monitor this regularly so will activate your request as soon as possible.



## Poppy Appeal

We have some poppies in school to sell. The year 6 children will be taking them around the classes on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November so if you would like your child to purchase one, please send them with a donation on that day. We also have some other items which can be purchased from outside the office.

### Parent Pay

As you know, the school has now become cashless and all payments should be made through Parentpay. This includes dinner money, school uniform, water bottles and book bags. The benefits of a cashless system is that it is a quick online system. There is also a facility for those parents that do not have access to the internet to pay at a Pay Point at your local post office or where you see the Pay Point sign. Please see the school office for an activation letter for access to either Parentpay or Pay Point or if you have a concern regarding the facility. We will, however, take payment of cash or cheque if you are having any sort of difficulty with the system.

### Free School Meals

You may qualify for free school meals if you receive one of the following benefits:

- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs (HMRC)) that does not exceed £16,190
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Income-based and Contributions-based JSA and ESA on an equal basis
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after the person stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - during the initial roll-out of the benefit.

All pupils in reception, year 1 and 2 are entitled to free school meals. It is important that all parents who receive one of the benefits listed above register for free school meals as this will enable the school to claim "pupil premium allocation". The pupil premium is additional funding given to publicly funded schools in England to raise attainment. This additional funding for schools can help to buy new equipment and resources and pay for extra support for the children.

If you are eligible for free school meals, you can register and apply through NCC public website and receive an immediate decision regarding your entitlement. This will then be confirmed by email. The link to the application process is:

[https://emsonline.nottscs.gov.uk/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCitizenPortal\\_LIVE/](https://emsonline.nottscs.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCitizenPortal_LIVE/)

### Admissions Consultation

Nottinghamshire's annual consultation for community and voluntary controlled schools admission arrangements is now open. This ensures that all parents, along with other consultees, have an opportunity to comment on any proposed changes. Consultation on admission arrangements for **2019-2020** will take place between **Monday 2 October 2017 and Sunday 26 November 2017**. Full documents are available on the public website [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk) for the whole period of consultation and responses can be made online.

### Holidays in term time

There were a lot of holidays taken in term time last half term which contributed to our whole school attendance falling to 93% which is 3% below the national target. Research has proven that just 17 days absent from school in a year can result in a grade drop in all subjects. It is with this in mind that I please ask you to consider the times of year that you take your holidays.

Thank you all so much in advance for your continued support. I have really enjoyed my first half term at Hawthorne - it's been extremely busy but very rewarding!

**Rachel Jarvis**  
**Head Teacher**

### Diary Dates

Thur 2 Nov	PTA Monster Ball
Fri 17 Nov @ 9.30	PTA meeting in the hall
Fri 24 Nov	<b>Non-uniform, bring a tombola prize</b>
Thur 7 Dec	Christmas Fair
Fri 8 Dec @ 6.30	Bestwood Village Light Switch On
Mon 11 Dec	KS1 Performance 2pm
Tues 12 Dec	Flu immunisations F2 - Y4
Wed 13 Dec	KS1 Performance 10am <b>(change of date)</b>
Thur 14 Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
Fri 15 Dec	Christmas Craft Day
Mon 18 Dec	FS Performance 2pm
Tue 19 Dec	FS Performance 10am
Tue 19 Dec	Y3 and 4 Christmas Party
Wed 20 Dec	Y5 and 6 Christmas Party
Thur 21 Dec	Y1 and 2 Christmas Party
Thur 21 Dec	F1 and F2 Christmas Party
Fri 22 Dec	Whole School Panto
Fri 22 Dec	Last day of term
Mon 8th Jan 2018	Start of Spring Term

\*\*\*\*\* **Separate information letters will be sent out for many of the above events** \*\*\*\*\*