



Hawthorne News

March 2018

Welcome back

Welcome back everyone. I hope you have all had a great half term break. We have another exciting half term ahead with lots happening.

Snow

It looks like winter has arrived late. If we do need to close the school due to adverse weather or any other 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 - It's A Boy

Congratulations to Mrs Mills who had a baby boy on 31st January - Arthur Stanley Mills. I am sure you will join me in wishing her and her family all the best.



Free School Meals

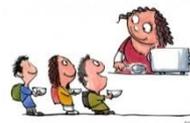
You may qualify for free school meals if you receive one of the following benefits:

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

Parents' afternoon

Thank you to the parents and other family members who came to our first parents' afternoon - it was a great success. Our next one is on Thursday 15th March: the theme will be reading is fun! I hope you can join us again from 1.30 for a fun filled afternoon.

Waste Week

The week beginning 5th March is 'Waste week'. The children will be learning about plastic waste and its impact on the environment and on wildlife, particularly in our seas. On Friday the 9th we'll be having No Pens Day- a day for exploring different forms of communication. We'll also launch an upcycling competition. Children will be asked to upcycle something at home which would ordinarily be thrown away and bring it into school to be judged. A letter will follow with further information. There'll also be the usual fact-finding mission around school!

No Plastic Please



Attendance

Our updated attendance policy is on the website for you to view. Our attendance for the first half of the spring term was 94.8 which is 1.2% below the national target and is a decline since the autumn term. Research has proven that just 17 days absent from school in a year can result in a grade drop in all subjects. Again, please can I ask you to consider reasons for your child's absences and whether they can be avoided. Teachers will be holding discussions with the parents of children whose attendance has fell below the target of 96%. Mrs Dobbins is our family liaison officer who monitors 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. This term, we are working with 'Tradewind Recruitment' who will be presenting certificates to all of the children who have achieved 100% attendance this term. The names of these children will also go into a prize draw - one for Foundation 2 and Key Stage 1 and one for Key Stage 2.



Foundation and Key Stage One Spring Bonnet Parade

At the end of this term (29th March), the foundation and key stage one children will take part in spring bonnet parade. Bonnets will be made at home and worn with pride in school. Parents will be invited to the parade and will be entertained by the children at the end. A letter with more detail will follow but in the meantime - happy bonnet planning and making!



Key Stage 2 Decorate an Egg Competition

On Thursday 29th March there will be a 'decorate an egg' competition for the children in Key Stage 2. Designs will be made at home and brought to school on the morning. All entries will then be shared in a EGGSTRA special assembly and there will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each year group. A letter will follow as a reminder and with further information. Happy designing and making!



E Safety Parents' Meeting

A letter came out just before half term inviting you to an e-safety information meeting on Wednesday 7th March from 2 o'clock until 3 o'clock. This will be delivered by a local authority representative. As we live in a fast growing technological world, it is really important to keep up to date with the latest technologies that our children are using and how we can keep them safe online.

Thank you all so much in advance for your continued support.

Miss R Jarvis

Head Teacher

Thur 7 Mar	E Safety Parents' Meeting at 2pm
Tue 13 Mar	Y5/6 Holocaust Centre Visit
Thur 15 Mar	Parents' open afternoon from 1.30pm
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