

HAWTHORN NEWS OCTOBER 2022



We have had a very busy half term and it is lovely to see how well all of the children have settled back into school after the summer holidays. We have loved having parents back into school for our 'meet the teacher' meetings and we are planning for parents to be invited into all classes over the course of this year. It was lovely to have parents into our Harvest assembly this morning, parents are welcome to join us every Friday after half term for our star of the week assembly.

Jane Dale

Trips and Visits

The children have thoroughly enjoyed all of the trips and visits they have been on this half term.



Year 1 enjoyed a walk down to Central Station and created a map of the local area.



Year 2 have visited the Lord Mayor's office and had a walk through Newcastle City Centre and along the Quayside.

Year 3 visited the local library and all children chose a book to take back to school.



Year 4 visited the Hindu temple to learn more about Hinduism. They also visited the local library to choose a book for in school.



Year 5 and Year 6 visited the Theatre Royal for the Children's book show with Frank Cottrell Boyce. He then visited Year 5 classroom and signed copies of his latest book for the children to take home.



Year 5 also visited St Joseph's Care Home as part of the Woven Nest Intergenerational Project.



Parent Governor

We are pleased to inform you that Rezwana Bakht is our new Parent Governor. We would like to welcome her to the Governing body and are looking forward to her joining our experienced and successful team. Below is Rezwana's personal statement.



I am a mother of children who have been at Hawthorn for the past 5 years. I love to spend my free time, in Hawthorn, helping children from different year groups with their reading. I have done a Teaching Assistant (TA) course, and now have a good understanding about the primary school setting. I believe myself to be a friendly, energetic and enthusiastic woman who has an adoring nature.

At the end of 2018 I started to involve myself at Hawthorn because I wanted to help my kids, then in 2019 I completed my TA course and still volunteer at Hawthorn. After a 14 year gap from studying, I realised that I should think of something for myself and this summer, I passed maths and English GCSE's. I adore being a part of 'Friends of Hawthorn' group which gives me opportunities to learn more about what is coming up for pupils and parents in school.

I admire the fact that it's a big jump to become a parent Governor, but I want to challenge my unique nature. I would like to build a "Bridge" between parents and school. I enjoy helping parents who don't feel comfortable to speak to teachers about their child's learning. I have aspirations to encourage those parents to have a voice and to represent their views in school.

Thank you

Attendance



A huge well done to **Year 5** who have had the best attendance this half term with **97.9%**

Let's see if we can get more classes reaching our whole school target of 97% as our whole school attendance for this half term is only 95.3%. It is important your child attends school every day and on time.

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

Twitter and our School website.



Please make sure you follow us on twitter @Hawthorn_PS, class teachers often post photos of exciting things they have been up to in class or photos from trips. This is a great way to see all of the amazing things which are happening in school.

Our school website also contains lots of important information, including term dates and topic webs which show you what your child is learning about in school. www.hawthorn.newcastle.sch.uk

Poppy appeal

From **Monday 7th November until Friday 11th November**, the Head and Deputy Head Boys and Girls will be selling a range of poppy equipment at break time in the outdoor classroom and on the KS1 yard. **Suggested donation of 50p**, unfortunately due to the collection tin no change can be given so please ensure you provide children with the donation you would like them to make. All money will go to the British Legion.



Parent evenings.

You are now able to book a time slot, via ping, to meet with your child's class teacher on **Wednesday 2nd or Thursday 3rd November**, appointments are available from 3pm-6pm. This is a chance for you to ask any questions you may have and for the class teachers to share important information about your child's progress.



Clubs

It has been lovely to see so many children stay for the after school clubs we have offered. Many clubs do have a waiting list but as soon as a space becomes available we will let you know.

Clubs will **not be on** the first week back after half term as we have parent evenings planned.

Clubs will restart on Monday 7th November 2022.



Dates for the Diary

Monday 31st October—School reopens for all children.

Week beginning 31st October—**No clubs this week.**

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

Friday 25th November—Year 1 Parents invited in for an art activity at 9.30am

Week beginning 5th December—last week of clubs.

Wednesday 7th December—Winter Fayre (a.m. parents only; p.m. children)

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.



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