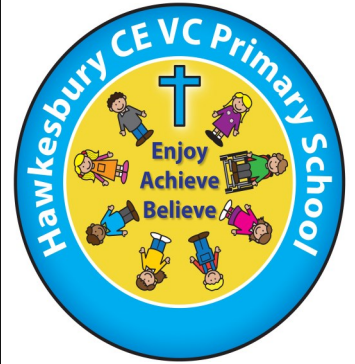


School News

October '16



Wow. Where did September go? October is upon us already and the Wren children are now in school full time after a fantastic first month. Everyone is getting ready for our Harvest Service, which is now taking place on Tuesday 11th October at St Mary's Church.

E-SAFETY COMMITTEE

We are looking to form an e-safety committee, which would meet once a term in the school day, consisting of children and adults. The committee would help ensure that everyone in the school community is aware of e-safety issues and knows how to use the internet and new technology safely. If you are interested in joining us, please complete the form at the end of the newsletter.

IMPROVEMENT WORKS OVER THE SUMMER

We hope that you have noticed some of the improvements that were made to the school environment over the summer break. As not all of these are easily visible we thought we'd let you know of the works which were carried out:-

Wren Classroom – redecoration

Robin Classroom – redecoration. New chairs, new desks (scheduled to arrive w/c 3rd October) – funded by the PTA

Swallow Classroom – redecoration

Key Stage 1 corridor – redecoration

6th Classroom (previously IT Suite) – partial redecoration

Exterior – walls around astro-turf area, outbuildings and gable wall end repainted

Flat roof above Key Stage 2 corridor – re-coated and sealed with liquid membrane

Area outside After School Club – removal of bushes to create area for After School Club to develop for outdoor play opportunities. Removal of wooden planters.

Tree behind outdoor classroom – trimmed to prevent damage to outdoor classroom roof

Repairs to underfloor heating system

Electrical repair works to light fitting, installation of new power socket in The Hide and installation of new heater in old school house

We are continuously investing in the school building to maintain and improve a stimulating learning environment for the children. A refurbishment of the girls and boys toilets located in the Key Stage 1 corridor is currently being planned which we will be asking for your input to in the near future. Should you have any feedback regarding the school environment, please speak to Mrs Trayler in the school office.

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E-SAFETY

During the summer, we provided e-safety advice concerning the Pokemon Go app. Here is some general information about apps.

29% of parents let their children download apps without their permission. 59% of apps send information about the device and user habits to a third party. 4 out of 5 of the top apps were free but made money through in-app purchasing. (Source: internetmatters.org)

Whenever you download an app, remember to check the age guidance for it. This is made clear in the details section in the app store (rating section). For example, users of the musical.ly app have expressed concerns that much of the content is 'adult.' This explains why this particular app is rated 12 plus and is thus not suitable for primary school children. Also, check the privacy settings are completely secure as some apps may share your output to a wider audience than you might think.

Common Sense Media provides useful information on apps, which may be of interest. The site provides ratings, together with parent feedback on various apps.

Find out more: <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/app-reviews>

A guide to app ratings:

4+ Applications in this category contain no objectionable material.

9+ Applications in this category may contain mild or infrequent occurrences of cartoon, fantasy or realistic violence, and infrequent or mild mature, suggestive, or horror-themed content which may not be suitable for children under the age of 9.

12+ Applications in this category may also contain infrequent mild language, frequent or intense cartoon, fantasy or realistic violence, and mild or infrequent mature or suggestive themes, and simulated gambling which may not be suitable for children under the age of 12.

17+ You must be at least 17 years old to purchase this application. Applications in this category may also contain frequent and intense offensive language; frequent and intense cartoon, fantasy or realistic violence; and frequent and intense mature, horror, and suggestive themes; plus sexual content, nudity, alcohol, tobacco, and drugs which may not be suitable for children under the age of 17.

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

Thank you to everyone who supported this event as well as the Year 6s and adults who made it happen. A special mention must go to Claire Cole, who organised the afternoon. Your support helped raise a very impressive £280.

INSET DAYS: PUT THESE IN YOUR DIARY!

Every year, we set aside 5 days for staff training. Children should not come to school on these days. Our remaining inset dates are as follows:

Friday 21st October

Friday 7th April

Monday 5th June

BREAKFAST CLUB

We are pleased to report that numbers are up for our Breakfast Club this term. Please note that children attending this club should **arrive before 8am** if they are going to have some food. This gives Miss Norman time to prepare a breakfast, gives your child time to eat it, and enables us to tidy away so that the hall is ready for the start of the school day. Thank you.

PARKING

Please could all parents who drive their children to school not use the Beaufort Arms car park. The pub frequently has afternoon events and the limited space at the back of the pub is required for patrons only.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS

Advance notice! These will be taken on Monday 28th November from 8.30. Please make sure your child looks smart that day and has a brush with them to neaten their hair. Photographs will be taken of both individuals and siblings.



The DfE has announced the launch of a new website called 'Educate against hate'. This is designed to offer practical advice and information for parents, teachers and school leaders about extremism and radicalisation. It has been created with consultation from organisations such as Childnet and the UK Safer Internet Centre, and includes information on:

- warning signs of danger,
- how parents should talk to children about extremism and
- steps concerned parents can take.

The website contains advice regarding preventing all forms of extremism, including, for example, far-right views. It contains links to relevant guidance and resources to enable teachers and school leaders to ensure they are taking all required steps to safeguarding their community.

For parents there are topics such as:

- How to protect my child
- How to talk to my child about the issues
- What parents should know about the online risks

Could this happen in Hawkesbury? It may seem highly unlikely that it could. However, extremism can happen anywhere and for this reason, we all need to be aware of the warning signs and what to do if we suspect that it is taking place.

<http://educateagainsthate.com/>

IN-SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Each year our children benefit hugely from having extra adult support in class provided by parent / carer volunteers. It is also an excellent opportunity for parents, carers and people from the community to get involved with the school and the children's education. If you are willing and able to volunteer in any way, e.g. help hear children read, stick work in books, play a maths game, then please see your child's class teacher to offer help or let Mr Riddington know.

Journalist Club News

Our trip to @ Bristol

We went to @Bristol on the first week of term for a school trip. We enjoyed it and we learned a lot of interesting things.

Did you know that Pluto is a dwarf planet? We learned that during a great experience in the planetarium. There were some animations based on Wallace and Gromit. After lunch, we explored downstairs. There were loads of interesting water-based things. There was a ball that you had to run up to make the water system work. There was loads of computers available with which you could make short animations.

Buddy System

Wren and Hawk class have teamed up so every reception child has a buddy.

If a Wren has no one to play with they can play with their Year 6 buddy. The year 6s are trying to give the best time that the Wrens can possibly have. Recently, the year 6s put on a treasure hunt for them with biscuits and hot chocolate.

Every Year 6 loves the scheme and hopes to do lots more events with their buddies! The Year 6s have been great in helping the younger children on the playground.

Topic: How Things Work

Robins are learning 'How Things Fly,' so they are researching aeroplanes, hot air balloons and other types of transport. Swallows are learning about electricity. They are finding out about cells, lights and buzzers and are putting them into circuits. Meanwhile, Hawks are learning about inventions. They are finding out about inventors such as Steve Jobs and so much more.

Dojos

Dojos have replaced house points and are going well. All the teachers use them in the classrooms to reward children who have done really well with their work or who have set a really good example. All the children like Dojos!

Spiritual garden

The Spiritual Garden is a place for the children to relax and be calm. There are a number children who use it as it is also a good place to sit and talk to each other.

We thank Mrs Porter for the wonderful bird table that she gave us when she left in the summer. The garden also has a very special mirror from the 2015 year 6 leavers and a tree and plaque donated by the 2016 leavers.

Thank you to our journalist club members: Fin, Jess, Lana, Anna, Henry, Leo and Gracie.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our school harvest service is on Friday afternoon, starting at 1:45pm. It follows our celebration service. Please send your child with fresh fruit and vegetables which will be sold off at the end and / or tinned produce from the list below.

After the service we will be selling the fresh produce so bring your purses along, the proceeds of which will go to a nominated charity decided upon by the children. The tinned produce will be taken to Yate food bank.

MEAT MANIA

Fray Bentos pies and tinned hotdogs, Tinned meatballs, stews and casseroles, tinned minced beef, curries and chilli, Tinned chicken, spam and ham.

FISH FEAST

Tuna, Sardines, Mackerel, Salmon, Pilchards.

PUDDINGS

Tinned sponges, Twin pack long life sponges, Jellies, Angel Delight, Custard - sachets and drums.

ODDMENTS

Tinned mixed veg, Tinned macaroni cheese, Smash - sachets, boxes and drums, Cous Cous

100 grm jars - NO large jars please!

UHT milk - sachets, boxes and drums. Dried spaghetti 500grms packs

Pasta sauces - sachets and jars 2-in-1 shampoo

Deodorants.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY TINNED SOUP OR BAKED BEANS as Yate Foodbank do have rather a lot of them and any bought for them now will not be used until next year whereas all the above items list will be used within a few weeks. They are always grateful for supermarket carrier bags as they use them to pack the parcels, so their clients look like regular shoppers.

Yate Foodbank would like to “thank you so much for your continued interest in our scheme our clients are always amazed that strangers can be so kind and generous.”

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:

07527224741 or email

Girls football: Hawkesbury vs Old Sodbury (29.09.16)

On Thursday 29th September Hawkesbury took on Old Sodbury for a friendly game of girls' football. In the glorious sunshine and witnessed by a good crowd, the girls put in a fine display. Despite it beginning the girls' first match together as a team they showed commitment, determination and perseverance to put in a good performance. The girls were unlucky not to score and unfortunately conceded four goals. A tribute to the school, they demonstrated many of the values we hold dear at Hawkesbury, The girls are determined to improve and have challenged Old Sodbury to a rematch.

Final Score: Hawkesbury 0 - 4 Old Sodbury

TEAM: Anna, Jeni, Lottie, Millie, Jessica, Gracie, Mariana, Flo, Holly and Esme.

P.T.A. NEWS

AGM

We held our very successful AGM this week. Our elected officers are Jennie Young (chair, mother of Amelie in Year 4), Kate Bashford (treasurer, Rory in Year 6/Cara in Year 3), Elsa Littlewood (vice chair, Tensie in Year 2) and Emma Clark (secretary, Alex in Year 4)

BALL

The ball was an amazing success, raising approximately £2,500. Thank you to all who supported it.

NOT TO BE MISSED!

The inaugural frog racing is on 12th November, starting at 7:30pm. Tickets will be on sale next week.

BAGS 2 SCHOOL

Keep an eye out for your bag, which will be sent home soon. The next collection will be on November 2nd.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Christmas Fair is on December 10th. If anyone wishes to help with this important event, please contact Jennie Young.

HUGL

We have reviewed HUGL, following feedback from pupils, parents and teachers. Taking on board the positives as well as the recommended areas for improvement, we have made the following key changes:

- Reduce the number of HUGL weeks from three to two. Last year we had a sports week as well as a HUGL, which was a squeeze in Term 6. This year we would like to have community support for the Sports week, which already has key elements of child-led learning.
- Reduce the size of groups. This will ensure better provision for children of all ages.
- Increase the number of groups. In doing so, we are introducing a Global group to go alongside Enterprise, Outdoor and Arts.
- Children will do an activity in each area (e.g. Outdoor) in each week. This way, every child will have the same experiences and we will not have children upset that they did not have marshmallows at the camp fire!
- Introduce an 'awe and wonder' style experience. On the fifth day, after each group has done activities in the four groups, we want to have an enriching educational experience. We have booked the Explorer Dome for the first week.

The PTA generously awarded the school a long term learning project grant. This will be used to continue to support HUGL, enabling us to buy resources to make our activities inspiring and to fund experiences that children will remember for years to come.

HUGL WEEK DATES

Week commencing November 7th.

Week commencing 6th March.

PARENT DROP-IN: TUESDAY 18th OCTOBER

We will hold a parent drop in on Tuesday 18th October. The subject will be school communication. We will also agree subjects for future drop-ins for the coming months. All parents are invited to come along. We meet in the staff room as soon as the children go to their classrooms in the morning. Over a coffee, we discuss subjects that you wish to raise. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but would like to share your views on communication, please complete the feedback form at the end of the newsletter.

DATE CHANGES

Please note the change of dates that have been made for this year's Easter service and Spring concert.

START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Please note that, to improve security, our doors leading onto the playground will be closed until 8:25. Our teachers will be on the playground at that time. You are welcome to make an appointment with your teachers should you wish to have a meeting with them. We wish to develop independence in all our pupils, so ask that they bring their belongings into the school building in the morning. Thank you for your support with this.

E-SAFETY COMMITTEE

To be returned to the school office.

I would like to join the school e-safety committee.

The committee will meet once every school term during the school day.

NAME: _____

SIGNED: _____

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 communication, 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.

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	WHO	OTHER DETAILS
Harvest Auction	1:45pm Friday October 7th	School	All are welcome	
Harvest Service REVISED DATE	9:30am Tuesday 11th October	St Mary's Church	All are welcome	
Parents' Evenings	Tuesday 18th October (late) Wednesday 19th October (early)	School	Parents and carers	
Last day of Term 1 for children	Thursday 20th October	School	All children	
Inset day	Friday October 21st	School	Staff	Children do not come to school
First day of Term 2	Monday October 31st	School	Children	
Open Day	Friday 4th November (a.m.)	School	Prospective parents	
School photographer	Monday 28th November	School	Children	
Infant Nativity play	1:30pm Tuesday 6th and 9:15am Wednesday 7th December	School	Families	
Church Carol Service	6pm Thursday 8th December	St Mary's Church	All are welcome	Coaches will be take us to the church.
Junior Production	1:15 and 5:30pm Tuesday 13th December	School	Families	Please note that the second performance is at 5:30pm. We would like all KS2 children to take part.
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 14th December	School	Children	
Christmas parties	Thursday 15th December (infants a.m. and juniors p.m.)	School	Children	
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 16th December	School	Children	Charity to be decided by the school council.
Last day of Term 2	Friday December 16th	School	Children	
First day of Term 3	Tuesday January 3rd 2017	School	Children	
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	
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	