HAWTHORN NEWS JANUARY 2025

A very Happy New Year to all of our families. We were delighted to welcome the children back this week. We have another busy term planned with lots of exciting opportunities for the children. Year 6 will be working with The Theatre Royal in school and then have the chance to see a performance of 'The Pig Heart Boy' at the end of April. KS2 will be performing at the Glasshouse—this is always an exciting event and parents are welcome to join us for this concert.

Please can I remind everyone that the children need warm coats and appropriate footwear (black) for the cold weather. Skirts should be of an appropriate length for school, to the knee.

Packed Lunches

Can we please remind everyone that we are a 'Healthy School' with healthy school status. School meals are nutritionally balanced and we ask that packed lunches match the school meals standards as well, e.g. a sandwich/ wrap, rice/pasta, fruit, yoghurts, small bag of crisps. We have noticed an increasing amount of chocolate and sweets, which are not allowed in school. Our PSHE curriculum aims to support children in understanding the

importance of nutritious meals and we continue to develop this with the children, including our school council.

Please remember we are a nut free school so do not include any in packed lunches, this includes nutella sandwiches.

Internet Safety

Internet Safety Day is on Tuesday 11th February 2025, the theme is 'Together for a better internet'. Teachers will be planning lots of activities for the children to be involved in and will we be holding a session for parents—more information to follow.

School messaging and payment system

Our main form of communication is via our school messaging system called 'School Gateway', this is to be environmentally friendly and enables us to send messages out quickly.

Please make sure you have downloaded this app to your phone (it's free) as it will help us

improve communication with parents – and save money on paper and printing costs.

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 (Apple) or 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.

Opportunities for families in school

Year 3 families can join us for family learning—see Lorraine if you are interested in being included.

Year 4, 5 and 6 have the chance to join a youth club in school run by Hat trick.

NE North East Combined Authority

Northern Learning Trust

Family Learning Course
For parents/carers and children in year 3

Winter Crafts

Parents and carers will meet first, then the children join us for fun craft activities and games.

Every Thursday for 4 weeks from 16th January 2025, 9am-11am

Free goody bag for every family

Contact the school office to book your place:

Hawthorn Primary School, Park Close Elswick Newcastle Upon Tyne NE4 6SB 0191 2734237

HAT - TRICK PRESENTS

YOUTH CLUB

EVERY Wednesday Age - KS 2 4:45 - 5:45PM

Free to join

MUSIC ● GAMES ● CRAFTS

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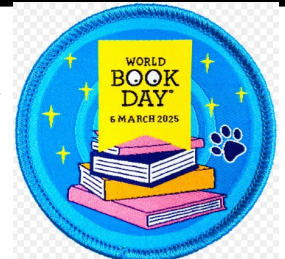**HAT-TRICK** love sport for change Starts on 15.01.24

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World Book Day

World Book Day is Thursday 6th March 2025 and the theme of this year is 'Read Your Way'. At Hawthorn, we love to celebrate how unique we all are so we would love for our children to come into school dressed as their favourite character for a fun-filled day of reading! We know how much everyone loves this special day and we can't wait to celebrate!

Dates for the Diary

Monday 13th January —Clubs start, please sign up using the 'school gateway' app

Wednesday 22nd January - Year 1 and 2 are visiting the Discovery Museum

Monday 27th January—Reception and Year 6 height and weight measurements

Thursday 6th March—World Book Day, children can come into school dressed as their favourite character

Monday 31st March—school is closed for a training day

Wednesday 9th April—KS2 performing at Glasshouse

Friday 11th April - School closes at 1:30pm for the Easter break

Monday 28th April - School reopens for summer term

Wednesday 30th April— Year 6 to Theatre Royal performance

School is closed for a training day on Monday 31st March 2025