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Learning through Love, Fun and Faith

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Star pupils

Class 1	Alfie D for brilliant singing of our Autumn song.
Class 1	Josephine D-C for coming into school with a massive smile every day this week and working really hard in all areas.
Class 2	Harry W for trying hard to do the right thing and adjusting well to his new class and routines.
Class 2	Esme B-S for her excellent independent writing this week, which is always beautifully presented.
Class 3	Alfie M for excellent concentration and work ethic.
Class 3	Kingsley for excellent written work in Literacy.
Class 4	Eloise - for being caring, supportive and a fantastic role model to the reception children.
Class 4	Charlie - for consistently working hard and making good choices.

House points Attendance (Leeds Target 97%)

House	Points	Class	%
Eagles	45	Class 1	97.39%
Falcons	38	Class 2	98.41%
iVultures	37	Class 3	92.71%
Condors	42	Class 4	95.62%

Class news

Class 1

Class One have had another very busy week! Reception have started taking their reading folders home and learning their sounds. All Class One have now got new superhero or unicorn keyrings with their tricky words on, please practise these at home. Year 1 have started science, learning about different materials, and history where they are learning about life in the past and today. Reception have been talking about Autumn and doing lots of sorting and matching in maths. *Mrs Malin, Mrs Metcalfe, Mrs Williamson and Miss Ainsworth*

Class 2

Class 2 have had another busy week. We've been looking at healthy living in PSHE, and everyone has been designing some beautiful food rainbows. In the same vein, Class 2 have done themselves proud in their Harvest Festival singing practice. We do love music and dancing. The writing this week has been excellent, with everyone trying their best to write some interesting sentences with powerful verbs to describe the Great Fire of London. (Don't tell Y3, but some of us have been using adverbs too!) In maths, Y1 have been ordering numbers and Y2 have been counting in twos, fives and tens. *Mrs Vice, Miss Armitage and Miss Ward*

Class 3

We have worked hard in Literacy this week, writing instructions for how to make papyrus and persuasive letters in the role of Rhodopis. We have also completed VIPERS questions on our story 'The Egyptian Cinderella' and written sentences about the story which contain apostrophes for possession. In RE, we created an imaginary timetable for what a church leader may do during the week. We're looking forward to a visit from Fr David next week to see if we were close with our ideas. Our Science work has continued with learning about States of Matter. We used our bodies to demonstrate the different states and then changed a liquid into a solid using the freezing method. *Mrs Oliver, Mrs Dowling and Mr Cleghorn*

Class 4

This week in Class 4, we have written a set of interview questions to 'hot seat' some of the main characters in our class book. We will be using our empathy skills to play the parts of Elliot, Virgo and Thanatos and answer these questions, then we will be using these answers as part of our newspaper report about Thanatos' escape from prison! In maths we have started our new topic and have been working on how to exchange when adding and subtracting 4-digit numbers. We have also carefully painted our designs onto the Greek pots we made last week. As a class, we have spent time practising songs and preparing props for our Harvest Festival performance. *Miss Wicks and Mrs Gallagher*



School Council

The School Council votes took place last week. One child from each year group from Years 2-6 were chosen to become Young Leaders of the school. Here are the children who were voted for by their peers.

Year 2 - Rory

Year 3 - Hannah

Year 4 - Charlie

Year 5 - Isla

Year 6 – Pippa

Our first meeting took place on Tuesday in which the children wrote a pen portrait for our School Council display. We talked through some ideas we already have and will begin to implement some next week. *Mrs Oliver*



The School Council 2021/22



Message from Mrs Gallagher our Learning Mentor

Hello Yellow Day Friday 8th October 2021

Next Friday we are celebrating World Mental Health Day by wearing something yellow in school. This could be anything yellow from a yellow hair clip, yellow socks to a yellow onesie! We are hoping to show young people that they are not alone with their mental health.

Last year we raised almost £200 for the YoungMinds charity. This year we are supporting this charity again. The charity offers mental health support for children and young people. We would be grateful if you could donate to YoungMinds via our just giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hy2021-60707>



Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will be held in the school hall on **Thursday 7th October 2021** and will start at **9.15am**. All are welcome to attend but please adhere to our present Covid-19 risk assessment and wear a mask (unless you have a medical reason not to do so). Father David will lead as I am unfortunately unable to attend due to a pre-arranged meeting (the first time I have missed a Harvest Festival since starting my tenure of Headship eight years ago – so please accept my apologies in advance). Special thanks to Mrs Metcalfe (RE Lead) for overseeing the organisation for this special celebration.

Building update

New blinds have been installed in Class 2 and Class 3, new lino has been fitted in Class 3 and new LED lights have also been installed in Class 3 (the aim is to replace all lighting in each class with LED lights to help with reducing the electricity bill and of course improve the classroom lighting). I would like to thank Adam's Dad and Jasper's dad for spending a number of hours last Friday evening fitting the blinds – their handiwork is greatly appreciated by our pupils and staff.

Parents' Evening

Next week the online booking portal will go live on the school website. I am hoping *Webanywhere* (our website provider) can have it in place no later than the Wednesday of next week.

Wednesday 20 th October 2021	3.30pm – 4.45pm	Parents' Evening 1
Thursday 21 st October 2021	3.30pm – 7.00pm	Parents' Evening 2

Laptops

New laptops for the interactive boards in each class have been purchased and installed. These will replace the previous ones which were nearly seven years old.

Message from the school office team

We have five End of Year pupil reports still unclaimed in the school office. At the end of the Summer term the reports were handed out to pupils by the class teachers but we did have some children absent on the last day of term so please can those parents who wish to claim their reports visit the school office. *Mrs Hyde and Miss Hewitt*

Record Breakers



A huge thank you to Mr George Pratt, one of our school governors and an ex Chair of Governors for Hawksworth, for donating two recently released *Guinness World Records 2022* annuals for our school library.

For many years he has donated these annuals to school and they have always been immensely popular with the children!

Two new members of our school council are proudly clutching the latest additions for the school library which is housed in ***The Light***.

Message from the Chair of Governors

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

On behalf of the Governors, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new parents to Hawksworth CE Primary School.

As a Governing Body we are proud of our children and our warm, nurturing and dynamic church school. The Governing Body work hard to support the Headteacher, teaching staff and pupils with the aim of ensuring Hawksworth CE Primary School is the best it can be.

The role of the Governing Body is to ensure the school's statutory obligations are met in addition to reviewing and monitoring objectives, planning for the future, and to make sure the vision for the school is both challenging and realistic. It is the responsibility of the Headteacher to run the school, however, it is the role of the Governing Board to support and strengthen the Headteacher's leadership, and to hold him accountable for the performance of children and staff.

All our Governors bring with them a range of different skills and experiences to enhance the leadership and management of the school within a great community. Decisions are taken by the whole Governing Body which meets once every term, while sub-committee meetings consider the more specific areas of staffing, curriculum, buildings and finance.

We feel extremely privileged to be part of the life of our successful and vibrant Church of England Primary School and appreciate the active and enthusiastic role Hawksworth parents play, both in the development and growth of the children, and through the fundraising activities of our PTA, 'Friends of Hawksworth'.

If you would like to know more about the role of Governors or would like to discuss any aspect of Hawksworth CE Primary School, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs K. Loftus

Chair of Governors

School Governor news

Last night the full governing body had their first meeting of the academic year and due to Leeds CC guidance, it was not a face to face meeting but held on Zoom. The meeting started at 6:30pm and concluded at 9.00pm. During the meeting there were a wide range of topics discussed including the school budget, plans for the academic year ahead, staffing, building projects and plans for enhancing the school curriculum. The meeting was minuted by the *clerk for the governors* who is employed by Leeds CC Governance Service.

The school governors will be attending key school events this academic year which will include Friends of Hawksworth organised events, Harvest Festival, Parents' evenings, Open Mornings. When in attendance they will wear their Governor lanyards so as to let parents know who they are and encourage parents to approach them if they have any questions, they may wish to ask relating to school issues.

Over the next few weeks there will be Governor pen portraits included in *The Hawksworth Herald* and this will enable our new parents to identify and get to know the members of the Hawksworth CE Primary School governing board. The first two pen portraits are below:



Mrs K. Loftus Chair of Governors

I am currently the Chair of Governors, having previously served as a Parent Governor on the board. My specific responsibilities include being Link Governor for Humanities and I am a member of the Teaching and Learning Committee.

I am a qualified Further Education teacher and have experience of working within the Social Care Sector.

I was a parent at Hawksworth for 14 years. This has enabled me to develop excellent relationships with the staff and a strong understanding of the school and its ethos, which enhances my role on the Governing Body.

During my time as a parent at Hawksworth I was actively involved in The Friends, I served as Treasurer and helped organise many fundraising events. I also volunteered at school, running the school library.

As a Chair Governors, I am keen to work to maintain the many characteristics that make Hawksworth a positive learning environment for all the children and to assist in the development and continued progress of the school.



Mrs F. Chalmers-Brown

I became a PCC Governor one year ago via my local church St Oswald's in Guiseley which I attend regularly.

I have worked in finance for over ten years, having previously worked in a Christian College in Derbyshire and currently as Finance Manager for an IT company in nearby Sheffield where I am a member of the Senior Management Team.

I am part of the school Finance and Pupil Support Committees and the designated school Maths Governor. During my time as a Governor, I hope to contribute towards the already positive and successful reputation of Hawksworth Primary School. My focus and passion lie in school finance, year six and the transition to Secondary School and pupil wellbeing.

Messages from Mrs Metcalfe

Please can Year 2 parents download your child's learning journey. Some were downloaded at the end of Reception but Tapestry was used throughout Year 1 too. So, if you would like to keep a copy of your child's learning from the academic year 2020-2021 then please download the PDF sent to your email. The download includes the academic year 2019-2020 too. *Mrs Metcalfe*

Morrisons 'It's Good to Grow' Scheme.

Please help us collect FREE gardening equipment for our school. For every £10 you spend in store or online at Morrisons, you'll get a Grow Token to help our school get everything we need to get growing. Download the MyMorrisons app to start collecting Grow Tokens and choose Hawksworth CE Primary in the search box. We will then be able to exchange our Grow Tokens for FREE gardening equipment. Thank you! *Mrs Metcalfe*

School Dinners

The school is blessed to have two very talented chefs, Adrienne and Becky! They are both delighted that previous Covid restrictions have now ended and they are able to have all the children back in the dining hall rather than children eating their meals in class bubbles. They have reintroduced their STAR PUPIL TABLE and their creative 'fruity

designs'...and of course continue to serve their delicious meals! We do have a good number of children choosing to eat school meals which are all prepared on site and do not include any off site prepared food. All their meals adhere to the National Schools Food Standards.

We have been awarded the Healthy Schools standard by Leeds CC and we continue to promote the benefits of healthy eating through the school curriculum and our school meal provision.

However, it has been noted a number of children who do have packed lunches are having ever increasing quantities of chocolate bars, biscuits, crisps and sugary sweets included in their lunch boxes. This is obviously down to parental choice and I certainly do not want to adopt a 'food police' stance but just want to remind parents of the benefits of our healthy balanced school meals.



Alteration to school menu

Next Thursday the school menu has been altered. Home made pizza and chips with mixed salad and the vegetarian option is tomato pasta bake, topped with cheese and mixed salad or jacket potato with beans and cheese.

Kangaroo Kids Community Pre – School

At the weekend a safety surface was installed in the recently created outdoor area for Kangaroo Kids. The nursery staff have been very busy this week putting back the play equipment, including a large sand pit. I predict the children will really enjoy using this outside area!



Thankfulness

Our Christian value for this half-term is 'Thankfulness'. Our Home School Values half-termly resource sheet can be downloaded from our Collective worship page (to be found under the Christian Distinctiveness tab).

Save the date!

Autumn 1 (7 weeks)

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 6 th October 2021	2.15pm -3.15pm	Class 1 Stay and Play
Thursday 7 th October 2021	9.15am	Harvest Festival
Friday 8 th October 2021	All day	Hello Yellow Day 2021
Wednesday 20 th October 2021	3.30pm – 4.45pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday 21 st October 2021	3.30pm – 7.00pm	Parents' Evening

Autumn 2 (7 weeks)

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 10 th November 2021	All day	PSHE
Tuesday 16 th November 2021	9.30am -11.30am	Open Morning
Friday 19 th November 2021	All day	Training Day 2
Tuesday 23 rd November 2021	9.30am -11.30am	Open Morning
Wednesday 1 st December 2021	2.15pm -3.15pm	Class 1 Reading Workshop
Wednesday 8 th December 2021	9.15am –10.15am 1.15 – 2.15pm	EYFS/KS1 Nativity am performance to parents EYFS/KS1 Nativity pm performance to parents
Tuesday 14 th December 2021	6pm – 7pm	Christmas Church Service, St Paul's, Esholt.
Wednesday 15 th December 2021	1pm – 3.00pm	KS1 Christmas Party
Thursday 16 th December 2021	1pm – 3.00pm	KS2 Christmas Party

Spring 1 (7 weeks)

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 9 th February 2022	2.15pm -3.15pm	Class 1 Stay and Play

Spring 2 2022 (5 weeks)

Date	Time	Event
Monday 28 th February 2022	All day	Training Day 3
Wednesday 9 th March 2022	All day	Expressive Arts Day
Wednesday 23 rd March 2022	3.30pm – 4.45pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday 24 th March 2022	3.30pm – 7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 1 st April 2022	9.15am	Easter Service (at school)

Summer 1 2022 (6 weeks)

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 27 th April 2022	2.15pm -3.15pm	Class 1 Reading Workshop
WB Monday 9 th May (finish 12 th May 2022)		Key Stage 2 SATs
Wednesday 18 th May 2022		Outdoor Education Day

Summer 2 2022 (7 weeks)

Date	Time	Event
Monday 13 th June 2022	1.15pm – 3.00pm	Sports Day
Wednesday 15 th June 2022	2.15pm -3.15pm	Class 1 Stay and Play
Monday 20 th June 2022	1.15pm – 3.00pm	Sports Day Reserve
Monday 18 th July 2022		Reports to parents
Tuesday 19 th July 2022		Leavers' Awards
Wednesday 20 th July 2022		Leavers' Production
Monday 25 th July 2022	All day	Training Day 4
Tuesday 25 th July 2022	All day	Training Day 5

Kind regards

Mr Dale Norris BA (Hons) QTS
Headteacher

