



Hawthorne News



January 2019

Happy New Year 2019

Welcome back everyone. I hope you have all had a great break. 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 already had a burst water pipe in the village this year which caused some problems for some families getting to school. Luckily, the school was not affected and remained open. If we do need to close the school for any reason, details will be broadcast on BBC Radio Nottingham. We shall also put an alert on the front page of the school website and a class dojo message will be sent.

PTA

After the success of the disco and the Christmas Fair in the Autumn Term, 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 Vicky Inger or Kim Foster 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: Straw and Order and We're going on a Star Hunt. The singing, acting and dancing was amazing - the children were so confident.



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.

The children in years 3 and 4 put on a fabulous carol concert on the last day of term which included a signed performance of 'Jingle Bells' from the children who attend the after school sign language club. It was a great way to end the term. Thank you to the parents who attended and to all of the school for joining in.

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

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the Autumn term was **96.1%** which is the best it has been for a while. I would like to thank you all for your support with this. If you are experiencing any problems with attendance or any other matters, Miss Dobbins, our family liaison officer, is available every morning. If you would like to talk to her, please contact the school office.



Pupil Dress Code Reminder

Recently, we have had some children coming to school wearing make-up, with jewellery that is not part of our school uniform and with dangerously long false nails. Please can I remind you that children can only wear stud earrings, which must be removed for PE and a watch. Wearing make-up to school is not allowed and children will be asked to wash this off and long false nails are a health and safety risk so are not allowed in school. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to come and speak to me.

Contact Details

Please can you ensure that your contact details are up to date at school: address, phone number, second emergency contact. This is essential under the 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' guidance September 2018. If you have had a new phone or moved house over the Christmas break, please send a copy of your new details to the school office as soon as possible.

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.

Miss R Jarvis
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

Tues 15 Jan Year 5 linking schools day
Fri 1 Feb Year 6 linking schools day
Tues 5 Feb National E Safety Day
Tues 12 Feb Parents' evening
Wed 13 Feb Parents' evening
Fri 15 Feb F2/Y6 Heights/weights programme
Fri 15 Feb Last day of this half term

Mon 18 Feb - Fri 22 Feb - HALF TERM

Fri 1 Mar Science Day TBC
Thur 7 Mar World Book Day-Costumes at the ready
Wed 20 Mar Choir to Wembley
Tue 26 Mar Class and team photos
Fri 5 April KS2 Decorate an egg competition
Fri 5 April FS and KS1 spring bonnet parade
Fri 5 April **LAST DAY OF TERM**

Mon 22 Apr Start of the Summer Term

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