



Welcome back everyone!

It was great to welcome back the children to their final half-term of the year and after this week they will only have thirty more school days before they complete the 2017/18 academic year. This half-term is usually one of the busiest times of the school year with a range of exciting school events planned.

Good luck to our Year 1 pupils who undertake the phonics screening next week. The phonics screening check is a short, simple test taken by Year 1 children in England each June to assess their reading ability. If any Year 1 parents wish to find out more information relating to the test, please copy paste the link below into google:

<http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/resources/parent-tutorial-phonics-screening-check/>

Mr McGuire



Obviously, children in Class 3 and parents have noticed Mr McGuire has been absent from school this week and will continue to be absent next week but will return to work on Monday 18th June following his paternity leave (maybe a bit bleary eyed though!).

On behalf of everyone at Hawsworth may I congratulate Patrick and Stephanie on their new handsome arrival, Xander.

Staffing update



Last half-term we advertised a teaching post for a teacher to join our excellent team in Class 1. We had up to thirty applicants for this post and four applicants were shortlisted. After a very rigorous recruitment process which included a lesson observation, the recruitment panel (Mr G. Pratt Chair of Governors, Mrs Malir EYFS Leader and myself) selected Mrs Isabel Metcalfe as the outstanding candidate amongst a very strong field of candidates. Mrs Isabel Metcalfe is an experienced Early Years Teacher and will be attending the New Parents' Evening for Reception parents and will also make visits to Hawsworth later this half-term. I am in no doubt she will be an excellent addition to the Hawsworth family.

Kestrels

Q. Why did the leaf go to the doctors?
A. It was feeling green.

It's been recycle week in Kestrels. We have used newspapers and magazines to make all sorts of different pictures, they looked brilliant. The children also used the newspapers to glue on to water bottles and milk cartons, then painted them to make some fantastic individual dogs and elephants. (Mrs J. Tempest, Kestrels Leader)

Mobile phones

Can I remind parents children are not allowed to have mobile phones at school.

Healthy Schools

Here is a photograph of the very healthy, creative and delicious treat for Class 1. They were the lucky class chosen by our very talented cook, Mrs A. Morritt, for being the politest children this week and their reward was 'Richard the Fruity Monkey', 'Mini Orange Mouse', 'Olly the Owl' and 'Hetty the Hedgehog'!



Curriculum

Here at Hawksworth we are always striving to provide our children with an engaging, vibrant curriculum. Today we welcomed Northern Arts Factory for a third time this year to provide a series of exciting dance and drama workshops for all four classes. Later, this term we will also have *LM Stage* leading acting and dance sessions for the children too. Later today, I will upload photographs of the Northern Arts Factory drama sessions to the GALLERY section of the school website.

School website

During half-term I uploaded more photographs and videos of the Skipping Finals involving Class 2 and Class 3, photographs of the Class 3/4 Magna visit and Class 4 children making volcanoes with Mrs Gallagher.

Can I remind parents they can 'refresh' the school website by pressing 'Ctrl' and '5' on their keyboard and this should enable them to see the updated photographs on the school homepage. This method is a 'hard refresh' – it is a way of clearing the browser's cache for a specific page, to force it to load the most recent version of a webpage after it has been updated with photos (some parents had informed me they were still seeing the old photos on the homepage but wanted to see the updated ones of their children – hope this helps).

Friends of Hawksworth

Dress Down Day for pupils – 15th June 2018 – bring chocolate in for the Summer Fayre

Dress Down Day for pupils – 29th June 2018 – a bottle (something stronger than a can of Irn-Bru)

Oooops

An eagle-eyed parent has noticed I have repeatedly put the Leavers' Production on a Friday 19th July 2018 but can I alert parents it is on Thursday 19th July 2018 at 2.15pm. I apologise for any confusion.

Dates for the Diary	
	SUMMER TERM 2
Monday 11 th June to Friday 15 th June 2018	Phonics Week
Monday 18 th June 2018	Sports Day 1.15pm
Monday 25 th June 2018	Sports Day Reserve 1.15pm
Tuesday 10 th July 2018	Class One – Stay and Play for Parents/Grandparents
Friday 13 th July 2018	Leavers/Awards 2.30pm
Thursday 19 th July 2018	Pupil Reports go out to Parents Leavers' Production 2.15pm School Hall
Monday 23 rd July 2018	TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 24 th July 2018	TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Dale Norris
Headteacher
