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### **Welcome**

Welcome back after the Easter break. On behalf of the staff team, I hope you all had a restful break. We have had a good first week back and the children have been focused and productive – thank you as ever to all families for your support of the school.

I'd like to give a special welcome to the following children and their families who have started at Hawkesbury this week:

Robins – Lola, Raphael & Solomon

Swallows – Katie & Ava

We look forward to welcoming some more new children to our school over the next few weeks.

We are pleased to let you know that families who will be joining us in Wren Class from September have now been informed. We have a full cohort of 15 in Wren Class for September which is excellent news for the school.

All families are encouraged to come and speak to a member of staff if there are ever any questions or comments to make about school life. The best place to start is with your child's class teacher but otherwise there is always a member of staff on the school gate each morning.

Well done to our amazing team of Year 3/4 children who played in a football match against Iron Acton on Tuesday of this week. You worked incredibly well as a team and had great skills of perseverance!

Our value for the term is Friendship. We will be exploring what this means in great detail during our daily acts of collective worship.

Mike Riches

Headteacher

### **Staffing update**

As mentioned in the last newsletter, Olena Basanets has taken on the role of Breakfast Club Supervisor each Monday to Thursday.

We continue to look for a second member of staff to work alongside Mrs Basanets at After School Club each Monday and Wednesday. If you know of anyone who might be interested please put them in touch with the school office. Danielle Boulton is the second member of staff each Tuesday and Thursday.

We continue to look for a clerk to the governing body. This role is currently advertised on eteach:

<https://www.eteach.com/jobs?keywords=Clerk%20to%20Governors&location=Yate,%20Bristol%20BS37,%20UK&pt=51.5415889999999,-2.414323&radius=10>

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**Parent council feedback**

The following areas were discussed at our most recent parent council meeting last term:

<b>Area of focus</b>	<b>Comments and questions</b>	<b>Actions</b>
Extra-curricular clubs	<p><i>Could a wider variety of clubs be made available to the children?</i></p> <p>Teachers are currently providing a minimum of 4 terms worth of clubs each. We have several other additional paid for or volunteer led clubs. We have had further offers of clubs from September including Tae Kwon Do, tennis and coding.</p>	<p>Further options to be explored by school.</p> <p>Parents to inform school of any contacts they may have or if they would like to offer a club.</p>
Academisation	<p><i>Is the school planning on becoming an academy?</i></p> <p>The Government is making the idea of academisation a more appealing one when compared with being a part of a Local Authority. Therefore the school is looking into whether this is what is right for us. This was discussed in more detail at the recent governor information session. No decisions have been made and there will be a consultation process if it gets to that stage.</p>	<p>School to keep families informed of its potential journey towards academisation.</p>
School meals and snacks	<p><i>There was a lot of positive feedback about the re-introduction of toast.</i></p> <p>The school will continue to allow just fruit and toast for morning snack.</p> <p><i>There are still some mixed reviews about the variety on the lunch menu. Some are missing the baguette option.</i></p> <p>Feedback has been given to Edwards and Ward who are actively trying to increase school mela take up. A new menu is now in place from April with improved choice. Baguettes are now available once again.</p>	<p>School will continue to monitor this. Families to continue to feedback their views on school meals.</p>
Physical activity	<p><i>Will Jumpstart Jonny and Daily Mile be starting again soon?</i></p> <p>Mr Bryant is liaising with teachers over the best way to do this. Children in KS2 will have the opportunity to do the daily mile during the school day rather than at the start.</p>	<p>School to provide a further update once confirmed.</p>
Gateway app	<p><i>There are ongoing issues with the app which is felt not to be user friendly.</i></p> <p>Schools Comms have been contacted so that these concerns can be expressed. Parents are asked to send a screen shot of their balance if it is incorrect to the school office which will be sent on to School Comms so this can be investigated and resolved.</p>	<p>Parents to send a screen shot to the school office where issues exist with Gateway app.</p>

**Attendance**

	<b>Wrens</b>	<b>Robins</b>	<b>Swallows</b>	<b>Hawks</b>	<b>Whole school</b>
<b>Attendance for past 2 weeks</b>	<b>97.2%</b>	<b>98.0%</b>	<b>97.7%</b>	<b>97.4%</b>	<b>97.7%</b>
<b>Cumulative attendance this year</b>	<b>96.1%</b>	<b>96.7%</b>	<b>96.3%</b>	<b>93.1%</b>	<b>95.5%</b>
<b>Lates over past 2 weeks</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>29</b>

Please note: our attendance target is 96.5%. Our school day starts at 8.30am; those arriving after this are marked as late in the registers.

**Mental health practitioner**

The school has been selected to take part in a local authority initiative to improve mental health for children and young people. We would like to introduce Gosia who will be working with us over the coming months. She will be in school each week. Please see the flyer attached with the newsletter for more information.

**Meet Your Educational Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP)...**



Hi I'm Gosia (she/her) from the Mental Health Support Team. I'll be working at your school each week, say hello next time you see me!

**Celebration service certificates**

The following children were recognised during today's celebration service:

Wrens – **Theo** for flourishing as a scientist when planting seeds and observing changes in plants. **Noelle** for flourishing as a mathematician and working with teen numbers.

Robins – **Gracie** for flourishing as an author. **Theo** for great understanding of attacking and defending in Invasion Games.

Swallows – **James** for flourishing as a mathematician in use of fractions. **Jack J** for being an excellent leader and team player in the football match against Iron Acton.

Hawks - **Phoebe** for achieving 'expected standard' in a year 6 grammar exam. **Jacob** for making progress with punctuation & spelling.

**Families are invited to join us for celebration service on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.**

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**Term 5 calendar**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date and time</b>	<b>Information</b>
All-age service at St Mary's Church	21.04.24 10am	All families are invited to attend this monthly Sunday service.
Wren Class phonics information session	24.04.24 2.30pm	Wren Class families are invited to find out more about phase 4 phonics.
Fire service visit to Robin Class	26.04.24	Robin Class will be joined by the fire service as part of their enquiry for this term.
Science workshops for Robins, Swallows & Hawks	29.04.24	Mrs Heirani has organised for a science organisation to visit the school for the morning to engage the children in a range of science activities.
Families invited to celebration service	03.05.24 2.30pm	This will include a visit from Tricia Perris from the tennis club.
May bank holiday	06.05.24	School is closed to all.
Y5/6 tag rugby with Iron Acton	07.05.24 After school	Letters being sent to individual children.
KS2 SATs week	w/c 13.05.24	
Wren Class parent workshop – Forest School	14.05.24 2.15pm	Wren Class families are invited to join in with a Forest School session.
Art day	17.05.24	The children will engage in a range of art activities for the duration of the day.
All-age service at St Mary's Church	19.05.24 10am	All families are invited to attend this monthly Sunday service.
Outdoor learning day	20.05.24	Children will work in their houses for the day.
Families invited to celebration service	24.05.24 2.30pm	
Last day of Term 5	24.05.24 3pm	Families are invited to join us for celebration service.
HU5K run	15.06.24 11am	Event to raise funds for the school. <a href="#">HU5k Run – Run 5k in the Cotswolds</a>

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

INSET days for the next academic year

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June