



Hawthorne News



November 2018

Welcome Back

I hope you have all had a great half term and are ready for the busy half term ahead.

PTA

I'd like to say a big thank you to the PTA for their hard work last half term. We had some new members at the last meeting which was great to see. The pumpkin competition was a great success and the quality of the entries were phenomenal - it was extremely hard to judge. I would also like to thank the PTA for purchasing our new football kit; Mr Smith and the team are very grateful and for donating £200 towards the year 6 leavers' hoodies which they will be wearing soon. There are still some tickets left for the 'Monster Ball' on Wednesday 7th November; they are £3 from the school office.

Hawthorne Sports

It was a very busy start to the sporting calendar last half term, with 29 children from years 5/6 representing Hawthorne in the opening events.

Football

Our Football team has had a fantastic start to the season, winning the Payne Trophy Hucknall competition, qualifying for the district finals and narrowly losing by 1 goal in the semi-final. They also won their opening league game 5-3 against Blidworth Oaks and won their cup game 5-4 against Mapplewells Primary School. Well done boys; we are really proud of you.

Tennis

Our year 5 tennis stars finished top of their group and only lost out in the playoffs on points. Our second tennis team then went on to win the silver medals in their tournament. Well done tennis superstars; you are all very talented.

Handball

Our Handball team won gold at the District qualifier out of 8 teams. They then went to District

Finals at Ashfield School and came away with Bronze medals. A fantastic achievement to finish 3rd out of 28 schools. Again, a super achievement with some extremely skilled children. Next half term we will be entering the year 3/4 and 5/6 Indoor Athletics competitions. If you would like to follow our sporting achievements, please request to follow us on Twitter @BVHPS.

The Great Fire of London in year 2



The Badger class really enjoyed their first topic 'The Great Fire of London'. Throughout the topic they learnt all about Samuel Pepys, Thomas Farriner, they designed better houses and even baked their own Great Fire of London cakes. They also had an

interactive workshop

delivered by Partake

Theatre Company who told

the story through drama

and dressing up. Finally,

they finished off their

topic in style with a visit

from Green Watch. The

firefighters came to talk to

the children about keeping safe in the home and how fire safety is much better now than in 1666.

The children also got to explore the fire engine,



learn about all the equipment used now and sit in the fire engine.

Their most favourite part of the morning was a tie between using the hose to spray water across the playground and the staff having to wear the firefighting

outfits. A big thank you to the Green Watch Team who made this a great morning of learning.



Lower Key Stage 2 Stone Age Day

Last term, years 3 and 4 learnt all about The Stone Age. They introduced their Stone Age Topic by becoming cave men. They started off the day gutting a fish and making fish stew which all of the children thoroughly enjoyed! They also created cave paintings by lying under the tables in the dark and using charcoal. In the afternoon, they built dens outside and made weapons to replicate those used in the Stone Age. What an exciting, engaging throw back in time they had.

Upper Key Stage 2 visit to Cadbury's World

Year 5 and 6 had a fantastic start to their topic 'Chocolate' by visiting Cadbury World. The day was very educational; they learnt all about the Mayans and the history of chocolate and the history of Cadbury's chocolate. They also had lots of fun in the 4D cinema where they experienced a chocolate roller coaster and then went on a brilliant tour around the factory. Everyone had lots of fun and they all enjoyed sampling the chocolate! Throughout last term they focussed their learning around the trip and the theme of chocolate. They have been reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and making their very own chocolate; what a chocolatey term they have had!

New School

On Tuesday 16th October a small group of children visited the new school site as part of the 'first dig' event. We



were joined by the site manager, the project manager, some of the architects and some members of the local and county council. A great morning was had by all. We had a tour of the site and a buffet lunch in the site office. All of the children received a 'goody' bag and got to meet Ivor the builders' mascot. I will be consulting with the build team over the year to arrange more visits for the children to keep them involved with the build. We have made an 'Our New School' page on the website where we will post any updates.

Cursive Handwriting

We have recently introduced a new style of handwriting. I would like to thank the staff, children and parents for their dedication and support with this. It has had a huge impact on the presentation of the children's work. The children are so proud of their work and are so keen to show it off when I visit the classrooms. We had lots of positive comments from parents about this at

parents' evening too which was great. Keep up the good work everyone.

Behaviour policy

Our revised behaviour policy is now available to view on the school's website in the information section. If you require a paper copy, please ask at the school office. I would again like to thank the staff, children and parents for their support with this. I feel our new 'Hawthorne Way' (ready, respectful, safe) is already embedded across the school. Don't forget we have our rules wristbands for sale for £1 from the school office. The children who have bought one wear it with pride.

All Together United Against Bullying Award

Last year we worked on a project called 'All Together United Against Bullying' which was run nationally by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and funded by the Department of Education. This was centred around our approach to dealing with bullying. I am pleased to inform you that we have been awarded the gold award. A big thank you to Mrs Houldershaw for taking the lead on this project and for all of the staff for their hard work towards it.

E-Safety App

A letter was sent out in the second to last week of last half term about an E-Safety app. The app is free to download and it gives lots of advice to children and parents about how to stay safe online. If you would like another letter with the details, please ask at the school office.

Team Points

Well done to the 'Monkeys' team who won the team points for the first half term. Keep earning your dojo points for your team children. I am looking forward to seeing who wins at the end of the Autumn term to receive the team point treat.

Thank you again for your continued support. I know that this half term is going to be another great one.

Miss R Jarvis
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

Wed 7 Nov	PTA disco
Tue 11 Dec	KS1 Nativity 9.30am & 2pm
Thur 13 Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
Tue 18 Dec	FS Performance 2pm
Wed 19 Dec	FS Performance 10am
Thur 20 Dec	Panto
Fri 21 Dec	Christmas party
Fri 21 Dec	Last day of term
Mon 7 Jan '19	INSET DAY
Tue 8 Jan '19	Children back to school