

Hawthorn Tree Primary School

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Term Four comes to an end this week with the Easter Holidays over the following two weeks.

We have revisited the Easter story in school as we progress through Lent to help our children continue to develop their understanding of this central Christian festival.

School Places – Reception Children 2018

Currently we are expecting to have some spare places for Reception children for this September. If you have or know of relatives or friends who may like a place for their reception child in September please contact school.

Toot Lane Road Safety

Our UNICEF team have worked with our Police Community Beat Officer Alex Devenish to reduce speed and improve parking (you may have seen the speed indicator board on Toot Lane).

Toot Lane footpath and cycle way

We had a query about the footpath and cycle way asking why it is not marked with a central white line separating cycles and pedestrians. Kay Taman, Lincolnshire Schools Road Safety Officer reported back to school with the County Council Road Safety and Highways response. Because of the width of the path (a separated footpath and cycle way has to be wider) it is a shared joint use footpath and cycle way where care and caution is required from cycles, scooters and pedestrians to maintain the safety of all users.

Parent and Friends Association (PFA): Plans are forging ahead for our PFA Summer Fayre on Sat. 30th June 2018. The PFA's substantial £5000 cheque to school in January has purchased new and additional reading books (for classrooms and the library), sports kits and outdoor playground games and equipment. We are fortunate in having such a dedicated, hardworking PFA team ~ thank you. A photo is available in the school entrance showing this year's PFA committee if you would like to chat with them. The PFA noticeboard on the cycle store gives further information along with the PFA Facebook site.

Money raised for the NSPCC

The '**Speak out Stay safe**' programme in January and 'Buddy's big workout' raised £2148.40 for the NSPCC. The regional representative of the NSPCC was overwhelmed by the amazing and generous response from Hawthorn Tree School, a huge thank you to all individuals, families and friends who contributed.

Reading

We are working really hard with our Year 6 children in readiness for the SATs in May. A major focus is on reading and comprehension. This has again underlined the crucial role of reading for all children.

Reading remains the single greatest indicator of future GCSE success and is the key to accessing learning across the curriculum. Two practical day to day things parents can do for their children are to;

1. For reading: Ensure children are encouraged and supported to read each day.
2. For learning, health and wellbeing: Strive to provide 10 minutes individual time for each child to talk, listen share and care. Lincolnshire Educational Psychologists confirm that this daily individual attention given consistently over time has a dramatic positive impact on children's and family lives.

Sport Relief Thurs and Friday 23rd March: Two terrific days with indoor athletics and circuits organised by Mrs Vipond for KS2 classes and the option for all children to walk a mile on Friday. To date we have raised £332.02 for Sports Relief. A huge thank you and well done to all.

Parents Evenings: Parents Evenings went very well last week and were exceptionally well supported. Our children have been thrilled and proud to show their work to their families. Thank to parents for coming along and being so supportive. We hope that you were able to see the terrific progress made by your children and in conversation with Classteachers, how you can help them in their learning.

Amber Lockdown: Our teachers talked with their classes last week about the possible reasons for an Amber Lockdown – perhaps a dangerous dog on the loose outside. The children were all accounted for, outside doors secured and blinds drawn. We will be preparing for and practicing a Red Lockdown early next term. This stage is a full lockdown and requires staff and children to remain calm, quiet staying low and hide. We will talk this through with the children and introduce the practice for a Red Lockdown gradually so that our children are as reassured as possible whilst being prepared for a Red Lockdown if the need ever occurs.

Our New Headteacher Mr Kelwick: Mr Kelwick is already getting ready for September having met with governors visiting his school last week and meeting myself for a morning this week. More visits are planned with emails and phone calls all aimed at ensuring a smooth transition for September.

School Facebook page

For updates and information please 'like' our Facebook page 'Hawthorn Tree Primary School'

School App – to retain Hawthorn Tree as your School App page please select the right arrow as you enter the App.

School Grounds volunteer helper

We are looking for an enthusiastic and passionate person to help maintain our flower beds, borders and the school outside environment generally. We already have a contract for school grounds maintenance and our site manager Mr Miller ensures the site is safe and well maintained. We would like someone who can come into school regularly to help us make our school grounds even better for our children as we maintain our existing site and develop our orchard and allotment areas. If you are interested or if you know of someone who may be please contact school.

Dates for the Diary

Tues 27 th March	Happy Puzzle Company in school – opportunity to explore and purchase puzzles after school
Weds 28th March	Happy Puzzle Company in school – opportunity to explore and purchase puzzles after school End of Term 4
Mon 16th April	Start of Term 5
Tues 17 th April	Starlincs Planetarium in school for Reception and Year 5
Weds 18th April	Class & Team Photographs
Thurs 19 th April	12-3pm Y3/4 Tennis Tournament at Boston Tennis Club
23 rd -26 th April	Year 6 SATs Practice Week
14-17th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Fri 18 th May	9:30-2:30 Y5/6 Rounders Tournament at Boston High School
21 st -25 th May	Year 6 Top Up Swimming Week
Mon 21 st May	6pm New Reception Intake September 2018 Information Evening
Fri 25th May	End of Term 5

Enjoy a safe and happy Easter holiday, we will look forward to welcoming our children back to school on **Monday 16th April**

