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## Star pupils

<b>Class 1</b>	Alex C for really coming on in his phonics and being a superstar at reading.
<b>Class 1</b>	Martha H for her wonderful independent writing.
<b>Class 2</b>	Rory for his fantastic researching skills and helping the year one children.
<b>Class 2</b>	Alice for her fantastic researching skills and helping the year one children.
<b>Class 3</b>	Zachary L - for a fantastic, detailed recount of our class visit to Leeds City Museum.
<b>Class 3</b>	Noah I - for excellent progress in reading.
<b>Class 4</b>	Lydia McB for her excellent attitude to learning (last week)
<b>Class 4</b>	James P for working very hard on his understanding of written division (last week)
<b>Class 4</b>	Liam S for working incredibly hard in class, particularly in maths.
<b>Class 4</b>	Isla C for her brilliantly written biography

## House points

## Attendance (Leeds Target 97%)

House	Points	Class	%
<b>Eagles</b>	51	Class 1	97.39%
<b>Falcons</b>	86	Class 2	92.86%
<b>Vultures</b>	71	Class 3	87.85%
<b>Condors</b>	<b>122</b>	Class 4	93.75%

## Class news

### Class 1

Last week we spent the week thinking about Anti Bullying week and how we can be kind to everyone, every day, not just for Anti Bullying week. We read the story of Monty the Manatee and made friendship messages to each other. We enjoyed dressing up and raising money for Children in Need and made spotty biscuits and lots of different crafts.

This week we have been focussing on The Great Fire of London and thinking about what it was like to live in 1666. In Science we enjoyed a fun experiment using teddies, pipettes and different materials. We had to find out which one had the best properties to keep the teddy dry.

We have been working hard practising our nativity songs and performance and we are looking forward to you all coming to watch. *Mrs Malir, Mrs Metcalfe, Mrs Williamson and Miss Ainsworth*

### Class 2

This week in Class 2, we have been looking at how animals adapt for winter. We have learnt that they either adapt, hibernate, or migrate. In Literacy we have been continuing with science and have been researching

animals that hibernate and writing non-chronological reports. Who knew hedgehogs love cat food! In computing this week the children enjoyed getting on the computers and creating pictograms. We have also started practising for our Christmas Nativity this week and I have been so impressed with the singing. Well done again this week Class 2, you are all working so hard! *Miss Ward and Miss Armitage*

### **Class 3**

This week Class 3 have been learning and using column subtraction in maths, working out one and two-step word problems. It's been a challenge but the whole class have risen to it! In Literacy, we wrote letters to Natalie who led the workshop during our class visit to Leeds City Museum. These letters will be edited and posted off to her next week. Our RE work has consisted of writing a report about the different ways in which Diwali is celebrated, including thinking back to our lesson last week where we made Rangoli patterns, diva lamps and Indian sweets. We have begun to rehearse for the Christmas service on Tuesday 14th December and are very much looking forward to performing in front of an audience. *Mrs Oliver, Mrs Dowling and Mr Cleghorn*

### **Class 4**

This week in Class 4, we have been drafting and writing up, in neat, our biographies about the characters Elliot or Virgo from our class book. In maths, we have finished our topic of multiplication and division and have started learning about fractions. In DT, we have begun to cut out and build our Trojan 'horse'. In computing, we are continuing with our online safety topic and have created a digital poster to give advice on how to choose secure passwords. *Miss Wicks and Mrs Gallagher*

### **More news**

#### **Au revoir**

Mrs J. Hyde will be leaving Hawksworth this half-term and her last day will officially be Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. She will be leaving the education sector and returning to the commercial world after successfully attaining a finance position within a large Leeds firm...only a ten minute drive from her home! For a number of years, she has been doing a one hour plus commute to Hawksworth...but is always in the school office by 7.30am and working late (including answering parent emails at weekends!)

Mrs J. Hyde started work at Hawksworth as school business manager in September 2013 and I joined as Headteacher in January 2014. During this time (nearly eight years!) it has been a delight to work with such a highly valued and dedicated member of staff. I personally will miss her exemplary work ethic, advice and her sense of humour. On behalf of everyone at Hawksworth, I wish her all the best in her new role and remind her she will always be a member of the Hawksworth family.

I knew she would be a hard act to follow but after a recent rigorous interview process the governors and I have appointed her replacement (subject to the usual safeguarding checks and job references). Mrs J. Hyde (as expected) has volunteered to work Saturday mornings to aid the new appointment into their new role at Hawksworth.

**P.S** Mrs J. Hyde has also agreed to leave the coffee machine which she purchased for the office team during our lengthy time of isolation in the office 'bubble' during lockdown...she has and continues to be a star!

### **Teaching and Learning Review**

All Church of England primary schools have an SIA (School Improvement Advisor) allocated to them and their role is to support the Headteacher and school during the academic year. We also, like other Leeds schools, have an SIA allocated from Leeds City Council. As part of this support the Headteacher has the opportunity to ask at any time for a Teaching and Learning review to be carried out in school. This term I approached our

advisors from Leeds Diocese to carry out a T@L review in preparation for our expected SIAMS church inspection, which was due last year but delayed due to covid restrictions. Mrs Tringham and Mr Dudman both experienced ex Headteachers and senior advisors for Leeds Diocese visited Hawksworth on Wednesday to carry out the requested review.

They interviewed me, governors, staff, pupils and parents. They also visited all classes watching a number of lessons, talking to pupils and carrying out work/book scrutiny. Thankfully, there were many positives which included praise for teaching within school. They highlighted the exemplary teaching standards in Class 1, praised the teaching in Class 2 including an excellent Maths lesson, an exemplary maths word problem solving lesson in Class 3 and an engaging, innovative computing lesson in Class 4. Also highlighted was the great work of Mrs Oliver in her role as SENDCo, the excellent pastoral care and PSHE teaching provided by Mrs S. Gallagher our Learning Mentor and the outstanding level of expertise from our team of teaching assistants (which echoed the praise for which the TAs received during our last Ofsted inspection). They praised the child-led collective worship, the pupil's standard of work across a number of subjects and their confidence when talking about their lessons.

They also recognised the school's work on enhancing the curriculum, this term's recent strategy on reading development and the enhancement of assessment procedures for foundation subjects (Geography, Art, DT etc) across school.

Areas we need to continue to focus on are embedding the recent developments in the curriculum especially after the disruption of Covid and lockdowns. Another area is to continue the promotion of reading but to focus on the parental engagement with reading and homework especially with the older children.

I would like to thank parents and governors who took the time to talk to the advisors during their visit to Hawksworth.

## Christingle



Mrs Metcalfe did an excellent job of organising and overseeing our last Christingle service in December 2019 but due to the pandemic, last year the children took part in their 'bubbles' and Father David was on video call. Due to trying to reduce parental contact during a time of continuing covid infections, parents will unfortunately not be able to attend this year. Our Christingle service will be held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 9.15am and will involve all classes. Please provide your child with an orange and accessories (candles and collection pots will be provided by school) - these will be outlined in a future letter from Mrs Metcalfe.

## Christmas Nativity

Our EYFS and KS1 children are looking forward to performing their Christmas Nativity performances to their families. However, due to present Covid-19 restrictions these performances will now be restricted to parents and families of Class 1 and Class 2 children. We are able to seat 15 groups of two for each performance and these groups will be socially distanced from other pairs during the duration of the show (2m from the stage and 1m distance between each group). We can therefore only allow for **two** family members per child to attend a performance.

We have allocated a morning and an afternoon show for the Christmas Nativity performances:

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Performance 1: 9.15am start (school hall)

Performance 2: 1.15pm start (school hall)

If you wish to attend one of these two performances, please contact the school office and Miss Hewitt will record the names of those family members who wish to attend either the am or pm performance. If there are any spare seats for the afternoon performance Miss Hewitt will inform parents. **Please note all visitors will be asked to wear a face mask (unless medically exempt) and thermals (hat/gloves/scarves are optional) as the hall windows and doors will be left open during each performance.**

## Christmas Church Service

The Christmas Service which was planned to be held at St Paul's, Esholt on the evening of Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December will now take place in school and involve two performances – one on the morning and one on the afternoon. This is due to the need to reduce numbers attending one performance and ensuring social distancing. The church service will now be restricted to KS2 families and will be based on the booking system introduced for the KS1 Nativity performances:

As with the organisation for the EYFS/KS1 nativity, we are able to seat 15 groups of two for each performance and these groups will be socially distanced from other pairs during the duration of the show (2m from the stage and 1m distance between each group). We can therefore only allow for **two** family members per child to attend a performance.

We have allocated a morning and an afternoon show for the Christmas Service:

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Performance 1: 9.15am start (school hall)

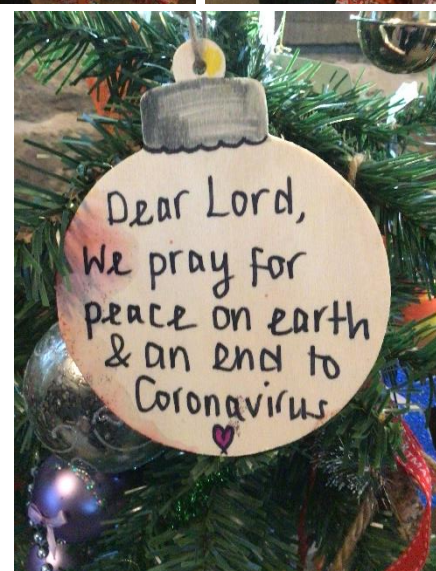
Performance 2: 1.15pm start (school hall)

## Christmas Trees

Christmas trees and Father Christmas has arrived at Hawksworth! Mrs Dowling and Mrs Williamson have started to introduce the festive spirit to school and have been busy decorating our Christmas trees and school entrance with their usual artistic flair. Miss Hewitt has also started to sort out her personal Christmas song playlist which will be continually piped into the entrance hall.

The Friends of Hawksworth have provided the school with a 6ft Christmas tree which was erected in St Oswald's church this afternoon and placed alongside others from local schools and organisations. The decorating of the tree was expertly completed by eight children, two from each class, and was supervised by Mrs Metcalfe (I held the tinsel). Well done children and Mrs Metcalfe for creating such a festive treat which will be enjoyed by the local community who visit St Oswald's church. Children involved in decorating the Christmas tree **Class 1:** Brandon and Mikey **Class 2:** Rufus and Avaanie **Class 3:** Jasper and Willow **Class 4:** Isla and Pippa.

Please don't forget to visit The Guiseley Lights switch on this weekend and vote for our Christmas tree. The winning tree donates the money collected to their chosen charity. Thank you for all the baubles that the children made, with prayers and messages to the community. Thank you also to all the parents that took the time out of their day to help transport the children to and from church.



Our Christmas Tree at St Oswald's Church

# Save the date! Hawthorn Christmas events in green and red

## Autumn 2 (7 weeks)

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2021	2.15pm -3.15pm	Class 1 Reading Workshop
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2021	All Day	PHSE DAY
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2021	9.15am	Christingle Service
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	9.15am 1.15pm	KS2 Christmas Service (two performances am and pm) in school
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	1pm – 3.00pm	KS1 Christmas Party
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	1pm – 3.00pm	KS2 Christmas Party

## Spring 1 (7 weeks)

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

## Spring 2 2022 (5 weeks)

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

## Summer 1 2022 (6 weeks)

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

## Summer 2 2022 (7 weeks)

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

Kind regards

*Mr Dale Norris* BA (Hons) QTS

Headteacher