



Headteacher's Comment

I cannot believe there is only a term and half till the end of this school year! During the Autumn and Spring 1 terms there were a range of exciting curriculum opportunities for the children, numerous visitors to school, many educational visits and a wide range of sporting events. I am expecting the next term and half to be just as hectic and we already have a number of sporting events planned to involve many of the children, a series of curriculum days including outdoor education sessions, up to eight educational trips, more building alterations and grounds works.

As a school we value our school/parent partnership and we try hard to maintain this strong link. We understand on occasions parents will need to speak to staff and of course I welcome this two-way communication between parents and school. However, recently there have been occasions when parents are speaking to teachers as they are leading their classes into school, which delays the start of lessons, or requesting to speak to teachers whilst they are teaching classes. If you need to pass on information quickly to a staff member the admin team would be happy to do this and if you need to speak to a staff member at more length, the office would be able to provide you with a staff appointment time. One of our staff who is always in demand is Mrs Gallagher. The best times to arrange a meeting with her are during her designated learning mentor time which is on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons; as she will be teaching or supporting in classes at any other time.



The Valentine disco was a great success....no broken hearts and a few single red roses on display! I would like to thank the Friends of Hawksworth for booking the DJ, providing drinks and snacks, manning the ticket desk and supervising the event. Without your hard work and willingness to give up your free time these events would not be able to be held. The Governors, staff and of course, the children, appreciate your efforts and support.



Before and After School Club

Q. What did the rabbit say to his girlfriend on Valentine's Day
A. Somebunny loves you!



Love is in the air! We have had some very cute heart shapes which the children made into their own characters and a love heart where the children cut red card into bits and stuck in a heart shape saying, "I love you to pieces". We used a paper plate to make a heart then punched holes round the side and practiced our sewing skills. There have been some lovely paper plate bees saying "bee mine" and to finish off the week we made a salt dough heart which the children decorated in their own unique style. *Mrs J. Tempest, Kestrels Manager*

Star Pupils

Congratulations to our Star Pupils this week! All chosen by their Class teachers:

Class 1

Ewan - for trying so hard with his phonics and reading and really challenging himself.

Maryam Sheraz - for trying hard in all areas of learning and always having a smile on her face.

Class 2

Benjamin Fisher - for working independently to create a pictogram.

Joey Wragg - for a detailed non-chronological report about Space

Class 3

Noah Hillerby - for changing his voice to play different characters when reading aloud

Jake Thackray-Cooke - for great work during guided reading

Class 4

Samir Miskin - for putting lots of thought and effort into writing his historical fiction story.

Charlie Pittendreigh - for working extremely hard to improve his maths skills.

Class News

What has your child been doing this week?

Class 1

This week Class One have been learning how to estimate and measure. We have measured play doh snakes using unifix cubes, have measured straight and twisty chalk paths and our bodies outside using our feet/steps. We have done lots of blending and segmenting practice in phonics and tricky word practice too. We enjoyed looking at and comparing pictures of old and new transport, it was really interesting and we had lots of discussions about the differences! We set up our own road and did some work on road safety, we dressed up as the 'people who help us' roles and took turn in the imaginative play, it was great fun and we all participated well. The children independently made their own valentine's day cards and wrote messages to their friends and family in them. We hope that Class One have a well-deserved rest in half term! 😊 *Mrs J. Metcalfe*

Class 1 Star Table:

Ewan Benn, Florence Green, George Noble, Hannah Middlebrough, Henry Coates, Ifelayo Adeniji, Kingsley Makaafi and Maxton Murphy.

Class 2

We have been continuing our learning of Space this week, writing a postcard on the computer as though we were Neil Armstrong, talking about our visit to the moon. In our transport work for Topic, we created a tally of which types of transport went past our school in the space of 5 minutes. We then converted the information found into a bar chart or pictogram. In Science, we again took our learning outside to use our sense of hearing to listen for different sounds. *Mrs Oliver*

Class 3

This week Class 3 have been busy putting the final touches into our skipping routine for our upcoming competition. On Monday we enjoyed boxing in PE with Mr. Hall. We planned our biographies and wrote them up in neat on Thursday. In Science we learnt about fossils and even made some of our own! *Mr McGuire*

Class 4

This week, Class 4 have been practising multiplication skills - Year 5 have been learning long multiplication whilst Year 6 have been solving problems involving multiplying decimals. In Science, we have been looking at the movements of the Earth, other planets and the Moon in relation to the Sun and in Computing we created spreadsheets to calculate the costs of running an event. We have also completed our historical fiction stories before spending some time peer-assessing our work. *Mr T. Roche*

School Attendance Our school Attendance target is 97%. Well done **Class 3** for achieving the highest % attendance this week!

Classes	%
Class 1	94.14%
Class 2	95.0%
Class 3	98.62%
Class 4	95.86%

House Points

Congratulations to the winning House for receiving the largest total of house points this week!

House	Total
Eagles	47
Falcons	57
Vultures	48
Condors	38

Sssshhh.....

Congratulations to Scarlett (Class 3) who has successfully completed a sponsored silence for her chosen charity, the RSPCA. I have been informed she was quiet for sixty minutes – a great achievement. Scarlett's parents are now contemplating establishing this as a daily event!



...10 mins

...35mins

...thumbs up 60mins!

Nursery

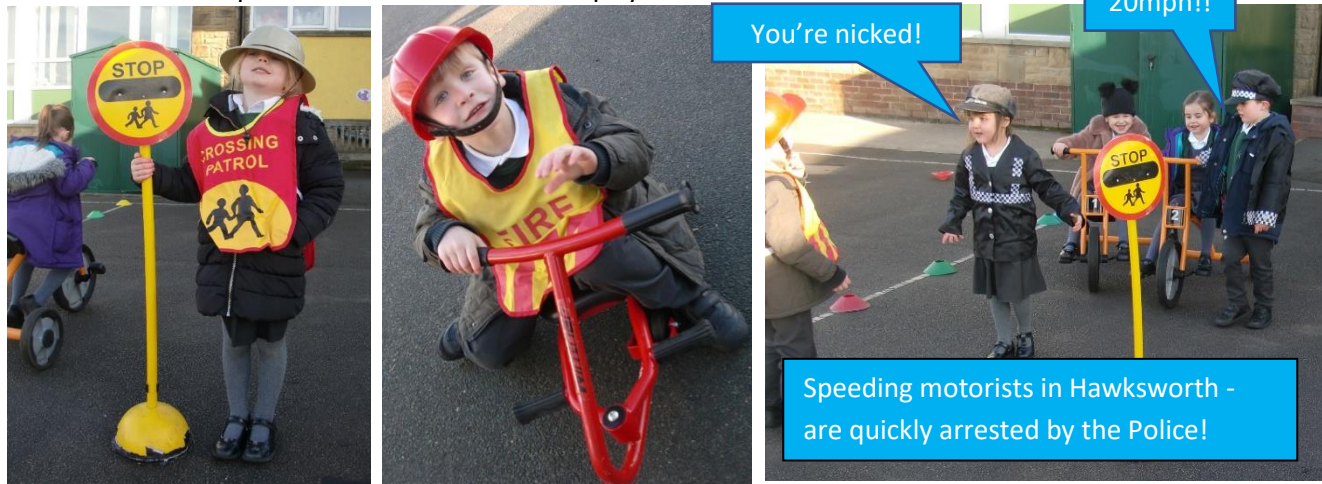
The Chair of Governors and I are presently investigating if providing nursery provision at Hawksworth is a viable option. This week we sent out a letter to all parents explaining our plans and a slip to return to school if you feel this is something you want to see happen. We have had a lot of slips already returned with positive responses. For those who still have not returned their slips and are interested in this new initiative, we urge you to return them as soon as possible. This week we have already met with a number of companies who provide modular Nursery buildings and will be meeting others following the half-term break. As you will know this type of initiative involves many hours of research, meetings and paperwork, even before the responses are collated, in the event that parents want a nursery. This is why it would be beneficial if slips are returned as soon as possible so we can either halt the process or give the process the green light.

Thank you!

A big thank you to the Friends of Hawksworth who have agreed to finance the installation of the safety surface to the gravel path and barked area beside 'The Light'. This final section had been left due to running out of funds but is necessary as the underlay to the gravel path has become a trip hazard and the bark has blown away! Over the last year we have focused on installing these safety surfaces to provide dry areas the children can play safely on when they don't have access to the (wet/muddy) field during wet weather. The result is more space for the children to play on, rather than having to be 'hemmed in' on the playground and less of a need for parents to wash muddy uniforms every day! The final installation of the safety surface will be completed by 'Simply Playgrounds' on Thursday and Friday during the half-term holiday (weather permitting).

Mrs Metcalfe's photo gallery!

Mrs Metcalfe has captured our Class 1 children at play!





FoH Upcoming dates

Event	Date
Fewston Village Hall	23 rd and 24 th February 2019
Easter Bake	Wednesday 17 th April 2019
Fish and Chip Night	Friday 5 th July 2019
Summer Fair	22 nd June 2019
Parent Night Out	11 th May 2019

Dates for the diary

Friday 15th February 2019	Last day of Spring 1 term
Monday 25th February 2019	School re-opens for Spring 2 Term

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Dale Norris BA (Hons) QTS
Headteacher

