

# HAWTHORN NEWS NOVEMBER 2023



We have had a busy term, thank you to all of the parents and carers who have joined us at in school events. There are lots of exciting things coming up in the next few weeks (see dates below). Our Friends of Hawthorn parents group are working hard with Lorraine to prepare for our school fayre. We look forward to seeing you there, this is one of the biggest fundraising events of the school year. Please let us know if you are interested in joining our Friends of group or supporting the school as a Parent Governor.

*Jane Duke*



## Winter Fayre

Our Winter Fayre is on Wednesday 6th December, **Parents can attend in the morning at 9:00am - 10:00am to buy toys, raffles tickets and craft items (without the children).**

The children will then attend with their classes and teachers in the afternoon from 1:30pm. Children can bring small amounts of money to buy toys, books, play games, crafts, cakes, tombola, face painting and raffle tickets. Raffle tickets will go on sale from Wednesday 29th November, and prizes will be drawn on the day of the Winter Fayre.

Any donations for the Toy stall or tombola please pass to Lorraine or Barbara.



## Christmas Jumper Day

On the day of your child's Christmas dinner they can come to school wearing their Christmas jumper (no money needed).



**Tuesday 12th December** - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas lunch (KS2 festive packed lunch in class)

**Wednesday 13th December** - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Lunch (Rec/KS1 festive packed lunch in class)

## Dates for the Diary

**Thursday 30th November 10:00am** - Reception open event. This is for parents/carers with children who are currently in nursery and would like to visit our Reception setting

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

**Wednesday 6th December**—Winter Fayre

**Monday 11th December** - In Harmony Soiree after school, Hawthorn Primary Symphony Orchestra will be performing in our school Hall from 4pm. Teas/coffees and festive treats will be available. All parents/carers are welcome

**Tuesday 12th December**—KS1 In Harmony concert 10:15am

**Tuesday 12th December** - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas lunch

**Wednesday 13th December** - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Lunch

**Thursday 14th December**—KS2 In Harmony concert 1:30pm

**Monday 18th December** - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas party in the afternoon - please send your child to school with their **party clothes in a bag** to get changed into

**Tuesday 19th December**—Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas performance for parents 9:20am

**Tuesday 19th December** - Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party in the afternoon please send your child to school with their **party clothes in a bag** to get changed into

**Wednesday 20th December** - Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party in the afternoon. Please send your child to school with their **party clothes in a bag** to get changed into

**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 at 8.40am





### Attendance and Start of the school day

We've had nearly a full term with our new, earlier start time of 8:40am. We wanted to say a big thank you to all of the parents/carers who continue to support us with our attendance target of 97% and getting your children in on time - it really does make such a difference to their learning. Our attendance for Autumn 1 was 96.4%, which is above Newcastle and National average and 114 children had 100%. Well done everyone.



### Parent Governor.

We are pleased to inform you that Wafa Dafalla 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 Wafa's personal statement below:

*"My name is Wafa Dafalla and I am from Sudan. I have 3 children currently at Hawthorn Primary School and I am a volunteer parent. I have recently successfully achieved my Level 2 Teaching Assistant Course and completed my hours of work placement within Hawthorn School. I volunteer in classes and also in the Breakfast Club. I am committed to ensuring my children receive a good education and am also striving to further my own career doing math and IT courses now at college. I also work in an Arabic School and have done for the last 10 years. I am able to support other parents and carers of children in the community and often help translate for them. I attend all events in school and help promote parent workshops and courses with families. I would love to be a parent governor and continue to broaden my knowledge of school and supporting the children and families. My future plan is to be a teacher or teaching assistant after completing my Level 3 Course with college. I feel I can be a good representative of the parents at Hawthorn on the governing body."*

We still have 1 space available for another parent governor, anyone interested should contact Mrs Dube for more information.

### Friendship Fortnight

The children thoroughly enjoyed our 'Friendship Fort-night' and shared in assembly all the activities they had been doing in class to show how to be a good friend.

We ended our week with a non-uniform day for Children in need and raised a fantastic £85. Thank you to everyone who donated.



### After School Clubs



We have enjoyed running a range of after school clubs this term and the children have really enjoyed them. Clubs will finish the week beginning 4th December. **There are no after school clubs for the last 2 weeks of the term.** With the darker nights children are now being collected from the school hall.

You will receive a letter with our new clubs for the Spring term and these will start from the 15th January 2024.



### Maths week

Week beginning 13th November, all classes took part in Maths Week England and completed a range of activities based on a story book. The children had a fantastic week with lots of problem solving tasks taking place. Well done everyone.



**School re-opens for all children on Monday 8th January 2024**