HAWTHORN NEWS OCTOBER 2020

Our first four weeks have been very busy; the children have all completed a mini wellbeing project (these are available to view on our website in the children's year group pages.) This week we have had an art focus week, which has allowed the children to showcase what they have learned in a creative way.



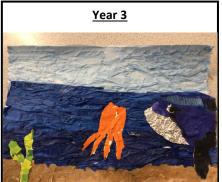
Art focus week

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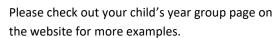














Remember school closes for October half term on Friday 23rd October at 1:30pm.

We are closed for a Training Day on Monday 2nd November.

School re-opens for children on Tuesday 3rd November.

Outdoor Gym Installation

We are really pleased to let you know we are improving our Meadow area (at the top of school grounds on Park Close) with some child friendly gym equipment.



Work to install this equipment will take place next week on the **8th and 9th October 2020.** A skip will be placed within the school grounds, next to the minibus and contractors will working on the Meadow. During the work being carried out, children will be kept away from this area.

As usual, staff will be around to support families at the start and end of the day, please take extra care during this time.

Please contact the school office on 0191 273 4237 or email <u>admin@hawthorn.newcastle.sch.uk</u> if you have any questions.



After School Clubs

It has been lovely to have so many children attending our after school clubs so far.



Please visit our website to see which clubs we have on offer and photos of the children enjoying them.

We still have a few spaces available for some of the clubs. If you would like your child to attend one of these please contact the school office where we can either allocate a place or add your child to a waiting list.



Walking to and from school

Thank you for your continued support with our 3 gate system. As a number of families are using the back lane at the side of the meadow, we would be really grateful if any drivers could try to avoid using this route. Beech Grove Road (past the entrance to Elswick Pool) is a safer option for drivers; it won't add any noticeable time to your journey and will help to ensure anyone walking up or down the back lane is safe.

Another option is to park in the car park opposite the West End Women and Girls Centre and walk along Elswick Road to school.

In Harmony

We are really pleased that we have been able to start our music lessons again this week with our In Harmony tutors. It has been lovely to hear music as we walk around school.

Due to changes at Sage Gateshead, we have had to say goodbye to some of the tutors that have worked with the children since the start of the project. These staff will be a big miss and the children are preparing some messages to say a proper goodbye. The tutors who will not be returning are: Pauline, Ele, Tony, Dave and Rebecca. We wish them well with their future projects and I'm sure they will always remember the children at Hawthorn.



Unfortunately, at the moment we are unable to have our usual 'Friends of' coffee mornings in school, however the group is still looking at ways to raise funds and support school. Hopefully we will be able to provide more information soon.



Attendance

Attendance so far this term, for the whole school, is 94.7%, below our target of 97%.

Best classes so far this term are Year 1 at 96.9% and Year 3 at 96.5%.

This week, our Attendance Stars are our Reception and Year 3 classes at 99.3%. Well done!