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Hawthorn Class Newsletter – Autumn 2026-27

Dear Parents and Carers,

Curriculum

This term our topic is **The Victorians** – “**We are not amused!**”. For more information, please view our Topic Web on the reverse, which will also be displayed on the school website.



Homework

The ‘Enriching Learning’ homework sheet for our class will be posted on the school website and a copy can also be found in the children’s homework books. The expectation is for one piece of homework to be returned to school, completed, every **Monday**. Spelling homework will be handed out on a **Friday**, by your child’s spelling teacher, and will be tested on the following **Thursday**. Reading records will also be checked every **Monday**, but should be in school daily. The children are expected to read at home for at least 20 minutes, three times a week and this should be recorded in their reading record.

P.E.

In Autumn Term 1, the children will have P.E. on Mondays and Fridays. After October half term, they will then have P.E. on Wednesdays and Fridays. However, it is essential for the children to have their kit in school every day. All children should have indoor and outdoor kit, such as shorts, t-shirt and trainers for indoor use, and tracksuit bottoms, a long-sleeved top and trainers for outdoor sessions. Please ensure that your child’s PE kit is clearly named. During Monday’s P.E. lesson, the children will be developing their problem-solving skills and, on a Friday, they will be furthering their understanding of how to play Basketball.



Parents’ Evening

There will be formal parent / teacher meetings on the 10th and 11th of November, when we will have the opportunity to discuss your child’s progress so far and targets for the year. An online sign-up sheet will be available nearer the time.



Important Dates

Thursday 10th September – **Mike Mullen BMX Workshop**
W/C Monday 14th September - **NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Week**
Wednesday 23rd September – **Macmillan Coffee Afternoon**
Friday 25th September - **Flu Vaccination Programme**
Thursday 1st October - **Individual School Photos**
Friday 2nd October - **Open Classroom (3:15pm-3:45pm)**
Wednesday 7th October - **Harvest Festival (pupils only)**
Friday 23rd October – **INSET Day**
Monday 26th to Friday 30th October - **Half-Term**
W/C Monday 2nd November - **Culture Week**
W/C Monday 9th November - **Anti-Bullying Week**
Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th November - **Parents' Evenings**
W/C Monday 16th November - **Maths Week**
Friday 27th November – Hawthorn Sharing Worship
Wednesday 16th December - **Christmas Service & Christmas Lunch**
Thursday 17th December - **Singing around the Tree Christmas & Christmas Jumper Day**
Friday 18th December - **Last day of term**

News on further events will be communicated with you via email. Please see the school website for dates for the whole academic year.

Contact

If you wish to make contact with me, there are a number of ways that you can do this:

- You could send a message (written or verbal) with your child.
- You are able to phone the School Office, who will be able to help you or pass on a message.
- Alternatively, I will usually be available at the end of the school day once all of the children have been collected and this would be a good time to have a quick conversation. A longer meeting can then be arranged at a mutually convenient time if required.
- Emails should be sent via the school office (office.3082@chesterton.oxon.sch.uk), who will forward your message to me/us if necessary, and you can expect a response within 3 working days.

Kind regards,

Miss Hawtin

