

School News

January '18



HAPPY NEW YEAR

We hope that you have had a fantastic Christmas break and wish you all a happy new year. We would like to thank you for your gifts at the end of last term; they were much appreciated.

We welcome Miss Palmer, who will be teaching in Hawk class during Mr Williams' absence.

A NEW DAWN, A NEW DAY

As of Tuesday 16th January, we are changing our routine at the start of the school day. This change comes as a response to the results of our pupil wellbeing survey, that pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 did back in 2017. The survey showed that some pupils were less active than the nationally recommended 7 active hours every week (home and school combined). In addition to our current PE curriculum and after school sports provision, we are going to introduce a new activity that will get our school day off to a healthy start.

The gate will open, as usual, at 8:20am. At this point, children should come straight into school and put their coats and bags on their pegs. They will then go to the school hall where we will do a whole school Wake and Shake session. In addition to promoting a healthy lifestyle, this will also energise our pupils at the start of a new school day. (It will also get them inside the warm school building during those cold wintry Hawkesbury mornings!)

You are still welcome to speak to your class teacher at the start of the day, should you wish to pass on a quick message or arrange a time to meet after school. As we hope to promote independence and responsibility, we would ask that you drop your children off at the door, rather than come into the corridors in the morning, as they can get very crowded. As before, our lessons will begin at 8:30 and we hope that all our children are ready to start at that time.

NEW MATERIALS ON OUR WEBSITE

We have added some new materials to our school website to support learning at home. Under the Links tab, you will find a page for both Maths and English.

CHRISTIAN VALUE

This term's value is Wisdom.

OUR CONTACT DETAILS

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THE LIFE EDUCATION BUS

The Life Education Bus will be coming to our school this Friday. This is a mobile classroom that visits schools to promote healthy lifestyles. Sessions are tailored to meet the age-appropriate needs of each class. Wrens will take part in a session called 'All about me', whilst Robins (My Wonderful Body), Swallows (Meet the Brain) and Hawks (Friends) will gain a better understanding of healthy bodies and relationships.

Please note that there will not be a celebration service on Friday 12th January as classes will still be taking part in the Life Education Bus sessions.

MATHS WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS - Wednesday 31st January at 2:40pm

We have reviewed our maths workshop format and would like to invite you to a session at the end of the school day. Our next workshop will focus on subtraction, with teachers explaining the methods used in class and giving questions for children and parents to do together. There will be opportunities for parents to see the methods used in different classrooms as well; teachers will repeat their presentation every 20 minutes, so you will have the opportunity to see how subtraction is taught in 3 classrooms. We are going to have a crèche for parents with pre-school children, but hope that parents will visit the classes with their school children during the workshop.

PARENT DROP-IN - Thursday 1st February at 8:30am

Our next drop-in will look at our Homework Jigsaw. This has been up and running for over a year and we would like to discuss how we can improve it to best support learning at home. If you are not able to attend this, but would like to share your views, please complete the form at the back of the newsletter and return it to the school office.

A MESSAGE FROM HAWKESBURY AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

To book your child/ren into After School Club a registration form must be completed, these are available from After School Club or from the school office.

After School Club's telephone number is **01454 238 506** and is in use during After School Club hours

07527 224741 to text or Whatsapp

The school office is aware of spaces available daily and will inform us if you have booked your child into After School Club

Our email address is louisa.tooker@hawkesbury.org.uk, please **do not email** requesting additional same week sessions, notifying us of same week cancellations or in the case of emergencies, as we are unable to access our email during the day.

Please do **NOT** approach a member of staff outside of After School Club hours to cancel sessions, book in additional sessions, etc. This must be done through the school office (on the day) telephone call, text or Whatsapp (please be aware that reception is limited on the mobile phone and messages are often not received immediately) If you do not get a response please do not assume that your child is able to attend as we have limited spaces available.



DOGS ON SCHOOL SITE

Whilst we appreciate that some parents often combine walking their dogs when dropping off and collecting their children, others - particularly younger children - may find the presence of dogs (especially when left unattended) stressful and frightening; even well-behaved dogs can behave unpredictably when placed in a busy, noisy and crowded environment.

We would remind you that the dog owner/handler is responsible for the animal at all times and must take responsibility in the event of any harm or damage caused accidentally or otherwise.

We would therefore request that:

- dogs are not brought into the playground at any time;
- they are kept on a lead at all times and;
- any mess is cleaned up by the owner immediately

If you are unable to stay with your dog, you should ensure that it is left securely tied up well away from the entrance/exit gates or any areas where children might walk past and that they are left unattended for the minimum time possible.

IMPORTANT: Due to the age of our downpipes at the front of the school, please do not tie dogs up to them and instead use the railings beyond the office (on the other side of the ramp and not on the path leading to the office).

DOG SAFETY RULES

We will periodically remind the children of the following dog safety rules:-

- never touch a dog that is left alone
- do not run or shout around a dog
- always walk past a dog calmly
- always ask the owner before approaching any dog

We recommend that you also acquaint your child(ren) with these rules from time to time

OUR 'LIFE' CURRICULUM

For many years, Hawkesbury has taught Personal Social Health and Economic education (PSHE). The tables below give an indication of some of the ways that we have delivered a 'Life' curriculum in Terms 1 and 2.

HEALTHY BODIES AND LIFESTYLES

Ongoing	Each class has two PE/Games sessions each week, developing skills and promoting healthy lifestyles.	Every class
Ongoing	We have a variety of sports clubs that provide additional opportunities to explore different sports.	Infants and Juniors
Ongoing	Our school takes part in a range of sporting competitions, competing against other schools in South Gloucestershire as well as the KLB cluster.	KS2
Ongoing	Wren class start every day with Wake and Shake and understand that this exercise is good for their bodies.	Wrens
19 th September	Our Year 5 children had a workshop to develop their understanding of road safety.	Year 5
5 th October	Our school councillors took part in a safety audit of the school, the results of which were given to our caretaker to improve.	School Council
TERMS 1 & 2	Following a pupil wellbeing survey in 2017, children in Swallows and Hawks have had discussions concerning hygiene and online safety.	Swallows and Hawks
1 st November	The South Gloucestershire road safety team came to the school to promote safety outside in the winter months.	Whole School
6 th November	Pupils in Wrens, Robins and Swallows received flu vaccinations.	Pupils
7-9 November	Our HUGL week gave children opportunities to take part in outdoor learning.	Robins, Swallows and Hawks
15 th November	We provided a tasting session for our school dinner menu.	Parents

HEALTHY MINDS, INCLUDING EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING, RESILIENCE AND MENTAL HEALTH

Ongoing	Weekly PSHE sessions take place.	All classes.
Ongoing	Growth Mindset films have been shared with children using class Dojo resources.	Robins and Swallows
16 th November	We marked Anti Bullying Week with a service as well as the introduction of worry boxes, into which children can write notes and share their concerns in a confidential manner.	Whole School
21 st November	We held a service on Mental Health using Anna Freud resources. This was followed up with mental health sessions in Hawk class. A Mental Health display was put up in the Junior Corridor.	Swallows and Hawks.
Term 2-6	Wrens children are celebrating each other's strengths on their Wren of the Week display.	Wrens
SEPTEMBER x 3	The year began with a number of services that explained ways to live a happy life.	Whole School
SEPTEMBER	Each class created a display showing their understanding of a school value.	All classes
September 13th	Teachers and teaching assistants attended a meeting on creating self-directed learners.	Staff
September 29th	The School Council created an Anti Bullying display. Children signed the display to show their support for the Anti Bullying message.	School council and whole school
November 8th	We held a service on friendship and explained the purpose of the Friendship Stop on the playground.	Whole School
December 18th	Growth Mindset inset day training for teachers and teaching assistants.	Staff

ECONOMIC WELLBEING AND FINANCIAL CAPABILITY

Ongoing	Money is taught as part of our Maths curriculum	Whole School
7-9 November	In November's HUGL week, we had an enterprise group that designed, produced and sold Christmas-related products.	Robins, Swallows and Hawks

CAREERS EDUCATION, PREPARATION FOR THE WORKPLACE AND MAKING A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIETY

Ongoing	Children in Hawk class have led whole school collective worship. This has given them valuable experience of public speaking.	Hawks
Ongoing	Our School Council has met regularly this year and has led projects including fundraising for charities and conducting a whole school safety audit.	School Council
Ongoing	Our house captains work with our staff and pupils to celebrate our weekly House Heroes. They present these awards in front of the school at our celebration services.	House captains
Term 1	Elections for School Council and House Captains take place every year, giving children experience of public speaking and persuasive marketing.	Whole School
Term 1	A play leader programme with our Future Stars sports coaches enabled our older children to support younger children with games.	Year 6
Term 1	A group of junior children led their own club that aimed to design space technology vehicles.	KS2 Pupils
Terms 1-2	Children in Hawk class are running an Eco Group to raise awareness of environmental matters. They are running a campaign encouraging classes to be more eco-friendly and present a class award at our weekly celebration services.	KS2 Pupils
10 th October	We had a visit from the Parliamentary Education Service to teach our juniors how our political system works. This involved debating and learning more about the role of democracy.	Swallows and Hawks
13 th October	The whole school was involved with a Harvest fundraiser for the British Red Cross Hurricane Appeal and the Julian Trust	Whole school, led by School Council
Term 2	Children in Hawks have led a drama club to develop their acting and directing skills.	KS2 Pupils
6 th November	We had a visit from the Bloodhound team, who gave class workshops. Our children found out more about engineering.	Whole school
7-9 November	Our HUGL Enterprise group designed and created Christmas products for sale at the Christmas Fair.	Robins, Swallows and Hawks
7-9 November 2017	Our HUGL arts group became clothes designers, making costumes with an international theme. These were paraded at a fashion show during a celebration service.	Robins, Swallows and Hawks
17 th November	The school supported Children In Need.	Whole school, led by School Council
30 th November	The whole school had a service and junior children had workshops led by Be The Change. This gave the pupils greater knowledge about protecting our environment.	Whole School KS2 workshops

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

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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	
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	

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PTA

Beat off the January blues this Saturday 13th January with our afternoon family film event! This time we are showing Moana with refreshments in the school hall from 4 to 6 pm - we would love you to join us!

Huge thanks to the Christmas Fayre team who put on such an amazing event on the 9th, headed up by Elsa Littlewood and Laura Chappell - thank you all so much for organising the event and also to all those who supported behind the scenes and equally who came along and joined in with the fun! In addition to the fun, just over £850 was raised for school projects - thank you all for being so generous in your support.

With thanks to Katherine Harvey we have found a free way to raise money for the school via www.easyfundraising.org.uk. Simply sign up, select our school and shop - a myriad of shops are offering donations if you make your purchase via this site -(from amazon to radiator companies!!) There are lots of holiday companies on there too for those planning holidays this year! We have already raised £25 for the school and it seems like free money for something you would be purchasing anyway! Do give it a try!

Lots more fun events planned in the pipeline for 2018

The 80's Disco is on the gogo! Saturday 3 March in the Village Hall.....

The Pledge auction is in planning for a weekend towards the end of April - Kate Bashford is keen for ideas of who to approach for support - if you know a company or individual who might be willing to pledge an item an activity or event please let her know as soon as possible, all ideas welcomed!

Please visit our facebook page and connect to it so we can keep you posted on all happening to support the school - FB page " Hawkesbury school PTA"

Happy new year to you all!

PARENT DROP-IN FEEDBACK

If you are unable to attend our drop-in on our homework jigsaw, but would like to share your feedback, please could you write your comments below and return this page to the office. Thank you.