

Newsletter

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PLATINUM AWARD

Congratulations to the following children, who received their Platinum Award from Mr Meek: Issac Topping, Maisy Rushbridge and Alfie Stephens.

CELEBRATION CERTIFICATE AWARD

Congratulations to the following children, who received their celebration certificates weeks ending 9th and 16th June:

Friday 9th June

Jessica Avard, Archie Still, Arun Hothi, Jack Bamford, Charlie Asbury, Rosie Hardy, Ellie Herniman, Libby Watts, Harry Watkins, Alfie Stephens, Regan Williamson-Lowe, Joseph-Lee Scott, Harry Jenner, Callum Harmer, Esmee Maslami, Reeve Callaway, Zoe Simpson, Josh Evans, Mae Tattam, Caleb Tubbs, Nathan Beale, Neo Williams, Grace Perks, Ryan Todd, Archie Kidman, Tegan Mans, Phoebe Murrey, Molly Stephens, Lewis Taylor, Jessica Grover, Evie Willis, Regan Hilder, William Douglas-Martlew, Naomi Willoughby, Thomas Brockhurst, Ashton Garnett, Angel Williamson, Skye Fox.

Friday 16th June

Max Clarke, , Lilly Melvin, Isobel Godfrey, Melissa Turner, Skylar Marsh, Lars Taylor, Lexi Smith, Jayden Cowell, James Wise, Jensen Woods, Sophie De Sousa, Esmee Maslami, MARRISA NEALE, Sophie Friend, Fraser Widdop, Tanisha Chandrarajah, Tilly Pelling, Lee Dencer, Morgan Smith, Chloe Hardcastle, Harry Coppard, Jada Smith, Reggie Medwell, Jayden Berry, Henry Hardy, Oliver Manning, Joseph Dean, Maisy Rushbridge, Anastazia Hendrickson, Lilly Lazenby, Brooke Doy, Kiera Slessor, Will Taylor, Ferne Newark, Charlie Williams, Callum Greatrex, Lilly-Ella Sexton, Grace King, Emily Tubbs, James Ferguson, Liam Scholten-Beecham.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Class assemblies for the remainder of this year are as follows:

2CN	-	Tuesday 27th June at 2.50pm
2S/W	-	Tuesday 4th July at 2.50pm
Year 6 Graduation	-	Friday 14th July at 11.00am

CLASS ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to those classes who have achieved over 97% with their attendance. From 29th May – 15th June 2017 class attendance is as follows:

5EA	99.13	A good attendance level at school is important to ensure the children get the most from their education.
2CN	98.54	
3SC	97.92	
RHM	97.29	

STAFFING FOR 2017/18

At the end of this academic year we will be saying goodbye to staff members who will be leaving us for various different challenges. Mrs West and Mr Williams have shown a great deal of commitment to Hawkes Farm this year and will leave the school and the Senior Leadership Team come the end of the year. Mr Finch has been offered an opportunity at another of the STEP Academies and Mrs Judge will be moving to Burfield Academy to take on the position of Year 2 class teacher. Mrs Inkpen-Porter and Mrs Williams will also be moving on to pastures new. Mrs Hothi, one of our Lunchtime Controllers, will also be leaving us on July 7th. We all wish these staff members well in their future careers and thank them all for their hard work at Hawkes Farm.

In September we will be welcoming a number of new teaching staff to the team. We are all delighted that Mrs May, Miss Mockus, Miss A. Hill and Miss Stephens will be joining us as class teachers and Miss D. Bedford will be joining us as a Phase Leader and part of our Wider Leadership Team.

Finally, we are very pleased to be able to let you know that Mrs L. Hill will be joining Hawkes Farm as the new Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Hill is an experienced Deputy and has also had a great deal of success whilst working as an Acting Headteacher in a primary school.

Later on in the term, we will be sending out a list of the teaching staff and the year groups they will be teaching in and of course you will be able to come and meet your child's new class teacher in their classroom, after school on Monday 17th July.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

This year we will be holding a Graduation Day for our Year 6 leavers at Phoenix Academy. The date set is Wednesday July 12th and we are looking forward to a day of sports, BBQs and circus skills! The children from Phoenix, White House and Hawkes Farm Academy will be attending and we are expecting a visit from both the CEO (Mark Ducker) and Deputy CEO (Paul Glover). The day should be fun filled and a great celebration of the pupils' time in primary school. Further information will follow in due course for our Year 6 parents.

PLAYGROUND REMINDERS

It is great to see so many happy faces in the mornings on the way into school and again at the end of the day. Could we please remind parents and carers, that pets should not be brought onto the playground and that the use of e-cigarettes is not permitted. As a safety precaution, we also ask that bikes and scooters are pushed once they are in school.

SUCCESS FOR ALL (SfA)

We have been very pleased with the progress the children continue to make in SfA this year. Our curriculum has a strong emphasis on reading as this is a key building block that underpins a significant amount of what we do in life. Attached you will find a map to show the texts that each SfA group will be covering until the beginning of July. From Monday 3rd July the children will be returning to their home classes to focus on extended writing until the end of the academic year.

WINGs groups starting points w/b June 5th

Wings 2 Miss White	Wings 2 Mrs West/ Mrs Stockdale	Wings 2 Mrs Nash/ Mr Panama	Wings 2 Mrs Inkpen- Porter/ Mrs Judge	Wings 2 Miss Cochran	Wings 3 Mrs Ford	Wings 3 Mr Thomas	Wings 4 Miss Avdija	Wings 5 Mr Finch
Wk 1 Savvy Reader Introduction	Wk 1 Floss	Wk 1 Jim and the Beanstalk	Wk 1 The gruffalo	Wk 1 The Lonely Giraffe	Wk 1 The Tiger Child	Wk 1 Noisy Poems	Wk 1 When Jessie came across the sea	Wk 1 Anne Frank
Wk 2 Jim and the Beanstalk	Wk 2 Savvy Reader Introduction	Wk 2 Floss	Wk 2 Bog Baby	Wk 2 Dumpling	Wk 2 Grace and Family	Wk 2 The Owl who was afraid of the dark	Wk 2 Roman Chronicle	Wk 2 How to persuade people
Wk 3 Floss	Wk 3 Savvy Reader Fiction text	Wk 3 Savvy Reader Introduction	Wk 3 Oceans and Seas	Wk 3 The Tiger child	Wk 3 Noisy Poems	Wk 3 Grace and family	Wk 3 Roman Chronicle	Wk 3 How to persuade people
Wk 4 Savvy Reader Fiction text	Wk 4 Jim and Beanstalk	Wk 4 Savvy Reader Fiction text	Wk 4 Rita the Rescuer	Wk 4 Oceans and Seas	Wk 4 The Owl who was afraid of the dark	Wk 4 The tiger child	Wk 4 Roman Chronicle	Wk 4 How to persuade people
w/b 3 rd July writing week								
w/b 10 th July writing week								
w/b 17 th July home class week								

LIBRARY

We are now moving closer to the redevelopment of our new school library! Mrs West and Jenny Bamford (Chair of the PTA) have been working hard to put together plans to completely refurbish the existing space to include new furniture and carpets, new shelving, an updated pupil scanning system and painting of the walls.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

From September 2017, we are delighted to be able to bring our catering 'in house' with the same kitchen staff that currently work in school. Our menu has been redesigned and now includes 'signature dishes' from the head cooks from Academies within STEP Academy Trust. All of the ingredients that we will be using to cook the children's food each day will be sourced directly from specialist providers and cooked freshly each day here at Hawkes Farm.

A taster session for parents and carers (and children!) has been scheduled for Thursday 13th July at the end of the school day. All you need to do is to be on the school playground at pick up time and we will have samples for you to try of some of the dishes that will be served to the children from September (please see the attached menu - please note that we will be starting on week 2 to follow the other academies across the Trust, this menu will run up until October half term).

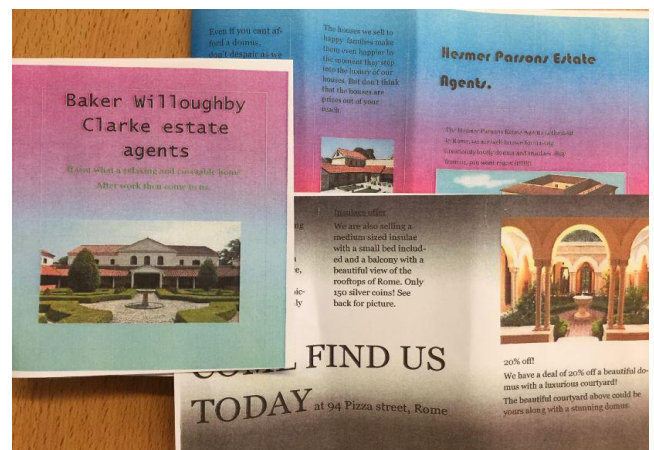
OBE

We are delighted that the STEP CEO, Mark Ducker, has been awarded an OBE in recognition of his services to education. Mark had the following words to say upon receiving his award: *"I am delighted and privileged to have been awarded an OBE for services to education. It is a great personal honour. "However, in truth, I have been tremendously fortunate to work as part of an extraordinarily talented and committed STEP team: consisting of staff, governors, trustees, parents, but most of all, children. "It is their passionate commitment to the Trust's mission, vision and values, which they exemplify every day that has made this award possible."*

Congratulations to you, Mark!

YEAR 5 NEWS

In Year 5 this term, we have been exploring Roman life and in particular, we have looked at the types of housing used. The children were set a task to create a modern day brochure to advertise and sell some of the Roman houses.



YEAR 6 NEWS



Year 6 have now completed their Fairgrounds topic, where they have learnt about different forces, such as gravity. They particularly enjoyed Mrs Sinclair's demonstration of centrifugal forces by swinging a bucket full of water over her head. They also worked well in groups to plan their own investigations to explore magnets.

In computing the children created algorithms to control a virtual fairground

Recently, Year 6 attended in the Safety in Action trip, organised by East Sussex Fire and Rescue, Sussex Police, the Ambulance Service, and UK Power networks. This annual event was an opportunity for children in Year 6 to actively participate in and learn how to deal with dangerous situations in a safe and controlled environment.

The activities included: fire safety, where children had to make decisions to help rescue a volunteer from a pretend house fire; water safety, where a lifeguard discussed the safest place to swim; and dealing with an accident, where they learnt how to perform CPR. During another activity, the children were reminded of stranger danger and the importance of not sharing their personal details.



SWIMMING/PE

We would like to thank you for supporting us with your voluntary swimming pool contributions which totalled £424.00, towards the cost of your child's swimming. This will go towards the maintenance of the pool, ongoing training of lifeguards and the support of additional staff.

Please ensure that your child has a swimming hat and a verrucae sock if required and that an all day waterproof suncream is applied to your child before school, on the day of their swimming lesson.

Please ensure that child has a water bottle, a sun hat and that an all day waterproof suncream is applied to your child before school, on the day of their PE lessons.

KEY STAGE 1 SPORTS DAY

This year our Infant sports day will take place on Thursday 29th June at 1.30pm. The gate will open at 1.15pm but please refrain from arriving before this time as the children will be having their lunch break.

Sports day activities will take place on the field and the children will rotate from activity to activity in mixed year groups of Reception, Year 1 and 2 children. You will be able to move around the activities, on the outside of the track, to watch your child and support and encourage them. Siblings will be in the same groups.

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle and a sunhat in school on the day, even if the weather seems dull in the morning. It is also advisable to apply all-day sun cream to your child before school.

The children will be awarded points for their houses during the sprint races at the end of the day.

Please ensure your child brings a t-shirt to wear in their house colour in their PE bag for the afternoon. Please no football shirts or large logos. Children will go home in their PE kits, with their school uniform in their PE bag.

House colours :- Ash = Green, Beech =yellow, Hazel = Red, Oak = blue.

We ask that children stay in their arranged group throughout the afternoon so that we can ensure the whereabouts of everyone at all times.

If the weather is bad, sports day will be postponed and the reserve date is Friday 14th July.

For safeguarding reasons, please could we remind parents and carers to collect their children from their classrooms at the end of the day, rather than taking them straight home when the activities have finished.

You are welcome to take photographs of your own children, but please refrain from putting any photographs of other children on social media.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

REPORTING ABSENCES

Parents and carers have a responsibility to contact the school on a daily basis to report any child absences. The school register is a legal document which must be recorded accurately. Messages can be left on the school's absence line - 01323 841466 (option 1).

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Rights Respecting School Council has got off to a fantastic start this year. The ambassadors have been meeting with Mrs McConville each Friday to discuss a wide range of issues and have had some fantastic ideas on how to improve school life. The school council contributed enormously to the new library designs and have been fantastic at holding votes in their classes and reporting back ideas. Since January we have discussed some of the following subjects:

- Playtimes – the council discussed how to improve lunch-time and playtimes and decided to order new equipment and football resources.
- Groundforce day – ideas were discussed about what the children would like to add to the outdoor environment and votes were held in classes to name the raised beds which the children will be responsible for.
- Birdboxes – the children asked for birdboxes, which the friends kindly provided. Each class is responsible for a bird box.
- Cancer Research – The ambassadors held votes to select a charity to support with some of the proceeds from the school disco.

I have been so impressed with the ambassadors' passion and commitment towards the Rights Respecting School Council - especially Year 5 who have given up their football slot every week to come to meetings. Thank-you to the ambassadors and deputies for all their hard work!

Mrs McConville

FRIENDS OF HAWKES FARM

We are delighted to let you know this week the Secret Room raised £171.00 which was a great amount. We hope that all our Dads enjoy their gifts and wish them all a Happy Father's Day! Thank you to all those people who had a clear out for the Bags of Support, we will let you know how much we have raised when we have been sent the figure.

You should have received your Summer Fair fundraising pack last week with an envelope of raffle tickets to sell. Please return any money, counterfoils and unsold tickets to the office by Friday 23rd June. Thank you. Please make a note of all the dates in the pack, but we do also try and post reminders of dates on our Facebook group.

The toy and book amnesty is on the 23rd June and our Superhero Mufti Day is the 30th June where we ask you to please donate any of the following, home-made cakes and savouries, chocolates, bottles or general tombola prizes in exchange for the children wearing anything Superhero related. We are very grateful for your support as we couldn't run the fair without your generous donations.

If you are able to help at the fair and would like to man a stall for us, we would love to hear from you. There is a post on our Facebook group you can reply to, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofhawkesfarm/> or please email us at friends@fohfs.co.uk. If you would like a stall at the Fair, please email us and we will send you out a booking form.

For up to date information about all of our fundraising please request to join our Facebook group which is a group just for parents of children at Hawkes Farm Academy. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofhawkesfarm/>

Date	Event	Time
Tuesday 27th June	2CN class assembly	2.50 - 3.10pm
Monday 26th – Friday 30th June	Year 6 residential	Week long
Thursday 29th June	KS1 sports day	1.30pm
Friday 30th June	Mufti day super heroes theme	All day
Friday 30th June	Y5 Samba assembly	2.05 - 2.30pm
Saturday 1st July	Summer fair	11.30am – 2.30pm
Tuesday 4th July	2S/W class assembly	2.50 - 3.10pm
Monday 3rd July, Tuesday 4th July, Wednesday 5th July	New Reception children visit	1.45 – 2.45pm
Wednesday 5th July	Meeting for new parents of Reception 2017/18	6.00pm
Friday 7th July	KS2 sports day	All day (time tbc)
Tuesday 11th July	KS2 production	10.00am and 1.30pm
Tuesday 11th July	Y3 visit Herstmonceux Observatory Science Centre	9.30-3.15pm
Wednesday 12th July	Y6 Graduation day at Pheonix Academy	Details tbc
Thursday 13th July	Pupil move up day	1.30pm
Friday 14th July	KS1 sports day (back up)	Afternoon (time tbc)
Friday 14th July	FOHF superhero disco	(time tbc)
Friday 14th July	Year 6 Graduation and tea party	11.00 start
Monday 17th July	Parent meet the teacher	3.30 - 4.30pm
Tuesday 18th July	KS2 sports day (back up)	All day (time tbc)

Thank you all for your continued support as we head towards the end of term. We still have many trips and events going on in school, not least the Year 6 Residential which is always a fantastic trip.