

HAWTHORN NEWS SEPTEMBER 2022



Welcome back for this new school year—a special welcome to families who are new to school. Our Hawthorn family is so special and I am always so proud of how the staff team, pupils and parents work together to make the school the best it can be. It has been lovely to see everyone back at school this week. Please join us in school for the year group parent meetings (times overleaf) and don't forget to check out our school website and follow us on Twitter

@Hawthorn_PS. If you are interested in joining our Friends of Hawthorn group, please come along to our first meeting on Friday 30th September at 9am.

On the death of Her Majesty the Queen, we would like to offer our heartfelt condolences to the Royal Family, we reflect with gratitude and admiration on an extraordinary lifetime of service. Books of condolences have been opened by the Council and other details about events that are happening during the 11 days of official mourning can be found on the Council website at:



<https://newcastle.gov.uk/home/death-her-majesty-queen-elizabeth-ii>

Jane Duke

Uniform

Please remember children should be coming to school in the correct uniform.

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. If you wish to purchase a sweatshirts/cardigans with the school logo these are available from the school office. Alternatively you can order online at www.totstoteams.co.uk and have items delivered to your home or to school. Sensible **black shoes** must be worn at all times.

School provides PE kit for each child in school, including a tracksuit. 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.



Consent forms

If your child has any changes to their medical needs from last year please contact the office and ask for a new medical/consents form. If we do not hear from you we will presume their medical conditions, including food allergies, remain the same.

If your child is asthmatic, please ensure they have an inhaler in school at all times and a medical form completed.

If you have a child in Year 5 or Year 6, we have sent a message via ping for you to respond to regarding permission to walk home alone.

Book Bags

Children should be bringing their book bags home every night and these need to be returned to school on a daily basis.

Books will be changed for the children on a Monday and a Thursday. If you have any book bags at home, can you please return these as soon as possible please. Replacement book bags are available to buy at the school office for £7.

Attendance

It is important your child attends school every day.

Please phone the school office **before 08:50am** to let school know if they are going to be absent.

Please make any appointments out of school hours;

if this is not possible we will require a copy of the appointment before we can authorise the absence. School holidays in term time **cannot** be authorised. Our target for our whole school attendance is 97%. Let's work together to achieve this.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is available for children in Yr1-Yr6 and starts at 8:15am. Children can either come to the MUGA or bottom gate and will be taken into the hall by a member of staff. We do have spaces available so if you would like your child to attend, please contact the school office and we will send a form home for you to complete.



Year group information meetings

We would like to invite you in to school to meet your child's new class teacher who will be able to share key information, including plans about the coming year with you and a chance for you to ask any questions.

	9am	3pm
Wednesday 14th September		Year 3
Thursday 15th September	Year 4	Year 1
Monday 19th September	Year 5	Year 2
Tuesday 20th September	Reception	Year 6

If you are attending a 9am slot please just wait at the gate until we get all of the children in and then a member of staff will take you into the hall.

If you are attending a 3pm session, please come through the school office.

It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible.

Clubs



We will be starting after school clubs from the week beginning 19th September. We always try to offer a wide range of clubs and because our clubs are so popular we offer spaces on a first come, first serve basis, as usual clubs will run from 3:30pm-4:30pm. You should have received a letter yesterday, please make sure this is completed to ensure your child has the best chance to get a place in the club they would like. Once your child has signed up and been allocated a place they need to attend every week, otherwise their place may be given to someone on the waiting list.



School Ping

At Hawthorn we use School Ping, which is a live communication app for schools. This is the fastest way to provide parents with any information and ensure you are kept up to date with what is happening in school. Please ensure you download the School Ping APP. If you are having trouble accessing School Ping, please contact the school office and we will try and support you with this.



Dates for the Diary

Monday 19th September— clubs start.

Friday 21st October—Harvest assembly at 9am for parents (Reception—Year 6)

Friday 21st October—school closes at 1:30pm for half term.

Friday 30th September—Friends of Hawthorn coffee morning

Monday 31st October—school reopens.

Week beginning 31st October—No clubs this week.

Friday 18th November—Children in need. Children can come to school in non-uniform.

Week beginning 5th December—last week of clubs.

Wednesday 7th December—Winter Fayre

Tuesday 13th December—KS1 concert a.m.

Thursday 15th December—KS2 concert p.m; In Harmony Soiree after school.

Monday 19th December—Reception and KS1 Christmas performance.

Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd December—school closed to children

Monday 9th January—school reopens.

