



The Hawksworth Herald

'Learning through Love, Fun and Faith'

12.1.18

Headteacher's Comment

Happy New Year!

Spring Term 2018 has started very well with all the children and staff settling back into the school routine. Class 1 have started to utilise their new outdoor area and Class 1 staff have worked hard to create a new exciting and stimulating environment for the children. Every day this week we have had additional resources being delivered (den making and construction equipment, water resources, art equipment etc.) and we are expecting more next week! We have also been busy getting a range of quotes for a safety surface that will eventually be installed, and it will run parallel to one side of the canopy area to provide even more space for the children. I would like to thank Mr and Mrs Hobson, parents of ex-pupils, for providing two gigantic tractor tyres which will be used to create two sand/gravel construction areas. (Thank you to Mr McGuire for helping to lift the tyres and manoeuvre them into place!)

Governor Update

Mrs Loftus, mother of Niamh in Class 3, has been a long serving Governor at Hawksworth but her tenure ended 1.1.18 and she decided not to reapply. During her time on the Governing body she has demonstrated to be a very committed, able and dedicated member, attending many meetings, school events and completing many valuable tasks e.g. checking if our school website is compliant with the latest ofsted regulations or how the school is meeting the Food Standards for Schools Act 2015 etc – jobs may be mundane but essential when running a school and are a legal requirement. This is why the Governors and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Loftus for all her work over the last few years.

Mrs Loftus is obviously a hard act to follow but we were blessed to have a parent willing to step forward and ask to be considered to the role of Governor.....I am happy to announce on behalf of the full governing body that Mrs Oddy, mother of Emily in Class 1 will be commencing her Governor duties very soon.

Sports Update

Many of our children have represented Hawksworth in several Cross-Country events this academic year and will be participating in more in the coming weeks. Mrs Malir and Mr McGuire (Subject Leader for PE), felt our running team were not looking as smart as the other competitors when they recently competed in an event, so Mrs Malir has purchased a running kit and training wear for all the children.....and it looks fantastic!



Reception Place September 2018

The deadline for applying for a September 2018 Reception Place is the 15th January 2018. Parents need to apply via the Leeds City Council or Bradford Authority website. Instructions on how to apply on-line are at www.leeds.gov.uk. Please note even if you have a child already in school you still need to apply for a younger sibling place via Leeds City Council or Bradford Authority website and complete a Supplementary Information Form, which you can download from our school website (Parents tab – scroll down to Admissions and the Supplementary form link can be found at the bottom of the Admissions page).

Swimming

I received the following email late Thursday night from Leeds City Council regarding Swimming provision for Aireborough schools. I have pasted the email below and as you can see we will not be able to provide the usual swimming provision until September 2018. I envisage we will have to timetable Class 4 to take swimming lessons for the academic year 2018/19 so the children presently in Class 3 will not miss out.

Dear Head teacher

As you are of course aware Aireborough has been undergoing refurbishment and has had some delays. Unfortunately, there has been some more delays with this refurbishment, so schools will not be returning until the next academic year starting in September 2018. Should there be any unforeseen alterations to this schedule I will inform you of this immediately. Thank you for being patient with us during this disruptive time, and I hope that you enjoy your return to swimming in September. If you have any comments or questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me at your convenience. Shortly the application forms for the next academic year 2018/19 will be sent out.

Kindest regards Grace Downes

School Website

You may have noticed our school website has had a facelift and that Mr Bellamy's drone footage of the school and children has been integrated within the homepage. The update only went live recently, and we had some unresponsive links on the homepage, but I am happy to say these teething problems have been resolved and the school website is now complete. The content of the school website and our twitter feed are regularly being updated so please take time to check out the website and our tweets.

Lights

Recently we have had a few problems with our external security lights and unfortunately this has led the entrance to the Kestrels After School Club and the school being very dark in the morning and in the evening. I have an electrician booked in for all of Saturday, so I will open school tomorrow and hopefully we will have the problem solved before Monday morning.

Worship

Our theme for Collective Worship this term is *Peace* and your child has been provided with an activity sheet that they are invited to complete, and this will aid our promotion of this important Christian value.

Job advert

Rawdon Littlemoor Primary School is a fellow member of the Aireborough Learning Partnership Trust and they presently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Assistant, please see below for details:

We are looking for an enthusiastic, happy and caring person to join our friendly and hardworking lunchtime team. The hours are 11:45 - 1:15 Monday - Friday term time only. Please contact Office@rawdonlittlemoor.org or ring us on 0113 8879690 for more information. Closing date is Wednesday 17th of January 2018

Star Pupils

Class 1

All of Class 1 for making a great start to the new term!

Class 2

Freya McHale - for fantastic story writing skills

Fletcher Hargreaves - for starting to write more independently

Class 3

Y3: Harlan Richter-Shaw - for always being engaged in lessons and offering answers.

Y4: Jacob French - for showing a good attitude and work rate in all lessons.

Class 4

Ruby Simms - for excellent work in Maths

Charlie Pittendreigh - for good work across all subjects

Dining Hall Award

Congratulations to our politest pupil: Benjamin Fisher

Class News

Class 1

The class have been working very hard and have made a great start to the new term. They have been learning ways to make 10 and Y1 have also been making ways to make 20. In Literacy we have been writing about London and reading the 'Queen's Hat'.

Class 2

We have started their new topic of 'What is it like around the world?' We have started by looking at and naming the seven continents and five oceans and then looking more closely at London. We have learnt the story of 'Dick Whittington' and have written our own alternate versions. In Numeracy, we have been learning multiplication - using arrays and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. In Computing, we have learnt how to find and save a Google image, insert it into a Word document and use the Ipad to take photographs - all very technical!

Class 3

This week class 3 have eased their way back into mathematics with some place value work, have begun our new Science topic - light and have thought about character descriptions and written rhetorical questions to build up suspense in our writing. We have also found out some information about Nesyamun, the mummy we are going to see next week at Leeds Museum!

Class 4

We have had a busy first week back in Class 4! We have started our new topic in Literacy, based on the story 'Oranges in No Man's Land' by Elizabeth Laird. We have been reading the opening chapters and looking at the use of description within the story. In Maths, we have been recapping on comparing, adding and subtracting fractions, as well as working on using negative numbers in the context of temperature. In Science, we started our 'Electricity' topic by looking at the differences between parallel and series circuits and in Computing we discussed how to use online searches safely.

School Attendance

Our school Attendance target is 97%. Well done **Class 2** for achieving 99.2% attendance this week!

Class 1 99% Class 2 99.2% Class 3 93.70% Class 4 97.24%

House Points Congratulations to **Condors House** for receiving the largest total of house points this week.

Eagles	25
Falcons	16
Vultures	23
Condors	34

Kestrels Before and After School Club *'Learning through Play'*

Q. What tea do Ice Hockey players drink?
A. Penaltea



This week Kestrels have been to the Winter Olympics. The children have enjoyed making their own Ice Hockey team using cupcake cases, pens, card, goggle eye etc. They also have been cutting, sticking and colouring in a hockey buddy and a curling buddy complete with a colourful woolly hat.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Dale Norris BA (Hons) QTS
Headteacher

Dates for the Diary

	SPRING TERM 1
Wednesday 17 th January 2018	Friends of Hawkesthurst meeting – school
Thursday 18 th January 2018	Class 3 Leeds Museum
Thursday 25 th January 2018	Class 1 – Stay and Play for Parents/Grandparents
	SPRING TERM 2
Tuesday 20 th March 2018	Class 1/2 Parents' Evening 3.30pm to 8pm Class 3/4 Parents' Evening 3.30pm to 5pm
Wednesday 21 st March 2018	Class 3/4 Parents' Evening 3.30pm to 8pm

Thursday 29 th March 2018	Easter Service 2.15pm – School Hall
	SUMMER TERM 1
Friday 20 th April 2018	TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 14 th May to Thursday 17 th May 2018	Year Six SATs week
	SUMMER TERM 2
Monday 11 th June to Friday 15 th June 2018	Phonics Week
Monday 18 th June 2018	Sports Day 1.15pm
Monday 25 th June 2018	Sports Day Reserve 1.15pm
Tuesday 3 rd July 2018	Musical Interlude 2.30pm
Tuesday 10 th July 2018	Class One – Stay and Play for Parents/Grandparents
Friday 13 th July 2018	Leavers/Awards 2.30pm
Friday 19 th July 2018	Pupil Reports go out to Parents Leavers' Production 2.15pm School Hall
Monday 23 rd July 2018	TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 24 th July 2018	TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED



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