



Newsletter

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A New Year

We have now completed our third full week of this new academic year and the children have settled extremely well. The behaviour and conduct in line with our STAR expectations (sitting up straight, tracking the speaker, asking and answering in full sentences, respecting those around you) has been excellent and the pupils are showing genuine commitment to their learning.

At Hawkes Farm, we believe it is our duty to work with you in supporting the children in becoming confident and socially intellectual individuals. Last year our staff spent considerable time working on what we call threshold greetings, which involves greeting and speaking with as many class members as we can when they enter class each morning. We are now working with the pupils to show them how to become even more confident when engaging with adults around the Academy. This involves greeting adults in the morning, enquiring after their wellbeing and offering to shake hands the first time that they see them each day, and of course these gestures are also modelled and reciprocated by the adults in school. We have spent time talking to the pupils about the powerful influence they have when they meet others with a warm welcome and a hand shake.

As you may be aware, we have recently refined some of our curriculum approaches so that all subjects are now taught discretely rather than via a topic based approach. Therefore, each pupil now has dedicated lessons in subjects such as science, computing, PSHE and music, and subjects such as art, DT and RE will be taught over a series of afternoons in specific weeks at the end of each term. We have introduced a text based curriculum (Text and Context) each afternoon, where each classes' lessons are based around a specific text and will usually cover geographical and historical elements of the curriculum. Each pupil will of course continue to have daily maths following a mastery approach; writing where specific English skills and writing genres are covered in detail; and whole class reading where each pupil has their eyes on a high quality text for a minimum of 35 minutes each day (for younger children, whole class reading is replaced with daily phonics). Spanish and PE continue to be taught by our specialist staff, Mrs Pearson and Mr Ellis.

Next week we will send further information about a series of parent information sessions which will give you plenty of information on topics such as our specific curriculum approaches; how children learn best (based on cognitive science) and how you can support with our approaches at home. However, in the meantime, if you would like to come in and discuss anything regarding our curriculum or any other school related matter, please do feel free to contact me directly (or any other member of staff) either via the school office or before or after school when you drop off or collect.

Yours sincerely



Jeremy Meek
Headteacher

Beginning Of The School Day

Our school day starts at 8.55am. To enable the children to be ready to start learning at that time, we open the school doors from 8.45am. This provides children with time to put away their belongings, greet the teacher and be ready to learn. Please help your child/ren achieve their very best by ensuring they arrive at school in good time and they are settled in class by 8.55am. We thank you in advance for your assistance in setting good standards around punctuality for your children.

Absence Due To Sickness

As the temperatures are dropping and the winter weather sets in, we appreciate that some children may become unwell. If your child is too ill to attend school, please ensure you inform the office by 9.30am, stating the reason for your child's absence. If we do not hear from you by 9.30am we will attempt to contact all the listed numbers and emails we hold on record to ascertain where your child is. In some cases, when we have been unable to speak to a family member about the whereabouts of a child, members of the Senior Leadership Team have visited the family home, much to the surprise of the household members. As you can imagine, this takes up much valuable time and effort for office staff and Senior Leaders. Please do make sure you inform the office of your child's absence by 9.30am on each day of their absence. Thank you.

Platinum Awards

Congratulations to Oliver M, Jack A and Reuben T who have received their Platinum Award from Mr Meek.

Class Attendance

Congratulations to those classes who have achieved over 97% with their attendance. From 5th – 27th September 2018 class attendance was as follows:

2MC	99.2%
6SC	99.2%
3EB	99.1%
5OM	98.7%
1AM	98.3%
4EA	97.8%
5AM	97.7%
3JF	97.4%
1SN	97.3%
4AH	97.2%

The Daily Mile

The Daily Mile is well underway at Hawkes Farm, we are in to our third week and the children seem to be really enjoying it. We have included the Daily Mile to the children's timetable because of the physical benefits it has for all participating. The idea is for the children to be active for 15 minutes in the afternoon, they can go at their own pace and can enjoy this time with their class members, making them fitter, healthier and able to concentrate more in the classroom.

Y6 student "The Daily Mile is good because you get to enjoy doing some exercise, and it's a nice break from learning."

Y6 Student "I like the Daily Mile because I really enjoy running, and it's a good chance to improve my stamina."

Rights Respecting Council – Message from Mrs McConville

Thank you to all the children who stood for election. The successful ambassadors and deputy ambassadors will be announced in assembly and our first school council meeting will be held next week. Last year's school council played a vital role in supporting staff and the friends of Hawkes Farm, they made sure that the children's ideas were represented on how we can make improvements at Hawkes Farm. Our new junior playground gym equipment was voted for by the children and selected by the school council, and all of the ideas for the new wildlife area came from the children. The ambassadors did a fantastic job of feeding back the ideas of their class mates and I hope you all agree that our new playground areas look fantastic!

This year the school council will form a steering group alongside some of the teachers to begin our first step in becoming a Rights Respecting School. This term we would like to achieve our Bronze award. Becoming a Rights Respecting school is a project that is run by UNICEF and it involves children learning their rights and the rights of others. I look forward to meeting the new school council next week and am very excited to see what we can achieve this year!

ParentMail

Our new communication system started at the beginning of term and has replaced ParentPay, unfortunately we have experienced a few glitches. We apologise and thank all parents for their patience and understanding, I can assure you that our ICT team, along with our office team, are working hard to correct all issues. ParentMail will save considerable amounts of paper but also ensure that you receive communications from us in a timely fashion, if you have not signed up to ParentMail please do so, please contact the Academy Office if you need a joining message resent to you.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club begins at 7.45am in the school hall, all children attending can choose from a choice of breakfast. Thank you to those parents that have expressed an interest and registered your children to attend. If you have not already registered your child to attend and you would like for them to do so, please contact the Academy Office to collect the registration, booking and terms and condition forms. Please do not send your child to Breakfast Club without first having registered them as we will be unable to accept them into the club! Registration and bookings will be able to be made via ParentMail soon, we will advise you when.

After School Club

Our After School Club starts at 3.15pm and finishes at 5.45pm, all children attending can choose from a choice of snacks. Thank you to those parents that have expressed an interest and registered your children to attend. If you have not already registered your child to attend and you would like for them to do so, please contact the Academy Office to collect the registration, booking and terms and condition forms. Registration and bookings will be able to be made via ParentMail soon, we will advise you when.

Lost Property

We have various items of lost property, to assist us in returning items please ensure your child's name is written clearly on all items brought into school. If your child attends an after school club, please check they have all items with them when they leave, various items of unlabelled school uniform have been left behind lately!

Dates For 2018-19

At the end of this newsletter you will find a list of key dates which takes us through until July 2019. Please keep this for reference throughout the school year. Dates will be republished in our newsletters and will shortly also be found on our website calendar. Dates will be added to throughout the term, so please keep an eye out for any additions.

School Uniform

A school uniform guide is attached, school uniform can be ordered through www.yourschooluniform.com. We are aware that some orders have been delayed, we have spoken to the company, they have assured us they will deliver orders a.s.a.p.

Clubs

After school clubs have started and we are pleased to see many children participating. Details have been circulated to parents/carers, if you would like a copy please contact the Academy Office. Clubs are on a first come basis and have limited spaces, they run for two consecutive terms. If a club is oversubscribed, waiting lists are kept and those names will take preference with regard to ongoing terms.

Friends of Hawkes farm- Update

Scholastic Book Club - The new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! You should have received a copy of the leaflet in your child's book bag and by ParentMail. Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/hawkes-farm> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, Hawkes Farm will earn 25p in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your order online by October 8th, 2018.

Autumn Disco – this takes place on Friday 12th October 2018, details were recently sent home in your child's book bag and by ParentMail, copies are available from the Academy Office. Entrance will be by pre-booking only. The deadline to return permission slips and payment is Monday 1st October 2018.

AGM - The FOHF AGM will be on Monday 1st October 2018 at 6.30pm in the meeting room at Hawkes Farm, it's anticipated to last approximately 30 minutes. Please come along and show your support, if you are interested in joining the committee please contact Jenny Bamford at: chair@friendsofhawkesfarm.co.uk

TERM DATES AUTUMN 2018 - SUMMER 2019



**STEP EAST SUSSEX TERM DATES
AUTUMN 2018 - SUMMER 2019**

AUTUMN TERM	Opens		Wednesday	5 th	September	2018
	Closes	(Half-term)	Friday	19 th	October	2018
	Opens		Monday	29 th	October	2018
	Closes		Wednesday	19 th	December	2018
SPRING TERM	Opens		Thursday	3 rd	January	2019
	Closes	(Half-term)	Thursday	14 th	February	2019
	Opens		Monday	25 th	February	2019
	Closes	(Easter)	Friday	5 th	April	2019
SUMMER TERM	Opens		Wednesday	24 th	April	2019
		Bank Holiday	Monday	6 th	May	2019
	Closes	(Half-term)	Friday	24 th	May	2019
	Opens		Tuesday	4 th	June	2019
	Closes		Tuesday	23 rd	July	2019

INSET DAYS:

Monday	3 rd September 2018	Academy INSET
Tuesday	4 th September 2018	Academy INSET
Friday	15 th February 2019	STEP INSET
Tuesday	23 rd April 2019	STEP INSET
Monday	3 rd June 2019	Academy INSET

Diary Dates

Date	Event	Time
Monday 1st October	FOHF Annual General Meeting	6.30pm
Friday 12th October	School Disco	R-Y2 4.30-5.45pm Y3-Y6 6.15-7.30pm
Monday 15th - Friday 19th October	Bikeability Level 2 – Y6	1.15-3.15pm
Tuesday 16th October	Parent/Carer Consultation evening	3.30-7.30pm
Wednesday 17th October	Parent/Carer Consultation evening	3.30-7.30pm
Friday 2nd November	School Immunisation Team visit Flu vaccination for R-Y5 inclusive	All day – information to follow
Wednesday 14th November	Pupil and sibling photographs	08.15-11.00am
Wednesday 21st November	Year 4AH class assembly	2.50-3.10pm
Wednesday 28th November	Year 4EA class assembly	2.50-3.10pm
Saturday 1st December	Christmas Fair	11.30-2.30pm
Thursday 6th December	EYFS Nativity	9.30-10.30am
Friday 7th December	EYFS Nativity	9.30-10.30am
Monday 17th December	Christmas Pantomime	All day
Wednesday 6th February	Year 5OM class assembly	2.50-3.10pm
Wednesday 13th February	Year 5AM class assembly	2.50-3.10pm
Monday 4th March - Thursday 7th March	Scholastic Book Fair	All day
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day	All day
Wednesday 20th March	Year 1AM class assembly	2.50-3.10pm
Wednesday 27th March	Year 3JF class assembly	2.50-3.10pm
Friday 29th March	School Disco	R-Y2 4.30-5.45pm Y3-Y6 6.15-7.30pm
Wednesday 3rd April	Year 3EB class assembly	2.50-3.10pm
Wednesday 22nd May	Year 1SN class assembly	2.50-3.10pm
Tuesday 18th June	KS1 Sports Day	1.30pm
Wednesday 19th June	EYFS class assembly	2.50-3.10pm
Friday 21st June	KS2 Sports Day	All day
Wednesday 3rd July	Year 2MC class assembly	2.50-3.10pm
Wednesday 10th July	Year 2CN class assembly	2.50-3.10pm
Friday 19th July	School Disco	R-Y2 4.30-5.45pm Y3-Y6 6.15-7.30pm

Hawkes Farm Academy School Uniform

Girls winter (from after autumn half term to the Easter break)	Girls summer (from after the Easter break to autumn half term)
Dark grey skirt/pinafore dress/trousers	As winter OR green and white checked summer dress to replace white shirt and skirt/pinafore or trousers
For KS2 children only: (Years 3-6) White shirt and green and white striped tie For Reception & KS1 children only: (Rec/Y1 & 2) White polo shirt with logo	
Bottle green fine knit cardigan with logo or bottle green fine knit V neck jumper with logo	
Grey tights/white socks	
Suitable and safe black school shoes	
Hair accessories to be small and school colour	
Boys winter (from after autumn half term to the Easter break)	Boys summer (From after the Easter break to autumn half term)
Dark grey trousers	As winter OR Dark grey shorts to replace trousers
For KS2 children only: (Years 3-6) White shirt and green and white striped tie For Reception & KS1 children only: (Rec/Y1 & 2) White polo shirt with logo	
Bottle green fine knit V neck jumper with logo	
Grey socks	
Suitable and safe black school shoes	
PE kit for boys and girls	
White T shirt with logo	
Black shorts	
Plimsolls/trainers	
Winter - Green sweater with Hawkes Farm logo and black tracksuit bottoms	
Additional uniform items	
Green book bag with logo	
Green PE bag with logo	



Attention all parents!



Have you registered?

It's an easy, convenient way to receive school messages.

You can:

- ✓ Receive messages on your computer, tablet or mobile
- ✓ See all your messages in one handy, uncluttered feed
- ✓ Link to other schools or clubs that also use ParentMail
- ✓ Keep up to date with your school calendar
- ✓ Authorise trips or permissions online



Registering is really easy...

Ask your school office to send you a registration message



Attention all parents!

Download the ParentMail App for the best way to pick up school messages

**FREE
DOWNLOAD**

"Nice simple little App but such a great, effective way of accessing important school information"



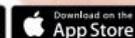
"Great communications tool - makes life a bit more organised"



"Brilliant! I don't have to go back to all my emails to check up what's going on at my children's school, 10 out of 10"



Search "ParentMail" in your App store...



Please note: If you are not already registered, you will need to register online on the ParentMail website before trying to access the App. Please ask the school office to send you a registration message