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Our updated **website** has all our newsletters, school dates and lots more information about school and education.

Wed 4th Jan. 2012

Welcome back ~ The first day of Term 3 for our children.

Term Two has been another excellent term and our children have continued working really hard. The Christmas festivities have brought lots of enjoyment and joy, with productions, singing, and pantomime, parties, bowling, Father Christmas coming and presents. Our Reception Children have settled very well into their first school year and made lots of progress towards their Early Learning Goals. We are very proud of them all.

Christmas at Hawthorn Tree School

Years One & Two Christmas Production of 'Starlight'

Children, Parents, Teachers, Teaching Assistants and Friends worked incredibly hard again this year to help make this year's production one of the very best. The children learnt their singing, acting, speaking and dancing parts really well, putting their own personalities into their characters. Our collections from the productions raised £163.49 which will be split between The Pilgrim Hospital Children's Ward and our School. *thank you.*

Reception Singing

This year Mrs Myers & Miss Docherty classes of Reception children (supported by our choir) sang some Christmas songs. The children performed superbly and the performances were enjoyed by all. Again thanks to Children, Parents, Teachers, Teaching Assistants and Friends for all their hard work and support.

PFA Christmas Parties

This week there are our annual Parent and Friends Association Christmas parties for all our children. We are grateful as ever, for the food which Parents send in for the parties (there were some delicious and beautifully decorated cakes). Our Parent and Friends Association have worked very hard in our Christmas celebrations, preparing all the dining arrangements for the parties (PFA would like to say thank you to all the volunteers who have helped this year) and funding Year 5 and 6 Christmas bowling, it is really appreciated ~ *thank you* to our PFA. The PFA children Discos this term on Fri 25th Nov. were a great evening and overall the children have said that they thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to have special Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 discos. The next PFA meeting is scheduled for Monday 16th Jan. 2012 at 7.00 p.m. in school.

Christmas lunch in school last Wednesday was very special and enjoyed by all (photos on our school website) – lots of thanks to our lunchtime staff and Willoughby Foods.

Pantomime

Peter Pan at Blackfriars. Our school visits for all children to Blackfriars this week have been a resounding success. Our children were thrilled by the performance and have been retelling the story in all its theatrical detail & mess!. Thank you to Parents for your financial support in these challenging times for the Pantomime visit.

Staff

Mrs Allsop who has been with our school for many years as both Teaching Assistant and Teacher is relocating with her family to Dorset over Christmas. We will be saying a final farewell and thank you to her at our end of year assembly. We will be welcoming back Ms Bristow (Ms Bristow previously taught with us for six years and left in 2007 & has been into school as a Supply Teacher since), who will be teaching for one day each week – Fridays, in Mrs Reynolds class.

Clothing

Please ensure your child(ren) are equipped for continuing cold weather next term with coats, hats and gloves and wellies when required. KS2 classes - a reminder about the need to bring track suits or similar items for outdoor PE and Games. Sadly we have a growing box of school uniform, hats, gloves & scarves all unnamed which despite our attempts, we are unable to return to their owners. **Do please put & regularly refresh you child(rens) name on all their belongings.**

Travel to and from school

Our School Safety zone is working well, thank you to the overwhelming majority of Parents who park sensibly away from the yellow zig zag lines. The pavements have been a little tense at times with pedestrians, push chairs and smaller children on bicycles all moving along at busy times. Please encourage your child (ren) to be careful, safe and respectful towards other pavement users. As adults we are the role models, if we show kindness, patience and courtesy for others this is what our children will learn, conversely if we as adults show discourtesy, impatience and disrespect for others this is what our children will learn.

Termly Dates for the beginning of the Spring term.

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Winter Weather and Emergency School Closures

Experience over recent years shows if we are to have any emergency school closures because of the weather it is likely in the next term. In the event, notices will be posted around the school and news put out as soon as possible on;

1. BBC Radio Lincolnshire 94.9 FM, 104.7FM & 1368 AM.
2. www.bbc.co.uk/lincolnshire
3. LINCOS FM 102.2

We also use the message service called 'TXTRound', this is Lincolnshire County Councils new partnership system. We have inputted all our mobile phone contacts for Parents and so a message should be able to be 'text' quickly to every Parent with a known and up-to-date mobile phone number known to the school. ***Do let us know if you change your mobile number.*** The decision to close the school is never taken lightly, a major factor is the safety of children, parents and school staff travelling to and from school.

Building work

Our major building work is on schedule and progressing well. Thank you to Parents who have expressed any particular concerns especially regarding health and safety. These concerns are always passed immediately to the Builders, 'Trent Valley Construction'.

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On behalf of all staff and myself, thank you for Christmas cards with seasonal messages of goodwill and Christmas gifts that have kindly been given in school. Best wishes from everyone at Hawthorn Tree School for Christmas and the New Year. Thank you for your continuing support and partnership in our work, especially for our dedicated team of volunteer Parents who work in school every week with a terrific range of activities – reading, art, science, swimming, sport and many more. We look forward to next term and 2012 & continue to be immensely proud of our children (and myself of our staff team), they have all again worked tremendously this term.

