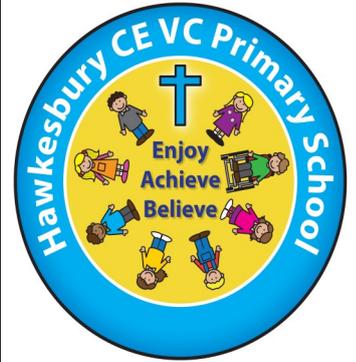


# School News

## November 2017



### REMEMBRANCE

#### EXPERIENCE REMEMBRANCE

We are having a special Remembrance event at St Mary's Church on Friday 10th November. The infants and the juniors will both have a separate event during which they will visit different parts of the church to learn more about elements of Remembrance and find out about the role of the Royal British Legion.

#### POPPIES

Children will be able to make a donation for a poppy each day in the week building up to Remembrance Day. Members of Hawk class will be visiting each classroom every morning until we run out of poppies.

#### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADE

The parade starts from the Village Hall Car Park on Sunday 12th November at 10:45am. All are welcome to assemble at the car park from 10:35am onwards. Many children wear uniforms for the parade. The service is held at the War Memorial at 10:50am, with the two minutes silence taking place at 11am. A retiring collection will be taken for the Royal British Legion.

In addition to this, there is a Festival of Remembrance taking place at St Mary's Church on Saturday 11th November, starting at 7pm. This will be an evening of music and poetry commemorating more recent wars.

### HUGL

Our first HUGL week is underway! Pupils in Robins, Swallows and Hawks have held a planning session and will be taking part in Enterprise, Global and Outdoor activities on Tuesday 7th through to Thursday 9th.

The week started with a visit from the Bloodhound team. Bloodhound is a supersonic car that has been designed to travel at 1000mph. This means that it could travel one mile in just 3.6 seconds! Our pupils took part in a team construction challenge that tested their engineering skills. We would like to thank the PTA for its tremendous financial support for HUGL, as well as the parents who have volunteered to help out with the activities.

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## OPEN DAY

Our Open Day takes place on the morning of Monday 13th November. This is for prospective parents, who will receive a guided tour of the school from pupils in Hawk class.

## HARVEST APPEAL

Many thanks for your support for this year's Harvest charity. We raised £118 for the British Red Cross Hurricane Appeal. In addition, we had ten bags full of tinned produce for the Julian Trust, also known as the Bristol Night Shelter.

## BE THE CHANGE

At the end of the month, we will be taking part in the Be The Change Education Programme. There will be a whole school service, together with workshops for Swallow and Hawk classes.

Be The Change highlights the importance of clean, happy community spaces while encouraging, informing, inspiring and empowering young people and the communities they represent to find POSITIVE solutions to the current litter crisis.

## BE SAFE, BE SEEN

We had a whole school Be Safe, Be Seen service last week so that our children are aware of the best safety advice now that the nights and mornings are getting darker.

## PUPIL WELL-BEING SURVEY

Earlier in the year, pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in an anonymous survey on behalf of South Gloucestershire, through the Health in Schools Programme. Over 6000 pupils took part in the survey, providing an opportunity for pupils to voice their opinions on different health and wellbeing themes and helping to influence future provision of health and wellbeing resources.

Overall, the survey revealed that children at our school are happier than the county average as well as more confident about their futures. Our pupils also feel safer than the county average, both at home and at school

There were a couple of findings that stood out as areas for development.

- 1) **INTERNET SAFETY** - As a school we teach our children about the SMART rules of using the internet. These are on display in our classrooms as well as on our laptops. One of these rules states *"meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers permission and even then only when they can be present"*. 79% of our pupils said that an adult usually checks what they are doing on the internet at home, which is higher than the county average of 67%. However, some pupils have been communicating to strangers online using their devices at home.
- 2) **HYGIENE**. We are on a par with the rest of the county when it comes to washing our hands. 88% of children stated that they washed their hands after going to the toilet. 59% said that they washed hands before mealtimes. 74% brush their teeth twice a day.

### **GUITARS**

We have been having a bit of a clear-out of our infant corridor, because our collection of guitars continues to grow year on year and we no longer have room on our rack for all of our instruments. We believe that there are 10 guitars in the school that are not owned by children currently attending Funky Punk music lessons.

If you are the owner of one of our extra guitars, please could you collect it by the end of the month as we do not have any room to store them at school. Many thanks.

### **A MESSAGE FROM INTEGRA CATERING**

**NEW MENU** – As we are sure you are aware, we changed over to our new Autumn/Winter menu at the beginning of this term. The menu features familiar favourites and some new dishes. In order for you and your children to become familiar with some of the newer menu items, Jane will be cooking up a storm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November and we will be braving the cold to offer some tasters at school pick up. It will also be a great opportunity for you to give us any feedback you may have on the new menu. We look forward to seeing you then!

### **CHRISTIAN VALUE**

Our value for the term is justice.

### **COMMUNICATION**

We receive a large number of requests at the school from organisations requesting us to send out information to families. We filter these requests but do pass on information that supports local community events and that we believe offer opportunities which may be of interest to our families. By sending out such information, we are by no way endorsing or promoting any organisation or event.

### **PARENT DROP-IN**

Many thanks to the parents who attended our previous drop-in on Maths homework. Plenty of items were discussed and actions will take place as a result. We will be updating our website to include more materials to support learning at home. We will also continue to hold parent workshops to show how maths is taught at the school. We will hold our first workshop, looking at calculation, before the end of this term. Details will follow shortly.

Our next drop-in is on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 8:30am. We would like to have your ideas about PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education). As a school, we are currently reviewing our PSHE curriculum and we would value your input.

### **Hawkesbury Afterschool Club**

**Monday – Thursday 2.30pm - 6pm**

**Mini sessions 2.30pm -3.30pm**

**Call Louisa, Danielle or Miranda on:**

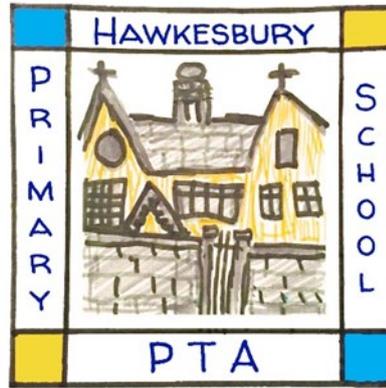
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### **Breakfast Club**

**Monday – Friday 7.30am - 8.30am**

**Food served until 8am**

**£3 per session.**



Hello all,

Time for a PTA News update and lots has been happening!

But firstly and most importantly, thank you to all who gave your time, energy and support to the PTA's events last year – I tried naming everyone but I fear the list is way too long (and I am not sure that the school's ink supply could take it!!). But, in short it's all of you – no matter your contribution large or small that made last year's events so enjoyable and successful! So a very, very big "whiteboards for all the classrooms" thank you to all of you and let's bring on some more fun for 2018!

Thank you for lugging along your old clothes on Monday for the Bags to School. £20 was raised and we hope Mr Bryant got some good finds for the HUGL week too! Many thanks to you all and hope it has cleared some space in your wardrobes for this year's Christmas jumpers!! Thanks to Jennie for organising; another is planned to follow in February 2018 for that spring clean clear out!

Many of you may be aware that in October we held our AGM. Thank you to all who helped organise and all who attended – it was really good to see so many there and we plan to keep our events as "paperwork light" and "sociable heavy" as possible! Everyone is always welcome so do come and join us if you can!

We have seen some members step down this year but can announce we have a new set of committee members buzzing and eager to support the PTA events for 2017/2018.

Sadly Jennie Young has stepped down as Chair and I wish to thank her on behalf of the PTA for her hard work and time she gave to events last year. Thank you Jennie for your sterling efforts!

It's a big step of shoes to step into and so this year we have two new Joint – Chairs who were elected on 17 October; firstly a big welcome to Matt Cropper who will be a joint chair with me. Thanks Matt - great to have you on board! Kate Shields has been elected Vice Chair (also heading up the 80's Disco) and Scott Broughton has kindly agreed to take on the Secretarial role – thank you also Kate and Scott!

As ever we have our trusty, awesome Treasurer Kate Bashford to crunch the numbers and keep us legal as well as the whole other myriad of things she does to keep events ticking along. Thank you Kate!

Caroline Pederick is again leading up the HU5K – thank you Caroline – last year's event was a truly wonderful day!

And as ever to the many, many, many of you who support and help contribute tirelessly in so many different ways – we know who you are and your time and effort is so very much valued!

That's it for now other than a few dates for your diary .....

**Tuesday 7th November 2017 at 8 p.m** – PTA gathering at The Fox

**Friday December 8th after Celebration Assembly** – Christmas afternoon tea party with surprise guest..... shhhhh! tbc

We have in mind a slightly bold plan to have a go at building a grotto this year out of milk bottles – if you are able to save your plastic milk bottles, please can you email Emma Clark at [Clarke226.aol.com](mailto:Clarke226.aol.com) by 10th November with an idea of how many you might be able to have saved up by Sunday 4th December – this way we can get an idea if we will be able to get enough – thanks sooo much!! PS If you have done this before and have any tips then do please share!!

Also, donations of Christmas decorations – if by any chance you have any surplus to donate or lend (ideally white silver or green) – they would really help create a great display for the 9th.

### **Saturday 13th January 2018 Post Christmas Film Afternoon**

(Thanks Karen Bexter for organising this) – any ideas for films please let Karen (karenbexter@gmail.com) know by 10th November. Home Alone is being suggested but all other ideas welcomed.

Some other really exciting events are in various stages of being shaped up for 2018 too.....

March - A chance to dig out your neons and smily faces as a funky groovy 80s Disco is heading your way on **March 3rd** – Tickets £15 from Kate Shields for a night of eighties music mayhem, fork supper and welcome drink.....

**16 June 2018** - the amazing HU5K will once more see hundreds pounding the footpaths and lanes around Hawkesbury Upton – please see [www.HU5K.org](http://www.HU5K.org) to find out more and sign up.

And.....

STOP PRESS! The pledge RETURNS for 2018!!! We'd love to hear your ideas and it's never too early to make a pledge! The auction will take place in May. More details to follow in the new year.

Finally, the July summer fair is looking like it is morphing from a fair into a ..... post sports day HOEDOWN and maybe the return of our chicken bingo chooks for one more poop play off – YEEEEEEHAHHH!!!!

Emma Clark

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On behalf of the PTA Committee

## **PARENT DROP-IN FEEDBACK FORM**

If you are unable to attend our next parent drop-in, but would like to share your thoughts, please complete this form and return it to the office.

Many thanks.

**SUBJECT: PSHE**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	WHO	OTHER DETAILS
Parents' evening	Tues 7th November (late) Wed 8th Nov (early)	School	Parents and carers.	
Infant Nativity	1:30pm Tues 5th December 9am Wed 6th December	School	Wrens and Robins	
PTA Christmas Fair	Saturday 9th December (lunchtime)		All are welcome	
Junior Production	1:15 and 5:30pm Tues 12th December	School	Swallows and Hawks	Please note that Swallow and Hawk children will need to be at school for the later performance.
School trip to the theatre	Wednesday 13th December	Bristol Old Vic	All children	Details to follow
Carol Service at St Mary's Church	6pm Thursday 14th December	St Mary's Church	All are welcome	
Last day of Term 2 for children.	Friday 15th December	School	Children	
INSET DAY	Monday 18th December	School	Staff	Children should not come to school.
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	Saturday 16th December - Tuesday 2nd January			
INSET DAY	Tuesday 2nd January	School	Staff	Children should not come to school.
First day of Term 3 for children.	Wednesday 3rd January	School	Children	
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	
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	