



Newsletter September 2018



Heads welcome

It gives me great pleasure to write to you as the new Headteacher of Hawthorn Tree School and to welcome you to what I am sure will be a very busy and exciting year ahead and, the new look, half termly newsletter. Since starting in post last week, I have been impressed by the whole school, especially the pupils. Every time I step onto the playground I am welcomed by a sea of inquisitive smiley faces, each desperate to learn and immensely proud of their school.

Our caretaker, Mr. Miller and the cleaning staff, Mrs. Sharp and Mrs. Harrison, have worked incredibly hard over the summer again to ensure our high standards are maintained around the building. My belief is that all our families are part of our 'high expectations' culture and that your child comes to school looking proud to represent our school in the correct uniform, looking neat and tidy as well as demonstrating excellent behaviour and completing their homework and reading tasks on time.

I believe Hawthorn Tree is a school with huge potential and I am determined to secure an outstanding future for the school. I have the very highest expectations of the staff; its pupils and community and it is my intention that by working together we can make our school the best it can possibly be. Over the course of the next week, I will be releasing a video of our pupils asking questions about me. There are a lot of superb and challenging questions! This will be posted on our website and social media streams as I feel it is important for me to reach as many of you in the community as possible.

I'd like to end with a quote, and I usually will during these newsletters: *'The standards you walk past, are the standards you accept'* – Sir David Carter, now retired National Schools Commissioner. I look forward to working closely with you in the future on helping raise the standard even further, at Hawthorn Tree Primary School.

Mr. Kelwick

Road Safety

Many thanks to the overwhelming majority of car drivers who park safely and carefully each day. Our yellow zig zags should not be parked on during school collection times. The zig zags are there to help make our children safer. Cars should park on the east side of Toot Lane.

Please ensure that your children do not play in or around the cycle storage (especially on the metal bike hoops), these areas and equipment are potentially dangerous.

Uniform

During the first week back, all the children looked smart in their uniforms. As mentioned in the 'Head's welcome', when our pupils put on the red and white of Hawthorn Tree, they are representing us, in and out of school. As such, it is important that our pupils demonstrate pride and respect whilst flying 'our flag' in the Boston and Lincolnshire area and I would like to thank all of you for a great start in that respect.

Please ensure all items are named so that lost items can be returned immediately. If your child has lost any items of clothing our lost property box will be available in the school office every Friday for you to have a look through. If we find any items which are named, these will be returned to your child.

Coats - Please ensure that your child(ren) bring a coat (named), to school each day as the weather will begin to become more autumnal soon.

Jewellery - Our policy is small studs only for pierced ears (no hoops) and no other jewellery.

Shoes - Black school shoes or black trainer/ shoes with good grips (the playgrounds and trim trails can be slippery in shoes with no grips), **no** multi-coloured branded shoes or trainers.

School academic performance

Our 2018 EYFS, Key Stage 1 and 2 results this year have proved to be very pleasing. In Key Stage 2, the schools Reading, Writing and Maths combined percentage increased compared to the 2017 scores. The pupils expected attainment standard also increased in Reading, Grammar and Maths whilst Writing maintained the schools previously strong results. We were also very pleased with our students' average 'standardised score' in every subject which also saw an increase from 2017 to 2018. In EYFS and Key Stage 1, our pupils' Reading, Writing and Maths previously good results were maintained once again. Well done to the staff and students who worked hard in achieving these results.

Staff news

We are pleased to welcome a number of new staff members who have joined Hawthorn Tree over the summer.

- Miss Wager has started her first teaching post in Year 3 following her graduation from Leeds Beckett University. Miss Wager was previously a pupil here at Hawthorn Tree so we're delighted that she has returned to back to us.
- Mrs Ingamells has succeeded Mrs Vipond as the schools new PE Co-ordinator.

Pupil collection

Reception children are collected from 15:10, the Parents gate to the Early Years Area is opened approximately 10 minutes before, to provide a safe waiting area. Key Stage One children finish school from 15:10 and are released to Parents individually to ensure their safety. KS1 children with siblings in the Early Years Foundation Stage can meet Parents in the Early Years area through the gate in the KS1 playground. Key Stage Two children finish school from 15:20 and are also released to Parents individually to ensure their safety or if permission is given in writing, they journey home themselves.



Photographs

On Friday 28th September, we welcome Wrates Photographers into school for the annual Individual and Sibling photographs. Please come to the school office from 8:30am if you would like a photo with any sibling pre-school children.

Medicines in schools

There is no legal duty which requires school staff to administer medication; this is a voluntary role. It is the responsibility of parents to inform schools whenever pupils are receiving prescribed medication. This applies to medication prescribed on both a regular and intermittent basis. Wherever possible medication should be given before or after school. Alternatively,

- Parents visit school to give medication to their own child.
- Adjust timing of medication

All medicines in school must be prescribed by a registered medical practitioner, i.e. doctor, dentist, nurse and in their original container. Pupils should not bring non-prescribed medicines to school. No medicines can be administered without a written Parental request.

Asthma - Letters have been sent out to Parents of all our children with asthma. In line with our Policy, the school does require a copy of your child's asthma plan completed by your child's NHS Asthma Nurse.

Medical Conditions - It is vital that Parents pass on information to school regarding any medical conditions or important medical information about your child(ren).

Harvest Festival

On Tuesday 2nd October, 14:15, Years 3,4,5 will be hosting the annual Harvest Festival assembly in which parents are invited. We're pleased to confirm that Father Paul Noble will be leading the service once again. Any produce sent into school will be donated to the Salvation Army.



Macmillan Cake Morning and Open Visit to classrooms

On Thursday 27th September, the school will be opening its doors for the annual Macmillan Cake Morning with classes also available for parents to drop to in and engage in their child's learning.

There will be auction in the hall led by Mr Brady between 9:00 and 9:30 and activities between 9:30 and 10:10 in the classrooms.

For our EYFS and Key Stage 1 parents, there are also opportunity to visit the auction as well but classes will also run activities between 9:00 and 9:30.

We very much look forward to this event and we hope to raise lots of money for this very worth-while cause.

Attendance Information

Please note, Parents must ask for permission in writing for any absence at least two weeks before the requested absence. Absence can only be authorised in 'exceptional circumstances'.

Upcoming term dates

w/b 17 th Sept	Reception start full time	1 st Nov	EYFS Parents Maths workshop, 9-10am
21 st Sept	11+ test – Non verbal	2 nd Nov	Year 2 Parents Maths workshop, 9-10am
26 th Sept	HTPS Bake Off!	w/b 12 th Nov	Children in Need & Anti-bullying week
27 th Sept	Macmillan Cake morning and open classrooms	16 th Nov	Children in Need
28 th Sept	Individual & sibling photograph day	Sat 24 th Nov	PFA Christmas Fayre
2 nd Oct	Yrs 3,4,5 Harvest Festival assembly	28 th Nov	School immunisation, Yr R, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
10 th Oct	EYFS Parents Read, Write, Inc workshop, 9-10am	4 th Dec	KS1 Christmas Production, 13:45 start
11 th Oct	Year 4 trip to Sherwood Forest	5 th Dec	Christmas lunch in school
12 th Oct	11+ results posted to parents	6 th Dec	KS1 Christmas Production, 13:45 start
15 th -18 th Oct	Year 5 Bike Ability training	7 th Dec	Reception Christmas performance, 9:30 start
19 th Oct	End of Term 1, school closes	14 th Dec	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
29 th Oct	School CLOSED for INSET	20 th Dec	End of Term 2, school closes for Christmas
30 th Oct	School reopens for Term 2		
31 st Oct	Closing date for Secondary school applications		