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Welcome back to a new year and a new term. On behalf of the team here at Hawkesbury, I'd like to wish you all a Happy New Year! By now you should have received a class newsletter which sets out some of the information you will need to know for the term ahead. Please do speak to a member of staff if you have any questions – we are always willing to talk.

Thank you to all for your support over the last term. Term 2 is always a busy one with lots to do. We are grateful to those who were able to support any charity appeals and to those who were able to come along to various events we organised. Thank you to our Wren and Robin team for helping the children to prepare their Nativity this year, and to our Swallow and Hawk team for the fantastic Christmas Pantomime!

Thank you in advance of your support of the school over the term ahead.

Mike Riches

Key dates and events for the term ahead

Christingle service – 6th January, 9.30am

The children will travel by coach to the church. Families are invited to join us for this service.

Whole school art day – 13th January

The children will spend time during the day engaging in a range of art activities. Please pop into classrooms straight after school on Monday 16th January to see what the children have produced.

LGBT history month begins – 1st February

During the month of February we look at the lives of some key people from the LGBT community who have made a difference to those around them. We use age appropriate resources to support us as we do this. We will share more information with you nearer the time.

Whole school bhangra day – 3rd February

The PTA has funded and organised this day of music and fun for all classes. Each class will have a session during the day. We would like to invite families to find out more at the end of the day – please come and join us at 2.30.

Children's mental health week – w/c 6th February

As part of our drive to promote positive mental health amongst our children, we will talk to the children about ways in which they can help themselves and others and what they can do if they are struggling.

Outdoor learning day – 10th February

We aim to spend the whole day learning whilst outside.

Final day of Term 3 – 10th February

Attendance information

We will continue to report attendance information to you each time a newsletter is released.

Please ensure your child is in school and on time every day to enable them to do the best they possibly can. Having said that we recognise there is a lot of illness going round at the moment and the advice from the NHS is for children to remain out of school until a fever has subsided.

Term time holidays

Please do not book term time holidays as this means your child will miss out on vital learning and make it hard for them to catch up. As we move forward, more pressure will be put on schools by Government and Local Authority to issue fixed penalty notices for any unauthorised absence and this is something our Governing Body is currently having to consider.

After School Club

Our newly formed after school club begins on Monday. We are pleased to have been able to put a new plan in place and this will be under review as we move forward to ensure all systems work smoothly. Mrs Eaton will run the club each Monday and Mrs Journeaux will run the club from Tuesday to Thursday. A second member of staff will always be on site to support. Work will take place to appoint additional staff as numbers become clearer. The cost for each sessions remains at £15 – the school is unable to subsidise the cost of its wrap around care and so we must ensure the club doesn't run at a loss. Wherever possible, please do book and pay for sessions in advance via Pay 360. Payment can be made via Pay360 or childcare vouchers.

If you would like any further information please contact the school office.

We are looking to employ an additional person who would be able to support the club on an ad hoc basis. We also need additional staffing capacity from 5pm on a Wednesday. If you think you might be interested in this role, please let us know.

Governor Update

Last term the Full Governing Body met on 5th December. A range of topics were included on the agenda, and Governors identified the headlines from the meeting as follows:

- Revised budget shows that budgets are getting tighter, however Governors noted the highest quality provision and care continues to be provided.
- Following a review by South Glos Council which looked at the performance of the schools, Governors are pleased that both schools are now identified as "Priority 3" – priority 3 schools are those which are identified by the local authority as not needing any additional support.
- After School Club - Governors are keen to replicate the success of the school-run After School Club at Iron Acton as a new After School Club is established from January at Hawkesbury.
- Governor Monitoring is having a positive impact on what is happening at the schools. This is triangulating evidence in the School Self Evaluation Form (SEF)
- Governors are looking at the energy use of the schools and would be keen to hear from any parents with an interest in developing and securing funding for Renewable Energy at the schools.

Term 3 calendar

Event	Date and time	Information
Christingle service	6 th January 9.30am	All are welcome to attend.
Parent information – Mastering Number (Y2 & 3 parents)	12 th January 3pm	This will take place in Swallow Class.
Art day	13 th January	
Church family service	15 th January 10.30am	All are welcome to attend.
Celebration service	20 th January 2.30pm	Parents are welcome to join us.
Parent information – phonics (Wren Class)	25 th January 2.30pm	
LGBT history month	February	
Whole school bhangra day	3 rd February	Parents can join us at 2.30pm.
Parent council meeting	3 rd February 2pm	
Children's mental health week	w/c 6 th February	
Safer internet day	7 th February	
Outdoor learning day	10 th February	
Last day of Term 3	10 th February	
First day of Term 4	20 th February	

Dates can also be found on our school website: <https://hawkesburyprimaryschool.co.uk/category/news/>