

Mount Hawke Academy

Head of School: Miss C Biddick

10.9.21

Dear Families

Welcome back to a brand new school year! It has been wonderful to welcome new children and old to our school this week. We hope that you have had a restful and enjoyable holiday and spent precious time making the most of our beautiful county.

The children are looking so very smart in their uniforms and have come back with their super positive attitudes of ready to learn and to make the most of every moment. Thank you very much for preparing the children too – they have followed the coming into school routines so well. Thank you also for wearing masks, unless exempt, and socially distancing at the start and at the end of the day.

We are delighted to welcome some new faces to our school this term. We are very pleased to be joined by Mrs Lisa Marley and Mrs Charlie Ward. Mrs Marley is a teacher who has worked in several local schools and will mainly be based in Upper Key Stage Two as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant. Mrs Ward is also a teacher who will be working as a Teaching Assistant in various junior classes. We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Caralyn Boughton back. Mrs Boughton has spent the last year in another Aspire school, and will be based in the younger classes as a Teaching Assistant.

Celebrations

We will start awarding our Celebration and Achievement certificates from next week, but we still held our Friday Virtual Assembly today to bring everyone together and it was lovely to share the news from each class with everyone, and enjoy that wonderful family feeling.

The children have also been earning Reward Tickets for following our school rules so well. These are ~ we are calm, we are ready to learn, we respect each other, we follow directions, we take good care of equipment.



Phonics and Reading

For children in Reception, Year One and Year Two, we have moved to a new, validated phonics scheme called Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised. Teachers will be letting you know more about this as we settle back into school and we will be sending out new phonic books within the next few weeks. There is also a lot more information

on our website, so please do have a look by clicking on this link - Phonics Information

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E-Classrooms

Over the next week, teachers will be showing or reminding the children how to access their e-classroom in school and we will also be sending out your child's access information to their e-classroom again. (For Years Two to Six these are the same as the logins you had last year.) Teachers will then use these classrooms in school and post homework tasks in them too.

As we explained last term, we have decided to move Key Stage Two

across to Seesaw, so there should be no more issues with writing on pdfs. EYFS (Year R) – Tapestry

Years One to Six - Seesaw





PE Kits and Coats!

Thank you for sending the children in wearing their PE kits on PE days. Your child's teacher should have let you know now which days these are. Please don't ever worry if you forget or get the days muddled. We can always sort these things out. We also like to spend time outside, so please do make sure that children bring a coat as the weather is proving very changeable.

Other Arrangements for the Year Ahead

We are currently looking at how we can keep our school life and traditions going in as normal a way as possible, while keeping everyone as safe as possible again this year. As soon as we have further information, I will let you know.

It's Good to Grow

For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll get a Grow Token to help your school get everything they need to get growing. Download the MyMorrisons app today to start collecting Grow Tokens and choose Mount Hawke Academy. We will be able to exchange the Grow Tokens for FREE gardening equipment to get kids growing! Thank you.



Communications

Remember to use the email hello@mounthawke.org or phone 01209 890230 if you need to speak to one of us, let us know about something or share something with us. Even though we can't have a conversation at the classroom door or in the playground, we are still available. Miss Biddick is usually on the gate every morning and afternoon too.

All of us here at school would like to wish you a very happy and safe weekend.

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