



Heads welcome

Welcome back to our second half term of the year.

The so-called 'dark term' yields so much excitement and light as we celebrate Halloween, Bonfire Night and of course Christmas. This is our longest half term of the year at eight weeks long and I have no doubt we will all be tiredly excited to reach the break.

I have been pleased with the start to the term. Our pupils have been focused and relentless with their pursuit of knowledge. We are enjoying challenging our children's knowledge and maintaining their high standards in learning, behaviour and attitude. I have also been pleased that they continue to wear our uniform smartly and with pride.

Please keep visiting the website for continuous information being sent out about events in school such as Parents Workshops, charity fundraising and sporting events in which competitions and seasons are beginning.

My first Key Stage Two assembly of the half term was underpinned by this quote by the actress and singer Julie Andrews; *'Perseverance is failing 19 times and succeeding on the 20th'*. I look forward to all us, in the school and the community, in encouraging perseverance as it will provide a pathway to success in our fast-changing and inter-dependent world.

Mr. Kelwick



Road Safety

A continued 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. There have been a few calls to school from local residents around the Clifton Road and Kenleigh drive requesting that driveways are left clear for access between 08:30-09:00 and 15:00-15:30. We hope that all connected to our school will continue with work with us, the police and the community to ensure that road usage is effective and safe.

New uniform stockist

We are pleased to announce a new partnership with Nationwide School Uniforms as another one of our 'official' uniform stockists alongside Oldrids.

On their website, <http://www.nationwideschooluniforms.co.uk> there is a specially dedicated section for Hawthorn Tree School in which all garments can be ordered and delivered as well as the opportunity to peruse if you wish to visit the shop.

We look forward to working with Nationwide School Uniforms in the long term.

Below – Richard Rewbury, MD of Nationwide School Uniforms with Mr. Kelwick and Year 5 pupils.



Children in Need

On Friday 16th November 2018, we will have an optional non uniform day. This year's theme is 'DO YOUR THING'.

We would ask for a donation which would contribute to the 'BBC Children in Need Appeal'.

If you are interested in any fundraising or fun ideas at home, please visit <http://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/fundraisinghub/tools-and-resources>

Thank you for your support.

Staff news

We would like wish Miss Glew all the very best as she heads off on maternity leave in mid-November. Replacing Miss Glew is Miss Bone who is joining us until July 2019 from Kirton. I'm sure the Reception families and pupils will give her a warm welcome.

It is with sadness that we announce the departure of Mrs Jo Ball at the end of November. Mrs Ball is leaving us to embark on a new career in the NHS. All of us would like to wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.

MP visit

On Friday (9th November), we were delighted to welcome Matt Warman, MP for Boston and Skegness, to our school. Mr Warman spent time visiting classes, talking to staff and pupils as well as joining the with the school council who conducted a robust question and answer session around local issues, democracy, and parliament. They gave the Parliamentary Select committee a run for their money with their questioning!

Mr Warman then presented certificates to Key Stage 2 pupils in assembly and discussed a range of local and national educational, health and social care issues with Mr Kelwick.

We hope that Mr Warman's visit will be featured in the following weeks Boston's Standard or Target and we very much thank him and Kim Moody, his constituent caseworker, for their time and we look forward to welcoming Matt back in the future.



PFA

Thank you to the PFA and all the volunteers (staff and parents) who supported the successful running of the Halloween Disco. The event was incredibly well attended and supported. We raised £410!! The next event is the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 24th November, 11:00-16:00, in the school hall. We can also confirm the following events for 2019; Valentines Disco (Friday 8th February) and Summer Fayre (Saturday 29th June).

Unfortunately, these successful events will not run in 2019/20 school year if we cannot find successors to Sonia Scott and Paula Ground, whose tenures will end when their youngest children depart for secondary school in July. It would be a massive shame for such a superb school body connected to us disappear as this organisation have raised thousands of pounds to help improve experiences for our pupils at Hawthorn Tree.

If anyone is interested, please contact the school and we can happily liaise with Mrs Scott and Mrs Ground who have prepared and organised everything connected to PFA for this and next academic year.

Cold weather

Now that the mild weather has finished for the year, it is important that our pupils wear warm clothing this term.

Remembrance

The school remembered those who have fallen or who are currently serving in the Armed Forces on Friday the 9th November. This was impeccably respected by all.



Sport

In Athletics, the Sports hall qualifiers start on Friday 16th November. The boys and girls football seasons start with the girls entering into a girl's league for the first time. They will be playing away against St Thomas' (16th Nov) and Tower Road (Nov 20th) followed by a 5-a-side at Thomas Middlecott. Meanwhile, the boys (pictured with Boston United manager Craig Elliot), started their season finishing fifth in the large schools competition before league games at home to Boston West (Nov 13th) and Carlton Road (Nov 15th) with Tower Road (Nov 20th) away. We also have a chang4life festival that students are attending on 23rd November. In Rugby, the squad finished fourth in the area competition back in October and our dancers are practising ahead of competitions in January and February next year.

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 (please check the website for more events and dates added on a weekly basis)

w/b 12 th Nov	Children in Need & Anti-bullying week	7 th Dec	Reception Christmas performance, 9:30 start
12 th Nov	Pudsey bear visit	14 th Dec	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
16 th Nov	Children in Need (non-uniform, £1 donation)	17 th Dec	Year 3 Playtowers & Year 1 Christmas Party
22 nd Nov	Reception open afternoon 1:30-3pm (2019/2020 intake)	18 th Dec	Year 4 Playtowers & Year 2 Christmas Party
Sat 24 th Nov	PFA Christmas Fayre	19 th Dec	Year 5 Bowling & Reception Christmas Party
28 th Nov	School flu immunisation, Yr R, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.	20 th Dec	Year 6 Bowling End of Term 2, school closes for Christmas
3 rd Dec	KS1 Christmas Production, 13:30 start	7 th Jan 2019	School reopens for Term 3
4 th Dec	School Dancers to West End Cinema to watch The Nutcracker & KS1 Christmas Production, 13:45 start	16 th Jan 2019	Reception open afternoon 1:30-3pm (2019/2020 intake)
5 th Dec	Christmas lunch in school		
6 th Dec	KS1 Christmas Production, 13:45 start		

