

Spring Newsletter

We have had a very busy return to school after a rather wet Easter break! I can't believe we are in our final term of this session, and what a busy one it is going to be!

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Mrs McIntyre back from her period of absence. Mrs McIntyre has shown such strength and determination through what has been a very challenging time, and we are delighted to have her back!

We are currently in conversation with Midlothian Council around our class allocation for next session. We have lower numbers of pupils, so are having to reconfigure some of our classes. As soon as we have this information confirmed we will advise you ahead of our 'meet the teacher' afternoon for next year's P2-6 on 13.6.24.

Transition

Children from 11 nurseries will be joining Hawthornden at the start of next session. They have been visiting Hawthornden on a weekly basis in order to familiarise themselves with our school, classrooms at their buddies. We are looking forward to welcoming them all in August.

GLEE Club

We are so proud of our GLEE Club who represented Hawthornden at a recent competition. Although we didn't win the competition, our pupils were acknowledged for a wonderful performance, great manners and encouraging the other performers.

Bikes

Pupils and staff at Lasswade High School have serviced a number of bikes, making them safe to use and roadworthy. We currently have 1 bike suitable for a teenager, and 5 smaller bikes suitable for lower primary children. If you would like 1 of these bikes, please get in touch with the school office via our email address: hawthornden.ps@midlothian.gov.uk

Parking

We have had a number of complaints from residents about how and where people are parking when dropping their child off at school. We do not have the capacity to monitor this, so any issues brought to our attention will be passed to the Police and Midlothian Council.

School jumpers

As with previous years, we will be gifting our new P1 pupils with a school sweatshirt and our new P7 pupils with a hoodie to mark their first and last years at Hawthornden. Due to the cost of living crisis P7 pupils will be encouraged to wear their teal hoodie for the whole school session. We will not be allowing pupils to wear other coloured hoodies in the last term. We will consult with our current P6 pupils in regards to the text they wish to have put on the back of their P7 hoodies.

Celebration

We are very proud of our Learning Assistant, Miss Drury who has been asked to participate in the Miss Great Britain competition, representing Edinburgh in the finals! As part of this process, Miss Drury will be raising money for *Women's Aid* and *Simpson's Special Care Babies ICU* by holding a

coffee morning on 17.5.24 @ 11.30am. Please enter through the Health Zone door round by Miss McLachlan's classroom.

Donations

We would be delighted to receive any donations of good quality toys, in particular construction/building blocks.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Jackie Mellon

Dates for the diary (subject to change)

Wednesday 15th May – Parent Council Meeting @ 6.00-7.00pm

Friday 17th May – P6B class assembly & Miss GB coffee morning @ 11.30am

Monday 20th May – In-service day for staff (school closed for pupils)

Friday 24th May – P2 class assembly @ 11.30am

Thursday 30th May – P1 & P7 dental inspections in school

Monday 3rd June – Busy Finish @ 2.30pm – enter through main office

Wednesday 12th – Friday 14th June – P7 transition days

Thursday 13th June – New P1 parents meeting @ 9.15am & meet the teacher session P2-6 (PM)

Monday 17th June – P1 & P7 teddy bears picnic

Tuesday 18th June – Sports Day with family picnic – more information to follow (times approx.)

- P1-3 @ 9.30-10.30
- P4-7 @ 11.00-12.15
- Lunch @ 12.30-1.15
- Races @1.30

Back up date Friday 21st June

Wednesday 19th June – Football 4 All event – during the school day (pupils only) and after school parents/carers welcome – more information to follow

Thursday 20th June – P7 leaver's trip – separate information to P7 families

Friday 21st June – Dress Down Day – donations welcome

Week beginning: Monday 24th June – Activities Week –

- Monday - Whole School trip to Conifox
- Tuesday – Bouncy Castle & storytellers
- Wednesday – Chinese Art Activities

Thursday 27th June – P7 Leaver's Assembly @ 2.00pm

Friday 28th June – End of term @12.20pm

Wednesday 14th August – School returns for all