

HAWTHORN NEWS JANUARY 2023

Happy New Year! We are thrilled to have the children back in school and they have already been starting their new topics in class. Don't forget to follow us on Twitter @Hawthorn_PS and to visit our school website class pages to see what your child will be learning about this term.

Thank you to 'Friends of Hawthorn' for organising our winter fayre, alongside Lorraine. We raised over £730 which will go into school funds to support the children. If you would like to become part of our 'Friends of Hawthorn' group please speak to Lorraine.

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Family Learning

It was lovely to see so many of our Reception parents sign up to our family learning session with the Northern Learning Trust last term and work alongside their child on a range of craft activities.



This half term the Northern Learning Trust are running craft activities with Year 1 parents starting on Thursday 19th January. You should have received a PING message with more details and a form to complete to sign up. If you have not received this message and would like to sign up please contact the school office.

They are also offering a 'Fun with number' session for Reception parents starting on Wednesday 25th January for 4 weeks. If you would like to join in with this activity look out for a PING message next week.

Uniform

A reminder about uniform expectations as we are noticing more children coming into school without black school shoes.



Our uniform is: a navy blue sweatshirt/cardigan, dark trousers or skirt, with a white polo shirt. Year 6 children wear a white shirt with a tie.

Sensible black shoes must be worn at all times. School PE shoes or trainers are needed for PE days. Headscarves need to be **plain navy or black** and should be the pull on type or style to make it easy for the children to remove these for P.E lessons. The only items of jewellery allowed are a wrist watch and **small simple round stud earrings** (these need to be removed for P.E). Hooped earrings should not be worn.

If you are struggling with uniform please speak to a member of staff.

Attendance

A huge well done to **Year 5** who had the best attendance for the Autumn term with **97%**.

Let's see if we can get more classes reaching our whole school target of 97% as our whole school attendance for Autumn term was only 94%.

From Thursday 19th January we will be running an attendance initiative for 4 weeks until the 16th February. On the last day of this half term, 17th of February, all children who have been **in school and on time** will take part in a special movie treat with popcorn. To launch this attendance initiative, our school lunch that day will be extra special (see attached menu).

Every child who is in school and on time on our launch day (Thursday 19th January) will receive a raffle ticket with the chance to win a prize in each class.



Attendance Matters



World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day in school on **Thursday 2nd March** and we would love your child to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We will be doing lots of fun activities in class around books and reading that we can't wait to share with you all at home! Your child will also come home with a World Book Day token to spend on a book - find out more at <https://www.worldbookday.com/>



Big Battery Hunt

We are taking part in the 'Big Battery Hunt' again this year. This is a nationwide programme to help educate and inspire young people to recycle more used batteries. If you have any used batteries at home please send them into school from next week and a member of staff will add them to our recycling bin in school. The more batteries we have the more chance we have to win prizes.



Clubs

After school clubs will start on Monday 16th January 2023. Letters went out to parents earlier this week, if you have misplaced your letter please contact the school office if you would like your child to take part in a club.

Please remember clubs **finish at 4:30pm** and your child should be collected from the top gates.



Dates for the Diary

19th January—Special Lunch day, everyone who attends school on time will receive a raffle ticket to win a prize.

7th February—Internet Safety Day. This year's theme is '**Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online**'.

10th February—Internet safety workshop for parents, 9:30am (after school assembly)

8th February—Yr3 Parents into classroom session

17th February—School closes at 1:30 pm for half term.

27th February—School reopens for children.

All classes will be inviting parents in to take part in activities in school alongside their child—more information to follow.

