

Hackthorn Church of England Primary School

October 2022 Newsletter



This month's Christian value is **Service** which is linked to the 'Hackthorn Way' value of **Nurture**.

"Serve one another in love" Galatians 5:13



Dear Parents

It's hard to believe that we've only been back a month...so much seems to have happened already!

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the FOHS Treasure Hunt. Once again, the event was well attended and the photos taken during the afternoon clearly showed how much everyone enjoyed it. Congratulations to the ironically named 'The Losers in general' team, who continued the winning streak of the Dodsons!

This month our collective worship sessions will be focusing on Black History Month, which recognises and celebrates the history and achievements of Black people. This week we reflected on Marcus Rashford's service to his community, supporting charity work to ensure young people have access to food.

As a school we are always looking at ways to improve. As such, we tend to choose three priorities every year to focus on. This year our priority areas are:

Monitoring of curriculum areas

Writing

Developing Citizens of the Future

Our third priority will be focusing on providing opportunities for the children to develop their knowledge and understanding of their local and global responsibility, diversity and equality, peoples' rights and environmental sustainability. We want our pupils to know that everyone can make a difference, no matter how small!

Mrs K Appleby, Headteacher

Homework

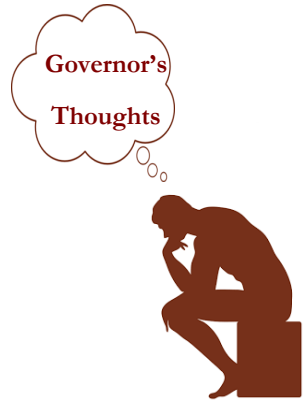
Parents often ask how they can support their children's learning at home. We believe children make most progress when they:

- Read regularly (ideally every day) Children will have their own books to read. Little and often is the key!
- Don't forget reading to your children is another powerful tool to improve literacy skills and to expand their vocabulary.
- Practise number bonds* (KS1) Number bonds* are **pairs of numbers that can be added together to make another number e.g.** $4 + 6 = 10$. They are some of the most basic and most important parts of maths for children to learn.
- Practise tables KS1 x2, x10, x5, x3; KS2 all others including x11, x12
- Engage with Phonics play (KS1) or the Phonics packs which school sends home.
- Practise weekly spellings
- Provide opportunities for your children to complete jigsaws, other puzzles or to participate in creative projects (making models, baking, making collages etc) Engaging with your children while they are doing these provides opportunities for making connections, giving explanations and practising reasoning skills.

Governors' News

Governing monitoring visits have commenced for the academic year and it has been great to see such a positive start in school. The children have all settled back into school life and our new reception cohort are enjoying the start of their primary journey. The Governing body have welcomed some new board members; welcome to Sam Tindale (co-opted) and Natalie Pickering (parent governor). Daniel Gibbs has had to step down this year but we would like to thank him for his work as a Governor at Hackthorn. I have taken up the Chair position. A full list of the Governing body can be found on the website, in the 'About Us' section. Please feel to contact any of us. We are all looking forward to another positive year for Hackthorn School.

Emma Rowe, Chair



Parent/Teacher Meetings - Tuesday 11th & Thursday 13th October

Please follow the link on our Websites 'news page' to book your preferred time slots. We have allocated enough slots for every family. If you do not receive a confirmation email for your booking, please log back in and ensure you have the correct email address & your booking is showing on your account. Each slot will be 10 mins max.

VOLUNTEER



Friends of Hackthorn School

FOHS held their AGM on 15th September. Many fundraising activities were planned for the next few months, details of which can be found in the latest FOHS newsletter. The next meeting is set for Wednesday 2nd November at 6pm. New members are always welcome..

Harvest Festival - 21st October - 2pm

The school will be holding its annual harvest festival in the church on Friday 21st October at 2.00pm. Once again children are asked to bring tins of food as their harvest offerings. Children should bring their offerings to school in the morning, ready to be presented during the service. All parents and friends are invited to attend the service.

Parents may, as usual, take their children home directly after the service if they wish. The remaining children will go home from school in the usual way at 3.30pm.



Reminders from the School Office

Please could parents who have yet to complete and return the paperwork which was sent out at the start of term, do so as soon as possible. We need to ensure that we have a record of the correct information for all pupils on file, particularly with regard to emergency contact information and current medical information.

Dates to Remember

10 Oct	Flu Immunisation Team in school	25 Nov	Christmas Fair
11 Oct	Bags 2 School	7 Dec	KS1 Dress Rehearsal
11/13 Oct	Parent Teacher Meetings - Booking on Website	8 Dec	KS1 Nativity Production
18 Oct	Apple Picking - Hackthorn Estate	9 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
21 Oct	Harvest Festival - 2pm at Hackthorn Church	9 Dec	Talent Show
21 Oct	Last Day of Term	9 Dec	FOHS Movie Night
31 Oct	First Day of Term	13 Dec	Pre-School Christmas Activities
2 Nov	FOHS Meeting - 6pm	16 Dec	Last Day of Term