

# HAWTHORN NEWS DECEMBER 2018



## Attendance

Whole school attendance for Autumn 2 was **96%**. We are almost at our target of 97%; let's see if we can get there next half term!

Well done to our best attending classes for this half term:

**Y3 and Y4 who both achieved 97.5%**

Well done to 77 children who have achieved 100% attendance for the Autumn Term. We had an amazing 119 children who achieved 100% attendance for Autumn 2.

**Don't forget to check out the attendance page on our school website ([www.hawthorn.newcastle.sch.uk](http://www.hawthorn.newcastle.sch.uk)) for weekly updates.**



We are so excited that our school library is now up and running. Many thanks to staff at Keepmoat housing, Kevin McGann Builders, First Class supply agency, Vision supply agency and The Freeman Hospital for their kind donations of books to support this. The children are really enjoying reading time in the library and being able to choose their own books. We are also excited to be teaming up with Whitehill Junior School who are going to become book buddies with Hawthorn. Each month we will look forward to a parcel of books from the children.

## Visiting Authors and Illustrators

Earlier this half term Years 5 and 6 were visited by Patrick Benson an illustrator, most famously known for his recent work on the new edition of Roald Dahl's Minpins. He demonstrated to the children how he brings stories to life through his illustrations. At the end of the session, he gave each child a signed copy of Minpins to treasure...

Years 1 and 2 were visited by author and illustrator, Vivian French, who shared her non-fiction text, Growing Frogs.

Look out for our Authors and Illustrators Club in the Spring term.



Everyone has been so busy reading this term, as you can see from our fantastic hall displays. Thanks to all of the parents and carers who help the children with their home reading. It is lovely to see the children bringing their book bags to school every day.



## In Harmony

Thank you to everyone who came along to support all of our end of term performances. I am sure you will agree the children were all brilliant and have been working extremely hard to develop their confidence and musical ability. Hawthorn Primary School Orchestra have been very busy this term. They were joined by some parents on a trip to In Harmony Opera North, in Leeds. They also played some festive music at the Grainger Market in Newcastle upon Tyne. Next term, they are looking forward to a trip to Liverpool to play in Liverpool Philharmonic Hall to celebrate In Harmony Liverpool's 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday.



## Winter Fair

Thanks to everyone who supported the Winter Fair. We had a great turnout and it was a lovely school community event as always. The Friends of Hawthorn, parents, carers, staff and children worked hard to make it a success and we raised an amazing £827.89! Our next Friends of Hawthorn meeting is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30am, all welcome.



## End of term performances

The performances were a real success again this year! We were all so proud of the children who confidently learn lines, sing songs, make us laugh, dance and give everyone a treat and hope you enjoyed the shows as much as we did.



## Dates for the Diary 2019

School Opens: **Monday 7.1.19**

Year 5 swimming every Monday starting 14.1.19

Half term: **18.2.19-22.2.19**

Training Day (school closed to children): **Monday 25.2.19**



**Thank you for your continued support. We would like to wish everyone a peaceful holiday and look forward to seeing you all in 2019!**