



Hawthorne News

September 2018



Welcome Back

What a fantastic start to the year we've had. The children have returned with fantastic attitudes to their learning and behaviour. I would like to welcome Miss Lawrence, Miss Smith and Mr Booth to the Hawthorne team. Mr Jarvis will be joining us too until Christmas. He will be covering in various classes across school, Monday to Thursday. He has 19 years of experience in education, teaching and leading in various schools.

Uniform

Thank you for your support with this. The children are looking very smart in their Hawthorne uniforms and new shoes. Mrs Greeley has some items available with the school logo but plain red jumpers, cardigans and sweatshirts are also available in Tesco. You can also purchase ones with the logo online at Tesco. Plain black shoes are school uniform - trainers are only to be worn for PE please. Please can I also remind you that the only jewellery that the children are allowed to wear are stud earrings (no hoops please for health and safety reasons) and a watch. If your child has long hair, please can I ask that they have it tied up to help to prevent unwanted visitors (head lice).

Water Bottles

Water bottles are available from the school office at a cost of £1.35. Alternatively, children may bring in their own bottles,

preferably with a sports lid to prevent spillages! As we hold the Gold Award for Healthy Schools, our policy is for children to drink water only during the school day. If required, a separate juice drink may be brought in for lunch time (even if your child has a school dinner).

Lunchtime Arrangements

We have slightly changed the arrangements for lunchtime. We have decided to mix the older children with the younger children on both sittings. For the first half term, years 1, 3 and 5 will be on first sitting and years 2, 4 and 6 on second. This will change at half term. The foundation children will always be on first sitting. The reasons behind this are to make lunchtimes a calmer time for the children where the older children can act as role models to the younger ones in the dining room. It will also mean that there are less children on the playground at any one time which makes this a more enjoyable time for all where the staff will be able to observe and interact with the children more closely.



Ragtex Clothing Collection

There will be a clothing collection on Friday 21st September. Please place donations in a tied plastic bag at the top of the KS2 playground steps in the morning.

Active 30

Research has proven that active children do better in every possible way. They perform better in school and are better behaved. Physical activity can increase attendance rates and levels of concentration.

However, today's generation of children are the least active in history with each passing year, they engage less in active play and sport and have fewer opportunities for quality physical education. The cost of physical inactivity is high and the impact is seen in some of our younger children.



The UK chief medical officer has recommended that all children should engage in moderate to vigorous intensity physical activity every day. Every primary school child should get at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity a day; 30 minutes in school followed up by 30 minutes at home. It is with this recommendation that we at Hawthorne will create an active school as an investment in our children. By providing children with fun options for physical activity before, during and after the school day we will ensure that they are set up for success, both now and in the future. Your child/ren may come home and tell you about the daily mile. Every class will complete a mile a day around the school grounds which will improve their fitness levels and increase activity levels in school. Every class will also be doing one active maths lesson a week. These activities will be in addition to the 2 hours of PE taught each week.

PTA

As lots of you will know, we have a fantastic PTA at Hawthorne who organise events throughout the year. We are always looking for new members to join the PTA who can help to organise and run events. Please come along to our coffee morning at 9.30 on 14th September in the school hall where you will be able to find out what being part of the PTA is all about. The first PTA meeting will be on Friday 5th

September after the celebration assembly (about 9.30).

Thank you all so much in advance for your continued support. I am really looking forward to working in partnership with you again this year. Have a happy term and please come and see me if you have any queries or concerns.

Rachel Jarvis
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

Mon 10 Sept	Y5 & 6 to Cadbury's World
Fri 21 Sept	Clothing Collection
Fri 21 Sept	No celebration assembly
Fri 28 Sept	Macmillan coffee morning
Tuesday 9 Oct	Individual Photos
Fri 19 Oct	Immunisations F2 - Y5
Tue 23 Oct	Parents' evening 3.30-5.00
Wed 24 Oct	Parents' evening 4.00-7.00
Fri 26 Oct	Last day of half term

29 Oct-1 Nov Half Term

Mon 5 Nov	INSET DAY
Tue 6 Nov	Children back to school
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

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