



Hawthorne News



January 2018

2018 - Welcome back

Welcome back everyone. I hope you have all had a great break and are raring to go. We have lots of exciting things planned for the children and parents of Hawthorne so please check your child's bag for letters so you don't miss out.

We have been lucky to escape the heavy snow that some parts of the country have seen but if we do need to close the school for any reason, details will be broadcast through BBC Radio Nottingham and Gem 106. We shall also put an alert on the school website on the front page.

Mrs Mills

Mrs Mills' last day will be on Wednesday 17th Jan (not forever though - phew!!). I am sure you will join me in wishing her well on her maternity leave and as soon as we have news about the new arrival, I will inform you.



Tesco 'Bags of Help'

We have now appointed a sessional worker with the grant we were awarded from Tesco. Mrs Wright did a little bit of work with the Foxes class before Christmas: digging up potatoes and carrots and planting onions, garlic and beans. The children have really enjoyed this work and there is lots of exciting plans for the new year with a gardening after school club starting later in the spring term so watch out for the letter as it will be on a first come, first served basis.

Ragtex Clothing Collection

There will be a clothing collection on Monday 12th February. Please place donations in a tied plastic bag at the top of the KS2 playground steps in the morning.

Parking

We have recently had two complaints about parking: one from a local resident, whose wall was knocked down, and one from Hawthorne Nursing Home. Please can I ask that you do not use the nursing home drive or car park at any time of the day. This is private property and is for the use of visitors to the home and the staff. The road and car park need to be kept clear as access for emergency vehicles is needed at all times. Also, the road that leads to the top school should not be used by parents as this can be dangerous for our children and access is being blocked to local residents' homes.

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.



PTA

A fabulous £705.80 was raised at the Christmas Fair. Many, many thanks to the PTA for such wonderful organisation (as always) and a huge thank you to everyone who came along.

The PTA are in the process of organising further exciting fundraising events. If you would like to be part of the PTA team, please see Barbara Bates or ask at the school office - new members are always welcome.

Christmas Activities

Children in Key Stage One and the Foundation stage delighted us with their nativities: A Midwife Crisis and Shine Star Shine. The singing, acting and dancing was amazing - the children blossomed with confidence. Thank you to the staff for all of the hard work they put into these performances and to the audiences at all shows - you were great! Thank you.



All of the key stage 2 classes took part in Christmas workshops at St Marks Church. Thank you so much to Jack and Portia and the team at the church for such a wonderful experience for the children.

All of the children in years one to six took part in the Christmas Craft day. The children thoroughly enjoyed working with children and staff from across the whole school and hopefully they brought home a decoration to put up at home.

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.nottsc.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCitizenPortal_LIVE

Homework policy

We have recently updated our homework policy. This is now ready to view on our school website in the information section, under policies. If you have any questions regarding the policy, please do not hesitate to ask the class teacher or myself.



Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the Autumn term was **95.5%** which is just **0.5%** below the national target and is an improvement on the Summer term. 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 your child's attendance. Mrs Dobbins is our family liaison officer who has her eye on attendance daily. She is available on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of every week. If you would like to talk to her about any problems you may be experiencing, please contact the school office.



Thank you all so much in advance for your continued support. I am really looking forward to the term ahead and the exciting things we have planned.

Rachel Jarvis
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

Fri 12 Jan	Clubbercise after school club starts
Thur 18 Jan	Themed Meal
Tues 6 Feb	E Safety Day
Tues 6 Feb	Parents' open afternoon from 2 o'clock
Mon 12 Feb	Clothing collection
Tues 13 Feb	Parents' evening
Thur 15 th Feb	Parents' evening
Fri 16 Feb	Last day of this half term

Mon 19 Feb - Fri 23 Feb - HALF TERM

Mon 26 Feb	INSET DAY
Thur 1 Mar	World Book Day-costumes at the ready
Thur 15 Mar	Parents' open afternoon from 2 o'clock
Tues 27 Mar	Class and team photos
Thur 29 Mar	KS2 Decorate an egg competition
Thur 29 Mar	FS and KS1 spring bonnet parade
Thur 29 Mar	LAST DAY OF TERM

Mon 16 Apr 2018 Start of Summer Term

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