



# Newsletter



**Edition 4 (Monday 17 December 2018)**

## Platinum Awards

Congratulations to Sophie B and Koko-Belle P who have received their Platinum Award from Mr Meek.

## Class Attendance

Congratulations to those classes who have achieved over 97% with their attendance.

From 16 November 2018 to Friday 14 December 2018 class attendance was as follows:

4AH	98.7%
6SC	97.7%
5OM	97.1%
1AM	97.0%

## Year Group Updates

**Reception (EYFS)** - We are sad to have said goodbye to Miss Foster-Taite, but want to thank her for being such a brilliant addition to the EYFS family! Good luck on your travels Miss Foster-Taite and we hope that you stay in touch! We would also like to welcome the wonderful Mrs Palframan, who has joined the EYFS team as our new, full time teaching assistant. We are very much looking forward to having you here.

**Year 1** – Over the term, Year 1 have studied the text 'Coming Home' by Michael Morpurgo. By looking closely at the language used in the story, the children have been working hard on improving their sentence structure as well as beginning to use adjectives and verbs to enhance their writing. In maths, we have worked on addition and subtraction, using number lines to support our calculations and reinforcing the number bonds to ten. The children have enjoyed computing this term, where we have been learning how to create simple commands and programmes, and in Science we have been looking closely at the weather where we have been collecting data on the amount of rainfall we have had! Next term will be just as busy. We are really looking forward to our music sessions where we will be learning about rhythm and pace and learning a new song.

**Year 2** – This term, Year 2 have read 'A Christmas Carol,' by Charles Dickens. The children have learnt about Queen Victoria and the Victorian Age. In science, we have been investigating materials and conducted many investigations, including finding the best material for a bouncing ball, and discovering which colour card is the most and least translucent.

**Year 3** – Year 3 have worked incredibly hard this term to complete their narrative based on The Tunnel and have now begun to plan a non-chronological report about dragons which they will continue developing next term. They have also read about and studied Ernest Shackleton's Antarctic Expedition in both reading and context lessons and learnt how to create and program a character using Scratch in computing. Next term Year 3 are looking forward to reading Beowulf and learning about the Vikings.

**Year 4** - This term Year 4 have had a huge focus on times tables in maths and using this knowledge to help with a variety of multiplication and division problems. We began our new book of the Aeneid in

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controlled reading. This is by the Roman poet, Virgil who writes about Aeneas' journey to Italy. To link to our controlled reading and context lessons, we have written a biography about Virgil himself. We have also been learning about electricity. We have been building our own series circuits and finding answers to our enquiry questions through experiments. Next term we will be learning the different States of Matter in science and continuing to learn Greek and Roman mythology.

**Year 5** - This term, as well as continuing to learn about the Amazon, we have started our science curriculum where the children have developed their understanding of forces including air resistance and water resistance. As part of this topic, we have created and tested our own parachutes. In the core subject, maths, the children have learnt the new skill of measuring and drawing angles using a protractor. In term 3, the children will be reading and writing their own poetry. They will build on their knowledge of figurative language including similes, metaphors and hyperboles.

**Year 6** – This term Year 6 have completed two texts: *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* and *Rose Blanche*. The children have enjoyed delving deeper into the context behind both books in text and context lessons in the afternoons. Year 6 have also been looking at adaptation in science lessons this term, exploring how animals adapt to their environments as well as carrying out a pattern spotting experiment to enhance our understanding of this. Last week, the children were sketching self-portraits as part of 'Art Week' and practising their poem and songs for the Christmas Celebration this week! After half term, the children will be starting *The Giver* which explores a dystopian society.

### Art Week

Last week the children participated in art week and had art lessons every afternoon, the focus was on drawing. The children learnt the 5 rules of drawing and how to sketch and shade using different grades of pencil and charcoal. The outcome for the week was that each child created a self-portrait. We also had an artist focus in each class so that the children got the opportunity to look at and discuss the work of different artists. We really hope the children enjoyed the week.

### Rights Respecting Council

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November it was World Children's Day. The children at Hawkes Farm joined in with an assembly about this day. World Children's Day celebrates the United Nations charter of children's rights, which was launched on 20<sup>th</sup> November 1989. The charter contains 54 rights in total that were put together to protect and promote the well-being, safety and happiness of all children. As part of our PSHE curriculum at Hawkes Farm Academy we are working alongside UNICEF to become a Rights Respecting School. A Rights Respecting school is one in which children learn their own rights and the rights of others. By learning about their rights children learn that they have a voice and that their opinions and well-being are important. By learning their own rights children gain an awareness of the rights of others and this helps to promote empathy for other people. We are looking forward to launching Rights Respecting at Hawkes Farm and are looking forward to seeing the positive impact it has. Mrs McConville is currently working on the bronze award, which demonstrates a recognition of commitment towards becoming a Rights Respecting school. We are hoping to achieve this award very soon.

### Sport

Hawkes Farm took two teams to the South Downs Area Girls Basketball Tournament which took place at HCC on the 20th November. There were nine teams in total from the Hailsham area. The A team finished second in their group and went through to the final game, they lost their final game and finished 4th overall. The B team won their group and had a chance to win the tournament, they unfortunately missed out on this chance and lost this game 2-0 and picked up the silver medals. Well done to all involved. Participants Grace P, Grace W, Carla W, Jasmine M, Summer M, Mae T, Ajla A, Molly C, Aimee O, Izzy S.

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For the first time Hawkes Farm took three teams to the boys basketball tournament which again took place at HCC, on the 4th December. The A team won their group and went through to play the winners of group B and that was Hawkes Farm B, so an all Hawkes Farm final! The C team were unfortunate to finish 7th having not lost a single game. The B team came out on top in the final 4-0 against the A team. Well done to all children involved, picking up gold and silver medals. Participants – Oscar M, James M, Cavalli A, Nathan B, Josh F, Ethan P, Ethan H, Jack E, Theo V, Vinnie B, Oliver K, Oliver M, Ralph F, Ruaridh B

We would also just like to mention how our children have done when participating in sports teams this academic year. We have entered five competitions so far this year of which we have won four and finished as runners up in the other.

### **Operation Crackdown**

As many of you are aware, we are continuing to experience problems with parking outside the school at pick up and drop off time. Unfortunately we have now had to take this up with both the local authority and the local police. Both authorities have advised us to ask those that report inconsiderate parking to report it directly via Operation Crackdown, an initiative between Sussex authorities, the police and other relevant organisations.

The website for Operation Crackdown is below, so please do report your concerns directly to them also:

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/roads/roadsafety/operationcrackdown/>

### **Car Park**

We respectfully remind you that our car park is for staff and disabled parking only, we have limited spaces and therefore can only allow blue badge holders to use our car park.

### **Smoking/Vaping**

It has come to our attention that some parents have been seen smoking or vaping whilst waiting to drop off or pick up their children. May we remind you that Hawkes Farm Academy is a completely non-smoking site, and this includes vaping, so we ask that no smoking takes place on any of our academy grounds. Whilst we cannot enforce any rules off the academy site, we also respectfully ask that you do not smoke whilst waiting for the gates to open along Hawks Road, as there are many children present. We thank you for your attention in this matter.

### **School Uniform**

School uniform can now be purchased from our supplier and delivered to the Academy for free. Our supplier is: <https://www.yourschooluniform.com/schools/index/hawkes-farm-academy>

### **Parent Tours**

Thank you to those who have joined us for one or more of our recent parent tours of the school. Over the course of the last two terms, we have welcomed parents to look at maths, reading and text and context (our text based approach which covers elements of the curriculum). We have been pleased to receive feedback from those that have been able to join us, which has included the following comments:

*'It was both enjoyable and informative. I strongly urge other parents, if they are able to, to come and see what is going on in the classrooms'*

*'The children were so well behaved'*

*'Really interesting tour, the children were all so focussed'*



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*'Very impressed with the concentration and determination of the children and the level of teaching'*

Following parent feedback, in the new year we will be releasing dates for further talks and tours for subjects including science. These will be advertised on our social media accounts and via ParentMail.

### **Parent Tour – New Reception Intake September 2019**

We have a tour scheduled for the parents/carers of children who will start Reception in September 2019, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – 9.30am. To book a place please contact the Academy Office, if you are unable to come on this date please let us know and we can arrange a more convenient time.

### **Parent Workshops**

Thank you to those parents who have attended our workshops on How Children Learn and Learning in the Early Years. Please find below a list of the workshops scheduled for the rest of this academic year:

<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Delivered By</b>
<b>Linguistic Phonics</b> <i>What it is and why we think it's essential</i>	<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b> 9.30am Burfield 6.00pm Hawkes Farm	Laura Hill (Deputy Head/Phonics Head) and Grace Marshall (Asst. Head/Phonics Lead)
<b>Reading Reconsidered</b> <i>Why our children read so much at school</i>	<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b> 9.30am Hawkes Farm 6.00pm Burfield	Sarah Cochran (Reading Lead), Laura Hill (Phonics Lead) and Jeremy Meek (Executive Head)
<b>Mastery in Mathematics</b> <i>Making abstract ideas easy</i>	<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b> 9.30am Burfield 6.00pm Hawkes Farm	Sam Thomas (Maths Lead), Danielle King (Asst. Head/Mathematics Mastery Lead) and Carol Nash (Mathematics Mastery Lead)
<b>Responsive Teaching for Writing</b> <i>Improving the writer to improve the writing</i>	<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b> 9.30am Hawkes Farm 6.00pm Burfield	Dee Hughes (Head/Writing Lead), Laura Hill (Writing Lead) and Matt Swain (E. Sussex Teaching and Learning Lead)
<b>Supporting Children with Additional Needs</b> <i>A parent's and carer's guide to how we identify, assess and support children with additional needs</i>	<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b> 9.30am Burfield 6.00pm Hawkes Farm	Sarah Wood (SENCO) and Kerry Hackeson (Senior SEN HLTA)
<b>Text and Context</b> <i>How we help 8-year-olds Master MacBeth</i>	<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b> 9.30am Hawkes Farm 6.00pm Burfield	Jo Ford (Text and Context Lead) and Lauren Stephens (Text and Context Lead)
<b>The Wider Curriculum</b> <i>How and why we teach every subject discreetly</i>	<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b> 9.30am Burfield 6.00pm Hawkes Farm	Michael Cotton (Asst. Head/Science Lead) and Matt Swain (E. Sussex Teaching and Learning Lead)

Places on the next workshop can be booked via ParentMail from the beginning of next term.

### **Nursery Provision at Burfield Academy**

Based on site at Burfield Academy, STEP's Hailsham Nursery (Ofsted rated Good, 2018) is open to all children within the local community. We offer fully funded places of 15 hours per week for all families and 30 hours per week for those eligible for additional government funding. Our vibrant, safe and caring Nursery setting is open daily between 8am and 4pm. We offer the children a wide range of engaging, play-based learning opportunities designed by our expert Early Years team to nurture the key skills each child needs to be ready to start school. Every aspect of the provision is overseen by Burfield Academy's Head of School who has over 15 years' experience leading and delivering excellent early year's provision to East Sussex. If you are interested in finding out more or would like to visit our wonderful Nursery, please contact Mrs Hughes, Head of School, via the school office on 01323 819309.

Please visit [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) for further details of the funded hours and to see if you are eligible for the 30 hours funding.

### **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 book by ParentMail.

**Please do not send your child to Breakfast Club without booking a place as we will be unable to accept them into the club.**

### **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 book by ParentMail.

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### **Lunch Boxes**

At Hawkes Farm Academy, we have several pupils who are allergic to different nuts. To ensure their safety, please could you avoid including products containing nuts in lunch boxes, such as fruit and nut bars (e.g. Trackers or Eat Natural), products made with Nutella chocolate spread and packs of nuts (e.g. Fruit Shots). If you would like some ideas for lunch boxes, please see the Change4life website: <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>  
We thank you in advance for your support with this.

### **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 can also be found on our website calendar. Dates will be added to throughout the year, so please keep an eye out for any additions.



As this is our last newsletter before the end of the year, on behalf of Mr Meek and the entire Hawkes Farm staff team, we would like to thank you for your continued support and to wish you a wonderful break.



We look forward to seeing you all again on  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January at 8.45am.



## **A message from Jenny Bamford, Friends of Hawkes Farm Chair**

### **Christmas Fair**

The Friends of Hawkes Farm would like to thank you for all your support with our Christmas Fair on Saturday. The committee were helped by staff and lots of 'friends' who without their help, these events just wouldn't take place, so a big thank you to all those people that gave up their time to set up and clear away and man stalls for us. We hope you all enjoyed it and we thank you for turning up despite the inclement weather. We raised just under £4000, which we are really pleased with. It all goes towards items which directly benefit your children and we are currently deciding how to spend the money we will raise during this coming year.

We would like to thank Crane & Co for sponsoring our event boards and Mitchell's Groundscare Machinery Services Ltd and Clarke Roofing Southern Ltd for sponsoring the two real Christmas trees we have in our halls this year.

Thank you to those children who decorated a jolly jar for our tombola which sold out really quickly. It would be nice to see more children participate in future competitions as we really enjoyed looking at all the entries and the stall is always such a popular one. There were some amazing jars which were very creative and the winner from each class will be given their prizes before the end of term.

### **Second Hand Uniform**

We are continuing to collect second hand uniform that has a **logo** on it, t-shirts, jumpers, cardigans, PE jumper and t-shirt as well as ties, book bags and PE kit bags. Samantha Rapley sells second hand uniform on a Thursday after school and will post on our Facebook group what we have in stock. She can be contacted at [vicechair@friendsofhawkesfarm.co.uk](mailto:vicechair@friendsofhawkesfarm.co.uk).

Please pop any donations of uniform in our blue donation bins, but please **only items with a logo on them**. We simply don't have the space for other items and means we then have to do a charity shop run which adds to our workload.

### **Future Events**

The children have their pantomime to look forward to which we have funded for them which we hope they enjoy and we look forward to seeing lots of them at our Festive Film nights which will round off the term for them. Don't be surprised to see us collapsed watching the film with them!

### **Facebook Updates**

For up to date information about all of our fundraising please request to join our Facebook group which is group just for parents of children at Hawkes Farm Academy:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofhawkesfarm/>

Have a merry Christmas and we look forward to another busy year fundraising in 2019.

Jenny Bamford - Chair of the Friends of Hawkes Farm Academy

**TERM DATES AUTUMN 2018 - SUMMER 2019****STEP East Sussex Term Dates**

<b>Autumn Term</b>	Closes		Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
<b>Spring Term</b>	Opens		Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2019
	Closes	(Half-Term)	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
	Opens		Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
	Closes	(Easter)	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
<b>Summer Term</b>	Opens		Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
		Bank Holiday	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
	Closes	(Half-Term)	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
	Opens		Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2019
	Closes		Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2019

**Inset Days:**

Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	STEP INSET
Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019	STEP INSET
Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019	Academy INSET

**Diary Dates**

Date	Event	Time
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	FOHF Infant Film Night (Pre-booking only)	5.00pm-7.00pm
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch FOHF Junior Film Night (Pre-booking only)	5.00pm-7.00pm
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	New Reception Intake Tour	9.30am
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Workshop – Linguistic Phonics Workshop – Linguistic Phonics	9.30am at Burfield 6.00pm at Hawkes Farm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5OM class assembly	2.50-3.10pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Workshop – Reading Reconsidered	9.30am at Hawkes Farm 6.00pm at Burfield
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5AM class assembly	2.50-3.10pm

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Monday 4th March - Thursday 7th March	Scholastic Book Fair	All day
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day Workshop – Mastery in Mathematics Workshop – Mastery in Mathematics	All day 9.30am at Burfield 6.00pm at Hawkes Farm
Wednesday 20th March	Year 1AM class assembly	2.50-3.10pm
Wednesday 27th March	Year 3JF class assembly	2.50-3.10pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Workshop – Responsive Teaching For Writing Workshop – Responsive Teaching For Writing	9.30am at Hawkes Farm 6.00pm at Burfield
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
Thursday 9 May	Workshop – Supporting Children With Additional Needs Workshop – Supporting Children With Additional Needs	9.30am at Burfield 6.00pm at Hawkes Farm
Wednesday 22nd May	Year 1SN class assembly	2.50-3.10pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Workshop – Text and Context Workshop – Text and Context	9.30am at Hawkes Farm 6.00pm at Burfield
Tuesday 18th June	KS1 Sports Day	1.30pm
Wednesday 19th June	EYFS class assembly	2.50-3.10pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Workshop – The Wider Curriculum	9.30am at Burfield 6.00pm at Hawkes Farm
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

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## HAILSHAM CRICKET CLUB





### JUNIOR COACHING SESSIONS

**Wednesday Evenings at Hailsham Community College, starting on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

<b>Under 8's</b> Boys & Girls	<b>U11's / U12's</b> Boys & Girls	<b>U13's / U15's</b> Boys & Girls
<b>5pm - 6pm</b>	<b>6pm - 7pm</b>	<b>7pm - 8pm</b>

**No previous experience or equipment required, just turn up, have fun and learn.**

**After an extremely successful debut season we are looking to expand our girls section.**

**First session free / Then £3**

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### FANCY TRYING A NEW SPORT IN HAILSHAM?

-  Is your son or daughter looking for a new sport/hobby to take up?
-  Are they looking to learn new skills and make new friends?
-  21 ECB qualified coaches at the club
-  ECB Clubmark accredited club
-  Offering cricket to Boys & Girls aged 4-19

### Get in touch for details about how to sign up and start having fun!!

Training starts on [Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019](#), first session is free and then £3.  
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 Search: [Hailsham Cricket Club on Facebook](#) / [Follow us on Twitter & Instagram @Hailshamcc](#)



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