

School News

February '18



GOODBYES

After ten years of working in our kitchens and dining room, Claire Cole is finally hanging up her apron. Although not officially a member of our school staff, Claire has always been a much-loved member of our Hawkesbury family and we would like to thank her for all her hard work, not only in the kitchen and hall, but also for her amazing support with the MacMillan Coffee events and the Christmas wrapping days.

We would also like to say thank you and good luck to Katie Langley, who, having served as a lunchbreak supervisor for the past two and a half years, is taking on a role in school catering within South Gloucestershire.

MR WILLIAMS AND MISS PALMER

Mr Williams sends his thanks for the get well messages that he has received and wishes to say that his treatment has been a success. He is in the process of recovering from his operation and is looking forward to returning to work, but he is currently signed off until late March.

We are delighted that Miss Palmer is able to continue to teach in Hawk class next term.

SAFER INTERNET DAY 2018

Safer Internet Day took place on Tuesday 6th February. Our class representatives of the e-safety committee met to discuss the day and agreed to set the children in Swallows and Hawks a task to prove that you can not always believe what you see on the internet. We hope to make a display of this work in the school hall shortly.

In addition to this, we also conducted an anonymous e-safety questionnaire in Swallows and Hawks. We will be analysing the results to understand trends as well as to build a picture of how IT is being used by children in our community.

Wrens and Robins have looked at online safety films and have discussed e-safety rules.

HUGL

Our next HUGL week will begin on March 5th. Details will follow shortly.

CHRISTIAN VALUE

Our Christian Value for Term 4 is creativity, which is also one of our core school values.

OUR CONTACT DETAILS

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YEAR 6 EARLY DOORS SESSIONS

Next term, we will start our Year 6 early doors sessions that we have traditionally run in the spring term. These are for pupils who wish to receive additional support, particularly with grammar or maths. Please note that these sessions are not compulsory and should be treated as drop-ins. The children who attend will be able to help plan the content of future sessions. They will start at 8 in the morning and end at the start of the school day.

The first dates are as follows:

Tuesday 20th February and Wednesday 21st February

Tuesday 27th February and Wednesday 28th February

Tuesday 6th March and Wednesday 7th March

WELL DONE HAWKS!

Well done to everyone in Hawk class. Every pupil has now been involved in leading a whole school collective worship. This means that they have had to plan, prepare and deliver a service. In doing so, they have built confidence in public speaking as well as gained a better understanding of worship.

ECO GROUP BIN CHALLENGE

Our child-led Eco Group has been working tremendously hard on a scheme that will raise the profile of protecting the environment in our school. Following the Be the Change workshops that took place in Term 2, when they discovered that there was more litter outside than they had originally thought, they have created a competition to give our outdoor bins a make-over.

They are looking for children to come up with their best ideas for painting the bins so that pupils at the school will notice them and use them! Competition winners will have their designs painted on the bins, together with the artist's name.

WELCOME TO WULFIE!

We are so delighted to welcome Wulfie the Hare to our school. He is the latest addition to our wonderful spiritual garden. Many people may recognise Wulfie, as he was a resident in the Beaufort Arms' garden last summer. Mark Steeds, the licensee, very generously bid for Wulfie at an auction held to sell the hares that formed part of the 2017 Cotswold Hare Trail. He then kindly donated the hare to the school. Wulfie was unveiled last month at the end of a Celebration Service and we were delighted that Mary Beresford could come along and give him a blessing.

Wulfie's design celebrates the life of St Wulfstan, formerly of this parish, who was noted for his work to abolish slavery. He is a perfect role model to demonstrate the British value of individual liberty.

PARENT DROP-IN

Many thanks to the parents who attended our recent drop-in concerning homework. Thanks also to the parents who could not attend who gave me their feedback as well. Homework is a very difficult subject on which to reach an agreement as many people have very opposing views on the subject. However, we managed to have a very constructive meeting and I look forward to discussing the recommendations at our first staff meeting after the half term break and will report back our actions in the next school newsletter.

Our next drop-in will be at **8:30am on Thursday 8th March**, the focus being on clubs. We would be very interested to hear your views on what clubs we should be offering as a school. We are very aware that, as a small staff, we are limited in what we can offer, but are aware that some parents may be willing to take an active role in running a club. If you cannot attend, but would like to share your views or offer your support, please complete the form at the end of this newsletter.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PTA

Snowdrops are out!! Happy February all and GOOOOODEBYE AND GOOOOOOOD RIDDANCE to a dreary January! The one bright spot that stands out in January was the wonderfully sunny Moana Film afternoon – many thanks to Karen Bexter and the team for organising it and for all of you who came and joined us – such a lovely afternoon!!

Dates for your diary:

23 February 2018 – it's Dads v Dads at the **Skittle Social** at the Beaufort Arms. Please contact Chris Sadler if you are able to go – there is something very therapeutic about lobbing a wooden ball at more wooden things and making a satisfying connection - oh and beer and chips too – what's not to like about that? Have a great night chaps!

Saturday 3 March 2018 - Tickets are also out on sale for the **80's Disco** – we have listened to your feedback and have decided to drop the food and just enjoy a good old trip down 80s memory lane! £10 a ticket with welcome drink. Tickets on sale at www.hawkesburypta.co.uk from Friday 9th February, or directly from Karen Bexter and Laura Chappell.

With your ticket you also get to choose two of your own songs on the night so everyone gets the chance to bop, shimmy, Vogue, or "Aceeed!" away to your fave tune of the 80s. Who remembers the running man dance? Brings back fond(ish) memories of Saturday nights in Spirals lol.....

Next PTA meeting Monday 5th March 8 pm venue tbc —all PTA meetings are open to any parent or teacher or governor. They are a great chance to chat and catch up on school and non-school news and PTA activities and all are always welcome. Due to the Fox sadly closing we have lost our regular venue but will confirm a venue nearer the time – do keep a look out on our notice board by the school gate.

Bags to School – 9 March 2018 - hopefully you have received your sack in last week's book bags – all contributions welcomed!

Hu5K – 16 June 2018 – oh yes!! Dig those trainers out and burn off a MaccyD with our ever popular Fun Run -see www.hu5k.org for more details – I have heard a rumour that our mascot may have found a friend??? – tickets on sale now!

Go4It - the feedback from last years event was that the children loved taking part and the School Council have come up with lots of fresh ideas for a 2018 repeat. We would very much like to help the school with this and it would be great to have some volunteers to organise the set up and help on the day. Please email pta@hawkesbury.org.uk if you are able to lend a hand. Date to be confirmed but hopefully during Term 5.

Happy half term everyone!

Breakfast Club

Monday – Friday 7.30am - 8.30am

Food served until 8am

£3 per session.

Hawkesbury Afterschool Club

Monday – Thursday 2.30pm - 6pm

Mini sessions 2.30pm -3.30pm

Call Louisa, Danielle or Miranda on:

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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 clubs, 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: _____

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	WHO	OTHER DETAILS
Parents evenings	Wednesday 7th February (late) and Thursday 8th February (earlier sessions)	School	All parents/ carers	
Last day of Term 3	Friday 9th February	School	Children	
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Saturday 10th February - Sunday 18th February			
First day of Term 4	Monday 19th February	School	Children	
NEW! HUGL week	Week commencing Monday 5th March	School	All children	Details will follow soon.
Spring Variety Show	Thursday 22nd March 1:15 and 5:30pm	School	Children and families	Please note that children will need to be at school for the later performance.
Last day of Term 4	Friday 23rd March	School	Children	
EASTER HOLIDAYS	Saturday 24th March - Monday 9th April			
INSET DAY	Monday 9th April	School	Staff	Children should not come to school.
First Day of Term 5 for children.	Tuesday 10th April	School	Children	
Last day of Term 5 for children	Thursday 24th May	School	Children	
INSET DAY	Friday 25th May	School	Staff	Children should not come to school.
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Friday 25th May - Sunday 3rd June			
First day of Term 6	Monday 4th June	School	Children	
Last day of Term 6	Friday 20th July	School	Children	