



KS2 HAWTHORN NEWS DECEMBER 2020



Thank you for all the support you have given school throughout all of 2020, we know it's been a challenging one. I know at this time of year, some of you are very generous and bring gifts into school for staff. Whilst we really appreciate this, as a staff, we have all reflected on the challenges that this year has brought and are just so grateful that everyone is safe and well. We therefore kindly ask that rather than spending money on gifts for staff, that like us, you focus on the meaning of this time of year and enjoy spending time with those closest to you. Just being able to work with your amazing children everyday is a special gift to us all.



We've got lots of fun things planned for the last 2 weeks of term but sadly we are not able to welcome parents into school to join in with these activities this year.

Have a lovely winter break, stay safe and we look forward to what 2021 will bring.

Jane Duke

Winter Raffle

As we can't do our traditional winter fayre this year we have arranged for special raffle prizes for each class. From **Monday 7th December**, your child will be able to buy raffle tickets in their classroom each day until **Friday 18th December**, which is when the raffle will be drawn. Tickets cost £1 per strip (5 tickets) and money should be handed to the class teacher. Each class has a selection of fun prizes as well as a Key Stage phase hamper, so there are lots of chances to win. We will send a photo of the prizes available to each class via our School Ping App. Teachers will also show the children the prizes in class.



Class Christmas Cards

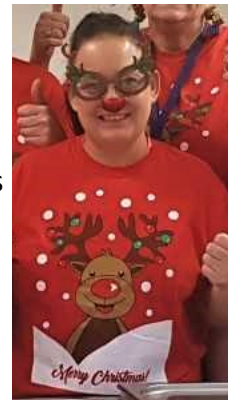
We know some of the children enjoy bringing Christmas cards into school for their friends, however with the current situation and quarantine guidelines, can we ask that you only let your child send cards to children in their class? We will put the cards to one side to allow the 72 hours quarantine before handing any cards back out to the children. To help us manage this, **the last day** for cards to be brought into school will be **Monday 14th December**.



Christmas Lunch

As usual the children will enjoy a delicious festive lunch cooked and served by our cook Claire and her amazing staff in the School Kitchen. If your child normally has a packed lunch they are welcome to choose a school meal on their Christmas lunch day (£2.20 unless eligible for free school meals)

Christmas lunch will be served to your child's class on **16.12.2020**



School re-opens on TUESDAY 5th January. We are CLOSED for staff training on Monday 4th January

School Ping

Thank you to all the parents who are accessing the School Ping App. We are trying to get to the point where all our communication can be done via this and therefore we won't need to send paper copies of letters home.



If you haven't already done so, we would really appreciate you downloading the App. Messages are also sent via e-mail so please remember to check your email inbox on a regular basis—we would hate for you to miss any important information.

Christmas Dates for your Diary

8.12.2020

Yr3/4 In Harmony sharing event in hall. Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents into school. The children will be showing the rest of their bubble what they have been doing in music. We will put photos/videos on the website so please have a look in the In Harmony section.

10.12.2020

Yr5/6 In Harmony sharing event in hall (as above).

11.12.2020

'Friends of Hawthorn No uniform day', if you have a festive jumper we would love to see you wear that. Please send your child into school with a £1 donation to support our 'Friends of Hawthorn' fund raising.



w/b 14.12.2020

Northern Stage Emperor's New Clothes is streaming all week into classrooms. Since we can't take the children to the pantomime this year, we are bringing the show into school virtually!

14.12.2020

Year 3 & 4 Party day —children should come into school wearing their party clothes but they will still be playing outside as usual so they need to be warm. Please make sure your child has a coat and appropriate footwear (party shoes can be sent in a separate bag if needed)



15.12.2020

Year 5 & 6 Party day children should come into school wearing their party clothes but they will still be playing outside as usual so they need to be warm. Please make sure your child has a coat and appropriate footwear (party shoes can be sent in a separate bag if needed)



16.12.2020

Yr3/4/5/6—Christmas lunch day (Rec/KS1 will have packed lunch in classrooms)

Clubs

Our after school clubs will stop on **Friday 11th December**. We will send a new letter out in the New Year with the clubs we are offering in the Spring term.



Absence from school

If your child is going to be off school can you please let the school office know **before 9am (0191 2734237)**.

During the 2 week holiday break from school, if anyone in the household develops symptoms of Covid-19, is awaiting test results or has had a positive result can you please either email **admin@hawthorn.newcastle.sch.uk** or text the school mobile number on **07745790467**.