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Hawthorn Class Newsletter – Autumn Term 2023

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 **Wednesday**. Spelling homework will be handed out on a **Thursday**, by your child’s spelling teacher, and will be tested on the following **Thursday**. Reading records will also be checked every **Friday**, 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.

For the first term, the children will have P.E. on Mondays and Tuesdays. 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 learning gymnastics and on a Tuesday they will be developing their basketball skills.



Parents’ Evening

There will be formal parent / teacher meetings on the 7th and 8th of November, when we will have the opportunity to discuss your child’s progress so far and targets for the year. A sign-up sheet will be available nearer the time.



Important Dates

Wednesday 27th September – **Individual School Photos**

Thursday 28th September – **Race for Life and Macmillan Coffee Afternoon**

Tuesday 3rd October – **Harvest Festival (in school – pupils only)**

Monday 23th to Friday 27th October – **Half-Term**

Monday 30th October – **INSET Day (school closed to pupils)**

W/C 6th November – **South Africa Week**

Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th November – **Parents' Evenings**
W/C 13th November – **Anti-bullying Week**
W/C 20th November – **Maths Week**
Thursday 14th December – **Singing Around The Tree & School Association Film Night**
Friday 15th December – **Christmas Jumper Day**
Monday 18th December – **Christmas Church Service & Christmas Lunch**
Tuesday 19th December - **Last day of term**
Wednesday 20th December – **INSET Day (school closed to pupils)**

Details/times and dates of 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.
- As you will have seen in the recent communication from Mr Horner, emails should now be sent via the school office (office.3082@chesterton.oxon.sch.uk), who will forward your message to me if necessary, and you can expect a response within 3 working days.

Reminders

- Water Bottles – Please make sure children have a clear, named water bottle with them every day (separate from any drink in their lunchbox) as this allows access to water as and when they require it. Please note we only want water in these bottles (not squash, juice or flavoured water).
- Outdoor Footwear – All children should be prepared for outdoor play by keeping wellies and a warm waterproof coat in school.



Kind regards,

Miss Hawtin

