

The Hawksworth Herald

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Star Pupils

Class 1

All of Reception - for being great and confident performers in our Nativity.

All of Year 1 - for being fantastic and confidence narrators in our Nativity.

Class 2

Adam C - for keeping on task and producing some well-presented writing.

Maxton M - for great progression in Phonics.

Henry C - for great progression in Phonics.

Henry M - for great understanding of algorithms in Computing.

Class 3 For making such an excellent effort performing their Christmas carol.

Class 4 For working so well this term.

House Points and School Attendance (School target set by Leeds is 97%)

House Points		School Attendance	
House	Total	Class	%
Eagles	N/A	Class 1	N/A
Falcons	N/A	Class 2	N/A
Vultures	N/A	Class 3	N/A
Condors	N/A	Class 4	N/A

School News

Kestrels

Wishing all our children and parents a relaxing Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Christmas videos

Christmas at Hawksworth has been very different from previous years! With Covid restrictions in place it has resulted in many of the usual Christmas events either being cancelled or closed to parents e.g. the evening Christmas Carol Service, the Nativity etc. As a staff we wanted to film the Nativity (a more compact version than the usual though) and the Christmas songs performed by each class so at least we had some live performances we could share with parents. The videos were successfully shot and were edited by Mrs Metcalfe over the weekend. On Sunday afternoon they were uploaded to the respective Class pages on our school website but please note the videos will only be able to view until 13th January 2021.

Christmas meal



Dining hall – Class 1 then Class 4

Take away version for Class 2 and 3

We are blessed to have a talented team working in the school kitchen and last week they worked hard to make the two course Christmas meal a memorable one. All the children enjoyed their meals, whilst listening to Christmas music and wearing their Christmas jumpers.

Christingle

Father David successfully led all four classes in their celebration of Christingle which had Father David explaining the history of the Christingle service and the significance of the Christingle offering. The service included hymns, prayers and a blessing. Thank you to the parents who provided their child with a Christingle, to Mrs Metcalfe who organised the event and to Father David for expertly leading the service.



School Games Santa Dash

The last two weeks have been filled with sporting engagement at Hawksworth. On Friday 11th December we joined in with the; however, Mr. McGuire put his own spin on it with the Santa's being pulled along by their elves on rubber tyres! Unfortunately, the rain meant the grass was too boggy (we wouldn't want Santa to get stuck in the mud!) so we moved the route onto the playground and the children had a fantastic time completing their relay race with each child having a go being 'Santa'.



Unfortunately, Mr. McGuire was not able to be present at the event as he was absent from school all week due to undertaking Forest School training down in Sheffield. He is enrolled on a Level 3 Forest School Practitioner's Qualification which will be completed over the next 12 months. It is our hope to incorporate the Forest School programme into the curriculum at Hawksworth, adding to an already rich and inspiring educational setting.



Termly Inter-House Sports Day

On Monday 14th December, we held our Termly *Inter-House Sports Day* which was organised by Mr. McGuire and delivered by Mr. Hall and the Class Teachers. Each class competed in their houses in the sport they had been developing their physical literacy in during this half term. On Wednesday, the winning team was revealed with **Vultures House** crowned overall winners during a Microsoft Teams ceremony delivered by Mr. McGuire and Mr. Hall. Well done to all the children for their engagement and participation in each event.



Sports for Champions Team

After the success of our last visit from *Sports for Champions* Team GB athlete Matt Lee, we have teamed up with them again and are pleased to announce that Commonwealth Games Triple Jumper, Laura Samuel, will be visiting the school in February. With Physical Education at the forefront of children's health and wellbeing, we aim to inspire our pupils further, with the visit of another world class athlete. After a presentation assembly, children from each class will have the opportunity to have a Q&A session with Laura, before taking part in physical activities set by our athlete. This is a sponsored event where we are also looking to engage the local community, and there is a Crowdfunding page where everyone from parents to local businesses can support the event, with 60% of funds raised going towards school resources and 40% supporting the athlete's training in preparation for achieving her goal of representing Team GB at the Olympic Games! More details will follow in the New Year.

Please find the link to the Crowdfunding page

at: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/hawksworth?tk=b3efc89a82907ade1c0aff6d21fd4e556c87f174>

Office update

I would like to take this opportunity to inform parents Mrs Hyde will be reducing her present four day working week to a three-day working week when we return in January 2021. The days she will be working are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Any parents emailing school please use the school admin address and not send emails to individual staff accounts nor will staff be expected to reply to emails at the weekend.

Covid test

If your child goes for a Covid-19 test please could you inform school whether it is a positive or negative test. This is essential as it will influence whether a bubble has to be closed and those who have come into close contact with the child will need to be informed to self-isolate. You can email school of any results up to the 24th December.

Dates for the diary

Friday 18 th December 2020	Last day of the Autumn term
Monday 4 th January 2021	School re-opens for the Spring term
Monday 22 nd February 2021	Training Day (first of 3)



Mrs Oliver's class creating Christmas decorations.

Thank you!



I would like to thank the PTA for their Class donation as we have been able to buy watercolour paints and paper for Class 4. The children have produced a beautiful Christmas card using watercolours.

The children enjoyed this style of painting so much that they have requested another lesson on watercolour painting this week for our Christmas week activities. We will be attempting a wintery landscape today. In the next edition of the *Hawsworth Herald* I hope to be able to share some of this work.

Merry Christmas

Mr McGuire and Mrs Gallagher



Winter Watercolours – Mr McGuire's class

...and finally

The teachers and teaching assistants would like to thank the parents for their generous e vouchers, they were all touched by your generosity and really appreciate their gift.

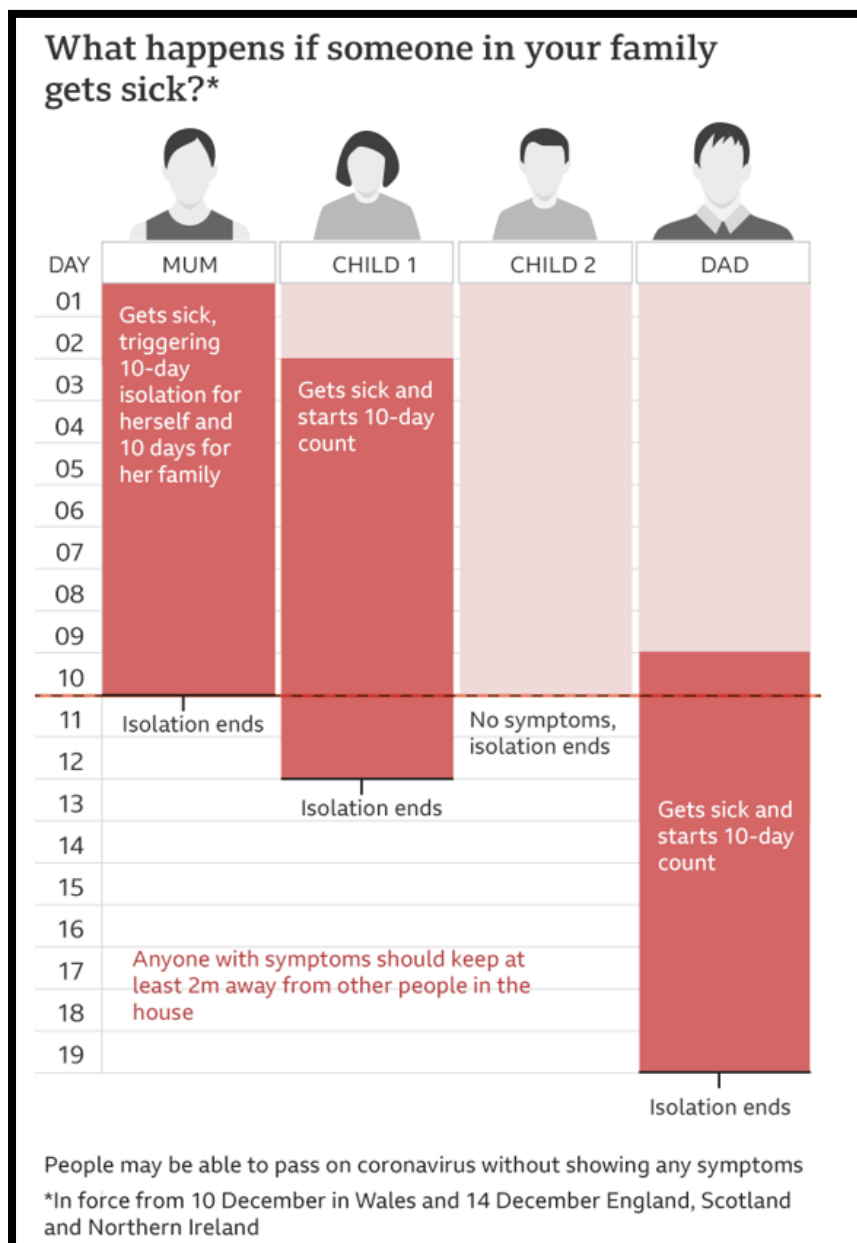
As a school during the pandemic of 2020 we were faced by many challenges but these were overcome and made easier as we are blessed to have such supportive, responsible parents, a staff prepared to work as a team and supportive Governors.

A special thanks to Mrs Hyde and Miss Hewitt who have done a brilliant job in the office keeping up with all the additional and ever-changing day to day essential tasks and aiding me by working additional hours over the weekend, especially answering emails to parents in relation to Covid tests and concerns.

2020 has been a challenging time for all and I pray 2021 brings better times.

On behalf of the school Governors and the Hawsworth staff I wish you a safe, relaxing Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mr Dale Norris BA (Hons) QTS



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