



The Hawksworth Herald

'Learning through Love, Fun and Faith'

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Friends of Hawksworth

Thank you to Sarah Knight for planning and leading the Wednesday FoH meeting at school. The work done by the Friends is so appreciated by staff. The funds raised by the Friends are vital especially at a time when school budgets are being reduced, school contingencies are being reduced and schools are facing unplanned costs. Below are some of the details discussed and agreed at the FoH meeting:

'Following our PTA meeting tonight, we have agreed that we would like to give each class £100, also give some money to the library. I will be getting in touch with Heather Marshall to discuss this. We are also looking at buying our own equipment so we can do the discos at school so we can make more of a profit.'

The upcoming events are:

Valentines disco 8th February 6-7.30pm

The chilli and quiz night 9th March has been cancelled.

Easter Hat competition - 26th March

Easter Bake - 28th March 2.45-4pm

Up The Odda - 5th May

May Ball - The Great Gatsby - 12th May

Then either 16th or 17th May a Royal Wedding cake sale or afternoon tea. At 2.45-4pm.

June (date to be decided) fish and chip night with a scavenger hunt for the children.

Summer fair 30th June.

Leavers disco - date to be confirmed'.

Snow

In the event of bad weather please can I remind parents again to check the homepage of our school website to find out if the school is closed. We had numerous messages from parents on Wednesday morning enquiring if the school was open and these were left on the school answerphone between 7am and 7:30am but I had uploaded the message that school was open to the school website homepage by 6am. Even though the majority of teachers arrive at school before eight and are in their classrooms preparing for lessons they are not available to man the office. Since 2015 I have had to take the role of school caretaker (since our last caretakers were dismissed) so I am normally outside clearing the snow or distributing grit during these hours. Mrs Hyde is only contracted to work from 8:30am, although she is normally in school by eight but is carrying out other office duties in preparation for the school day. Please be aware your calls are important and if you need to leave messages the answerphone will be on and we will respond to and deal with messages during school hours.

Absence

As a school we have always maintained good levels of pupil attendance and this is due to Hawksworth parents recognising the importance of their children attending school. However, recently we have had to send out a number of letters to parents highlighting that their child's attendance has fallen below 90% (some at 80%) and presently, we have about 37% of our pupils below our attendance target of 97%. Over a period of 5 school years children with an average attendance of 85-90% will have missed half a school year of education while children with an average attendance of 80% over the same period will have missed a whole school year.

Below is Government guidance which Leeds City Council ask schools to follow and promote:

Attendance Matters!

97%

This is regular attendance. A child with **97%** attendance has had only **4 days of absence** over the year.

95%

This is cause for concern and will very likely impact on your child's progress. A child with **95%** attendance has had **8 days of absence** over the year.

90%

Attendance of 90% or below is classed as **persistent absence** and is a huge cause for concern. Your child is likely to fall behind and may never catch up. A child with **90%** attendance has had **15 days of absence** over the year.

Hawksworth is the only school within the local family of schools that has not issued a fine for taking a child out of school for a family holiday within term time and this has been the case during my 4 years of Headship. However, I envisage this may soon change. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that if you decide to book a family holiday during term time I will have no choice but to authorise Leeds attendance team to issue a fine.

Under the latest Government Legislation parents/carers who take their children out of school during term time without authorisation, may be issued with a fixed penalty fine and could face possible prosecution in court. Fines are now issued on the following basis: Up to £120 per child and per adult responsible for that child for each unauthorised absence period. (This includes where parents/carers live in separate households but remain legally responsible for their child/ren). To provide an example, a maximum fine for one period of unauthorised absence – in a household where there are two adults and two children could result in the following: £120 x 2 children x 2 adults = £480.00 Failure to pay would result in a court hearing.

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

Q. What do two bananas do when they meet each other?
A. A banana shake!



The children have been very busy making all different kinds of fruit and vegetables out of various materials. They have enjoyed using paint, tissue paper, paper plate, card and coloured crayons to create a fruit basket. We have had some wonderful peas in a pod. They had great fun using Cheerios to make corn on the cob, and they have made some fabulous characters made out of fruit.

For snack the children have enjoyed fish fingers with carrot fries, sausages with sweetcorn, wraps with tuna, pepper and corn and their own pizza made with pitta bread, ham, cheese, tomatoes and peppers.

Class 3 met lots of Mummies!

Yesterday, Class 3 had a great time visiting Leeds Museum as part of their topic on the Egyptians. Thank you to Bronwyn's mum and Esme's mum for accompanying the children. I will upload the other photos to the school website.



Tom didn't have the heart to tell the others they were not holding real body organs but Jacob did!

.....another Mummy!



As part of their Growth and Survival topic, Class 2 met a pregnant lady! The children sat enthralled listening to mum to be, Angela, who did a fantastic job of answering all of their questions. On behalf of the children I would like to thank Angela and her husband Marc (Mrs Oliver's friends) for making Thursday's Science lesson even more interesting than normal.

Star Pupils

Class 1

Charlotte Middlebrough – for writing a lovely postcard from London.
Isla Cooper – for being so enthusiastic about our London topic.

Class 2

Erin Hemingway - for gaining the top score in Class 2's first times tables test.
Patrick French - for great effort answering questions on division.

Class 3

All of Class 3 for being excellent ambassadors during our visit to Leeds Museum.

Class 4

Olivia Kaye - for showing enthusiasm and working hard in all subjects.
Heidi Lawrence - for wonderful writing.

Dining Hall Award

Congratulations to our politest pupil: Harriet Waddington.

Class News

Class 1

This week Class 1 made some delicious scones and enjoyed eating them for afternoon tea. We posted letters to the Queen to invite her to join us at a later date.

Class 2

Class 2 have been learning about division in Numeracy this week. We did our first times tables test on Wednesday and had some positive results. Keep practising them for homework though! In Literacy, we have learnt the story of Puss in Boots (a story from France) to link to our Topic of Around the World. Mrs Oliver's friend visited us this week as part of our Science topic. She is due to have a baby in February and we were able to listen to the heartbeat and see a scan video. She has even said she will come back to visit when the baby is born so Mrs Oliver is looking forward to having a cuddle!

Class 4

This week, we have continued to read *Oranges in No Man's Land* and have been using our inference skills to answer related comprehension questions. We have also been writing diary entries from the point of view of one of the key characters, Dr Leila. In Maths, Year 5 have been practising different subtraction strategies and Year 6 have been solving problems using BODMAS. We have continued our 'Extreme Earth' Geography topic by finding out facts about the extreme weather conditions on Earth and in Science we investigated ways in which the brightness of a lightbulb is changed.



School Attendance

Our school Attendance target is 97%. Well done **Class 3** for achieving 98.15% attendance this week!

Class 1 98% Class 2 97% Class 3 98.15% Class 4 93%

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

Eagles	93
Falcons	115
Vultures	146
Condors	145

Dates for the Diary

	SPRING TERM 1
Thursday 25 th January 2018	Class 1 – Stay and Play for Parents/Grandparents
Thursday 8 th February 2018	Valentines Disco – 6pm to 7.30pm
	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
Monday 26 th March 2018	Easter Hat competition
Wednesday 28 th March 2018	Easter Bake 2.45pm to 4pm
Thursday 29 th March 2018	Easter Service 2.15pm – School Hall
	SUMMER TERM 1
Friday 20 th April 2018	TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Saturday 5 th May 2018	Up the Odda
Saturday 12 th May 2018	May Ball The Great Gatsby
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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