

# HAWTHORN NEWS SEPTEMBER 2023



Welcome back for this new school year and a special welcome to families who are new to our Hawthorn Family. Thank you to all families for supporting us with the change to our start of day. We have lots happening this term, please check your emails for messages from school, see information about the School Gateway app below. We look forward to welcoming parents into school to work with their child; information will follow about these events. Don't forget that parents are always welcome at our Friday Celebration Assembly which starts at 8.50am each week.

*Jane Dale*

## Start of the school day

Please remember our new start time is **8:40am**, the school gates will open at 8:35am and close, promptly at 8:45am. Anyone arriving after this time will need to enter via the office and will be marked as late. Please ensure your child arrives on time so they can start their learning as soon as they enter the classroom.



## School Gateway



We are moving away from using School Ping and will be now using **School Gateway** for both messages and payments.

You can now make payments online to the school for things like dinner money and school trips.

You will have received an email, during the summer holidays, with instructions on how to access this system.

If you've recently changed your email address or mobile telephone number, please let us know so we can update our records.

If you are having trouble accessing the system, please speak to a member of staff at the office and we will try and help.

## Attendance



It is important your child attends school every day.

Please phone the school office **before 08:40am** to let school know if they are going to be absent.

Please make any appointments out of school hours; if this is not possible we will require a copy of the appointment before we can authorise the absence.

**School holidays in term time cannot be authorised.**

We have lots of attendance awards over this coming year with Newcastle United Football Club - you have to be in it to win it!

Our target for our whole school attendance is 97%. Let's work together to achieve this.

## Opportunities for Parents



Newcastle college are offering a free volunteering course, which we will be hosting at school, beginning on **Friday 15th September at 9:30am - 12pm**. The course runs every Friday for 3 weeks and at the end of the course you will receive a certificate of attendance. Please let a member of staff at the office know if you would like to attend.

Every Wednesday, starting from **27th September**, we will be running free ESOL classes in school at 9:00am - 11:00am. These were really successful last year and we would love to see as many parents there as possible.



We are always looking for new members to the '**Friends of Hawthorn**' parent group. If you would like to find out more please speak to Lorraine. This group supports school to raise much needed funds and at events such as our Winter Fayre.



Look out for more information about family learning, positive parenting courses and warm hub sessions starting later this term.

## Uniform

Please remember children should be coming to school in the correct uniform. Sensible **black shoes** must be worn at all times. School provides PE kit for each child in school, including a tracksuit. PE shoes or trainers are needed for PE days - this can be found on the 'classes' page on our website.



Headscarves need to be **plain navy or black** and should be the pull on type or style to make it easy for the children to remove for P.E lessons. The only items of jewellery allowed are a **wrist watch and small simple round stud earrings** (these need to be removed for P.E).

The weather is starting to get a bit cooler now so please remember to send in coats, especially if it starts raining we don't want the children to get wet going home.

**If you need support with uniform please speak to the office or Lorraine.**

## Breakfast Club

Our free breakfast club is available for children in **Year 1 - Year 6** and starts at 8:00am. Children can either come to the MUGA or bottom gate and will be taken into the hall by a member of staff. If you would like your child to attend, please contact the school office and we will send a form home for you to complete. Any parents who are interested in volunteering at breakfast club should contact the school office.



## After School Clubs



You will have received a letter last week with our offer of after schools club for you to choose from. These will be starting from the week beginning **18th September**. We always try to offer a wide range of clubs and because our clubs are so popular we offer spaces on a first come, first serve basis. As usual clubs will run from 3:30pm-4:30pm. Once your child has signed up and been allocated a place they need to attend every week, otherwise their place may be given to someone on the waiting list.

## Dates for the Diary

**Monday 18th September**— clubs start.

**18th September**—Year 6 trip to Safety works.

**Week beginning 18th September** - National Coding Week. The whole school will be completing activities around this with a focus on Artificial Intelligence.

**Friday 20th October**—Harvest assembly at 8:50am for parents (Reception—Year 6)

**Wednesday 18th October** - Year 1 Parent Art session (more information to follow)

**Week beginning 23rd October**—No clubs this week.

**24th and 25th October**- Parent evenings (Reception - Year 6).

**26th October** - Reception Parents into school - Elmer Day (more information to follow).

**Friday 27th October**—School closes at 1:30pm for half term.

**Monday 6th November**—**School is closed for a training day.**

**Tuesday 7th November** - School reopens.

**Friday 10th November** - Remembrance assembly at 8:50am (Year 6 to lead).

**Friday 17th November**—Children in need. Children can come to school in non-uniform.

**Week beginning 4th December**—last week of clubs.

**Wednesday 6th December**—Winter Fayre.

**Monday 11th December** - In Harmony Soiree after school.

**Tuesday 12th December**—KS1 concert a.m.

**Thursday 14th December**—KS2 concert p.m.

**Tuesday 19th December**—Reception and KS1 Christmas performance.

**Thursday 21st December** - School closes at 3:30pm for Christmas holidays.

**Friday 22nd December**—**School is closed for a training day**

**Monday 8th January**—School reopens for Spring Term.

