

# HAWTHORN NEWS FEBRUARY 2024



We've had a really busy half term and classes have enjoyed lots of trips and visits. Our Year 6 children have enjoyed their annual STEMtastic activities with the other trust schools, including visits to The Centre for Life and Discovery museum. Year 3 visited Sunderland Winter Gardens as part of their work on the rainforest. Year 1 and Year 2 have visited the Discovery museum to support their learning in history.

Please follow us on 'X' (previously Twitter) @Hawthorn\_PS where you can see photos from events in school and trips. Each class has a page on the school website where the teacher shares learning for each term and how you can support at home [www.hawthorn.newcastle.sch.uk/website/](http://www.hawthorn.newcastle.sch.uk/website/)

*Jane Dale*

## In Harmony KS2 Celebration Day



On Wednesday 27th March 2024, KS2 children will be performing and celebrating the work that they do with our In Harmony team in school.

KS2 children from Hawthorn and Bridgewater Schools will step onto the stage in Hall One at The Glasshouse for an afternoon of musical joy and excitement.

Our friends from Royal Northern Sinfonia will join in the fun and play side by side with the children.

Come along from 1pm on Wednesday 27th March, with all the family and immerse yourself in the power of music. **FREE** tickets are available on The Glasshouse website <https://theglasshouseicm.org/whats-on/in-harmony-celebration-day-2024>.

An email will be sent via School Gateway with the link attached to make online booking easier. If you are having difficulty booking, please speak to the school office and we will try and help you.

Families are encouraged, where possible, to make their own way to The Glasshouse. We may be able to offer a **limited number** of spaces on the school minibus, please contact the school office if you require support getting to The Glasshouse.



## School messaging and payment system

Schoolgateway

We send information to parents using a **free**, smartphone app called '**School Gateway**' available from your app store.



Please could you download this new app to your phone as it will help us improve communication with parents.

**The set-up process is simple and will take no more than a couple of minutes:**

1. Search for "School Gateway" in the Apple App Store/Google Play **or** on your phone go to [www.schoolgateway.com/apple](http://www.schoolgateway.com/apple) (Apple) or [www.schoolgateway.com/android](http://www.schoolgateway.com/android) (Android)
2. Install the app and if you are asked then say yes to "Allow Push Notifications"
3. When you launch School Gateway for the first time, please select 'New User' and enter the email address and mobile telephone number you have registered with the school.
4. The system will send a PIN code to your phone; please enter this PIN code and the app will be activated for you.

As soon as you've got the system set-up, all of the text messages we send you will appear in the app; you'll receive notifications/alerts as normal.

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

## Parent Governor

We are pleased to inform you that Charlotte Trattles is our new Parent Governor. We would like to welcome her to the Governing body and are looking forward to her joining our experienced and successful team. You can read Charlotte's personal statement below:

*"I would like to apply to become a parent governor for Hawthorn Primary School. I currently have 2 children in the school and my oldest daughter has only recently transferred to secondary school. I have been attached to the school for a number of years and was a pupil at the school myself.*

*I live in the local area and am aware of the issues that face our children and families. I have volunteered at the school and am a keen supporter of the Friends of Hawthorn Group helping to organise events, like the Winter Fayre, and raise money for school.*

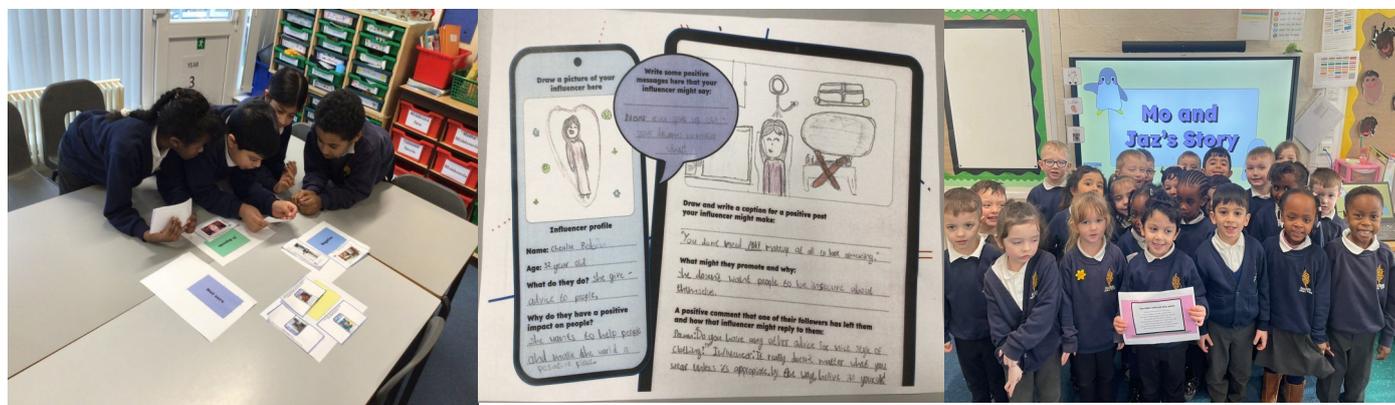
*I am an advocate for parents and further education, recently successfully completing adult courses in Literacy and Numeracy. I am always looking to expand my knowledge and keen to learn new skills. I think being a parent governor will help me understand the running of school and the challenges we face. I value education for my children and the whole community. I am able to express my views and confident to represent other parents. I like to share new ideas and explore broadening children's learning chances.*

*I am interested in children's safeguarding and am excited about supporting children and staff in our brilliant school. I have over 10 years experience of working in the care sector in the local community. Thank you for accepting my nomination and I look forward to working with the school, children and parents."*

## Safer Internet Day

We celebrated Safer Internet Day in school, with our learning based around the theme 'Inspiring change, making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'. The children have taken part in an interactive assembly, read stories, shared a poem and looked at how influencers can have a positive and negative impact online.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our parent session looking at internet safety. If you missed this session and would like more information please contact the school office.



## Dates for the Diary

**Monday 26th February**—school is closed for staff training.

**Tuesday 27th February**—School reopens for children

**Monday 4th March** - Clubs restart

**Thursday 7th March**—World Book Day, children can come into school dressed as their favourite character.

**Thursday 7th March** - Reception family learning 'Fun with Food' course starting. Let the office know if you are interested in attending with your child.

**Thursday 28th March** - School closes at 3:30pm for the Easter break

**Monday 15th April** - School reopens for summer term.

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