

School News

February '17



STAFFING UPDATE

We are delighted to confirm Mrs Halstead's return to Hawkesbury. She has been coming in to school over the past couple of months but will officially return on April 3rd. She will be teaching in Robin class every Thursday and Friday and will alternate Wednesday mornings with Mrs Wilson, who will continue to teach Robins on Mondays and Tuesdays. Mr Bryant and Mrs Hornig will continue their current teaching commitments in Year 1 and Wrens respectively.

Class	Teacher	PPA cover
Wren class -	Mrs Hornig	Mrs Tilsley will teach on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.
Robin class	Mr Bryant (Year 1) every morning, 8.30-11.30 Mrs Wilson (Year 2) all day Monday and Tuesday. Mrs Halstead (Year 2) all day Thursday and Friday. Both teachers will alternate Wednesday mornings.	Mr Bryant will teach on Wednesday afternoon.

SAFER INTERNET DAY 2017

Safer Internet Day is taking place on Tuesday 7th February. Our class representatives of the e-safety committee met to discuss the day and have set pupils the task of making an e-safety statement to go on display.

In addition to this, we will be conducting an e-safety questionnaire in the classes. This will be an anonymous survey, but will provide us with important information about trends which we will be able to share to help build a picture of how IT is being used by children in our community. It will also help us to identify areas for school development.

MATHS WORKSHOPS - COME ALONG!

You are invited to come and find out more about how we do maths at Hawkesbury! We will be holding maths workshops on **Tuesday 21st February** from **8:30 to 9:30am**. This is an opportunity to come and find out more about how your child learns maths. We will start with a short talk in the hall at 8:30. From 8:45, parents and carers are invited into the classrooms to take part in some maths activities. Everyone is welcome!

CHRISTIAN VALUE

Our Christian Value for Term 3 is forgiveness. In Term 4, we will be looking at service in our Collective Worship.

OUR CONTACT DETAILS

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ANTI-BULLYING

Our School Council have agreed an anti-bullying message for the school, which is now displayed in the school hall. It reads:

Definition of Bullying: Bullying is hurting peoples' bodies and minds several times on purpose.

We believe that bullying should not take place in our school. Our school should be a happy and fun place to grow up in. We should show respect to each other and ourselves.

All the children in the school have signed their names below this statement, which was discussed in the classrooms this term.

REVISED POLICIES

We have recently revised and updated both our Discipline and Behaviour and Child Protection Policies. These can be found on the school website in the Documents and Policies section.

WELL DONE WORSHIP WARRIORS!

Well done to our worship team in Year 6. They single-handedly took a whole school service last month on the subject of forgiveness, which was a big success. Now they are keen to do more!

VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK

The car park at the Village Hall is a private car park maintained by the community of Hawkesbury Upton. The Constitution of the Hall requires the Management Committee to charge users so that the facilities can be maintained to the standards expected. There is a contribution box located on the wall of the Hall near the entrance, and the Committee would be grateful for donations from anyone who uses the Hall car park whilst taking their child to and from school. However, please respect the sign which is occasionally used to indicate the Hall is in use on that day, and preference is given for parking to users of the Hall. This is particularly likely when Evergreens meet on the 2nd Tuesday in the month. Thank you for your assistance.

SATS REVISION SESSIONS

We will be continuing our Year 6 SATs sessions throughout Terms 3 and 4. These will give children the opportunity to strengthen their knowledge in grammar so that they are match fit for the summer. The sessions will start at 8am and will be held in Hawk class.

Please add the following sessions to your diary:

FEBRUARY: Tues 7th, Mon 20th, Thurs 23rd and Tues 28th.

MARCH: Thurs 2nd, Tues 7th, Tues 14th, Thurs 16th, Tues 21st, Thurs 23rd, Tues 28th and Thurs 30th.

PARENT DROP-IN

Our next drop-in is on Wednesday 22nd February at 8:30am in the staffroom. We want to hear your thoughts about International Days as well as how we should celebrate British values. If you are unable to make it to the meeting, but would like to share your thoughts, please complete the form at the end of the newsletter and return it to the office.

HARE TODAY...

We had a very special visitor to our school last month when Wulfstan the hare came for a special unveiling ceremony. Wulfstan is one of a number of artworks that will combine to form the Cotswolds Hare Trail. Event organiser, Florence Beetlestone, was joined by Linda Jane Smith (the artist) and Mark Steeds (licensee at the Beaufort Arms, where the hare will be on show). Florence and Mark told the children about the trail as well as the significance of St Wulfstan as a celebrated figure who once lived in our parish. The five-foot-tall hare will be on view between March 25th and September 10th.

Journalist Club News

With thanks to our Spring Term team: Jeni, Millie, Rory, Hugo, Caelyn and Lottie.

DODGEBALL

Last month, our Year 6 children took on the challenge to compete against several schools in dodgeball. The quality of the dodgeball tournament was outstanding because so many children took part. 8 schools competed to do their best and win the trophy. As many of you may remember, last year Hawkesbury won, but sadly this year we lost to Old Sodbury and came 2nd over all. All of us enjoyed it and hoped that next year we would take back the trophy. Before the match there were a few hiccups during the school day: one of our team members had to drop out because of a last-minute illness. The team was so positive when the others were playing. This year's team included: Rory, Jeni, Millie, Fin, Gracie, Megan, Anna, Corey, Henry and Lottie.

NETBALL

Last month, some of the year 6s took part in a netball game against St Paul's School in Yate. The team included: Millie, Lottie, Jeni, Hugo, Henry, Gracie, Corey and Megan. This game was a great way to have the children work as a team. Unfortunately, owing to the schedule of games, not everyone got to play in their chosen position when they were playing. This did not prevent us from winning. What a good way to start our netball season! Thank you to Mr Bryant for organising the team.

FOOTBALL MATCH REPORTS

HAWKESBURY 1 OLD SODBURY 1.

FIRST HALF: The team started well, holding off Old Sodbury's breaks and making many of their own. Hugo made some good saves at the back, while upfront, Sam, Rory and Ben were very successful and Sam pocketed one in the bottom corner.

SECOND HALF: Unfortunately, the 2nd half didn't go so well. Quite early on, Old Sodbury scored a goal but it could have been worse: goalkeeper Hugo stopped at least 10 so it wasn't a complete fail!

HAWKESBURY 4 IRON ACTON 1

FIRST HALF: Our team faced Iron Acton in the second game of the afternoon. The first goal was scored by Rory 5 minutes into the game and the second goal was scored by Sam about 1 minute later. Hugo made some amazing saves and the whole team did extremely well.

SECOND HALF: William scored in the second half about 13 minutes in and near the end of our second match Henry scored the final goal making the overall score an impressive 4-1 to Hawkesbury.

CHRISTMAS REVIEW

The Christmas Fair was held in early December and it was a remarkable success. The elves were great and the soup contest was funny. The elves included: Millie, Lottie, Gracie, Caelyn, Hugo and Rory. The year sevens' wrapping table was a new addition and it was a total masterpiece. We have had a number of very positive reports from families, who told us that their gifts went down really well. Millie said that being Head elf was really good fun and it was a massive opportunity as it was her last year in primary school. Santa was great too!

The HUGL enterprise group made a lot of very amazing creations that we sold on the stalls at the Christmas fair. They included: hot chocolate pouches, brimming with tasty marshmallows; reindeer sweet pots, packed with mouth-watering treats; origami pots; and lots more!

The KSI nativity was held in early December and was a mighty success. The children from Wren and Robin class gave a spectacular performance which included: tuneful songs, amazing story-mapping and top-class acting. Everyone gave 100%.

Unnoticeable to the audience, there were a few backstage hiccups in preparation to the play. Every one was in a slight panic when they couldn't find the Baby Jesus! Luckily, he was found in good time! Aaron (Joseph) exclaimed that he found it fun, enjoyable and exciting. Everybody loved it!

PUPIL WELLBEING SURVEY

Children in years 4, 5 and 6 are taking part in a survey being conducted on behalf of South Gloucestershire Council, through the Health in Schools Programme. It provides an opportunity for pupils to voice their opinions on different health and wellbeing themes and have some influence in the future provision of health and wellbeing resources. Our school will get feedback on our pupils' school experience and useful information for future Ofsted inspections. Please note that the survey is completely anonymous.

HUGL WEEK

Our next HUGL week begins on Monday 6th March. This will be our 'experience day' and we are excited to report that the zoo is coming to visit us. Thanks to our PTA support, each class will have a workshop led by Bristol Zoo's education team. These sessions will help build on our Wonderful World topic and will provide children with the opportunity to learn more about Africa or the rainforest.

The traditional HUGL activities will take place from Tuesday through to the Friday and you are invited to come along on those days to support the learning and join in the fun. The children will form four groups, this time having a day concentrating on Global, Arts, Outdoor and British.

More details will be sent out later in the term.

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	WHO	OTHER DETAILS
Parents' Evenings	Tuesday 7th February (early) & Wednesday 8th February (late)	School	Parents and carers	
Last day of Term 3	Friday February 10th	School	Children	
First day of Term 4	Monday February 20th	School	Children	
World Book Day	Thursday March 2nd	School	Children	Details to follow
HUGL week	Week commencing Monday 6th March	School	Children	Details to follow
Spring Concert REVISED DATE	1:15pm and 5:30pm Tuesday 4th April	School	Children	Please note that the second performance is at 5:30pm. We would like all children to take part.
Experience Easter Service REVISED DATE	9:30am Thursday 6th April	St Mary's Church	All are welcome	
Last day of Term 4 for children	Thursday April 6th	School	Children	
Inset Day	Friday April 7th	School	Staff	Children do not come to school
First day of Term 5	Monday April 24th	School	Children	
KS2 SATs week	w/c Monday 8th May	School	Year 6 children	
Last day of Term 5	Friday May 26th	School	Children	
Inset day	Monday June 5th	School	Staff	Children do not come to school
Term 6	Tues June 6th - Fri July 21st	School	Children	

Breakfast Club

Monday – Friday 7.30am - 8.30am

Food served until 8am

£3 per session.

Ring the bell at the green gate at the side of the school.

Hawkesbury Afterschool Club

Monday – Thursday 2.30pm - 6pm

Mini sessions 2.30pm -3.30pm

Call Louisa, Danielle or Miranda on:

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PTA NEWS

GO 4 IT!

We are going to hold a sponsored event on Friday 24th February at 1:15pm. All the children will test their skills and endurance in a fun challenge afternoon. More details will follow shortly.

BAGS 2 SCHOOLS

The next collection is on February 28th, so please leave your tied up bags in the outside toilet room next to the green gate. Thank you for your ongoing support.

NEW EVENT! DAD'S NIGHT OUT

Calling all men of Hawkesbury: we are having a skittles night at the Beaufort Arms on Friday 3rd March, starting at 8pm. A bargain at just £5, you will not only get the pleasure of skittles, but you will also enjoy sausages and chips as well!

PARENT DROP-IN

To be returned to the school office.

If you have any comments that you wish to be shared in your absence at our parent drop-in regarding International Days and British values, please write them below and hand in to the office. Also, if you have any suggestions for future drop-in discussion points, please let us know. Thank you.

Your name: _____