

HAWTHORN NEWS OCTOBER 2019



What a busy term we have had already. Thanks to all of the parents who joined us for our last Friends of Hawthorn coffee morning. Our next meeting will be on **Friday 8th November** after our Remembrance assembly.

Harvest Festival

A huge thank you to all of the families who donated food for our harvest festival. Our Year 3 children did a fantastic job at telling everyone the importance of celebrating harvest.

Reception and Year 1 also sang some beautiful harvest songs as well as our whole school song.

All food was donated to the Salvation Army and to the West End food bank.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

We raised **£64** for Macmillan cancer support—Thank you once again to all the staff and parents who bought a cake that day.



Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this half term is 96.4% which is very close to our school target.

For 5 out of the 8 weeks this half term we have actually achieved this target of 97%.

111 children have achieved 100% attendance this half term, and this includes 12 of our Reception children. Well done to everyone.

Keep it up!



Remembrance

Our Year 6 class will be doing a remembrance assembly on Friday 8th November. Everyone is welcome and we will be doing our usual Star of the Week assembly on that day too.

Poppies and other remembrance goods will be on sale from Tuesday 5th November with all proceedings going to 'The Royal British Legion.'



Winter Fayre



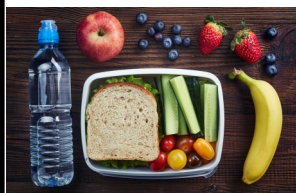
Our Winter Fayre event will be held in school on Wednesday 4th December. We need small donations for raffle prizes, toys, books and tombola. If anyone has anything they would like to donate please see Lorraine.



Remember we are closed for a Training Day on Monday 4th November.
School re-opens for children on Tuesday 5th November.

STEPS Programme

There are opportunities for parents to participate in STEPS programme in the New Year and also further education courses running with the Riverside community project to help parents back into work. If you are interested in any of these options please come and see Lorraine.



Packed Lunches

Can we please remind everyone that we are a 'Healthy School' with healthy school status. We have noticed an increasing amount of packed lunches in school which contain lots of chocolate and sweets. From after half term can we please ask that packed lunches are more nutritional balanced, to match the school meals standards, e.g. a sandwich/wrap, rice/pasta, fruit, yoghurts, small bag of crisps.

Chocolate and sweets are not allowed in school.

Friendship Fortnight

We are pleased to be launching our 'Friendship Fortnight' again this year starting on Tuesday 5th November. Children will be doing activities in class throughout these 2 weeks and we will end it with Children in Need on Friday 15th November. Children can come into school on this Friday wearing non-school uniform, we will be asking for a voluntary contribution of 50p per family and all proceedings will go directly to Children in Need.



After School Clubs

This half term we have had lots of children attending our after school clubs. We have Netball, Gardening, Art and Craft, Times Tables, Football, Science club (Yr3 next half term) and music clubs.



These clubs will start again on Tuesday 5th November and will continue until Friday 6th December.

Parents into Classrooms

Thank you to all the parents who came into Reception, Yr1 and Year 5 who have held parents into classrooms sessions this half term.

All other classes will be sending individual letters out inviting you into their classrooms over this next few weeks. This will give you the opportunity to work alongside your child and to see what they have been learning about in classes.



Edible Playgrounds



We are intending to carry out some works within the school grounds starting in half term as part of our **Edible Playgrounds project**.

This work will continue for the **first 2 weeks of term**. During the work access to school for parents and children will remain the same. The safety of children in our school is our number one priority and I can assure you that procedures will be in place, as usual, to make sure that the children are safe in school.

The area in which they are working will be fenced off but can I ask you to remind children to stay away from this area.

Thank You.

