



Hackwood News

26th May 2021



Dear Families,

Thank you all for your support this term as we continue to work in partnership to support your children. It has been lovely this half-term to see more of the children in school every day. We are delighted that we have been Covid free at school with no bubble closures and we hope this continues. Thank you for supporting your child to have good attendance. We know that good attendance is vital for good learning and we are pleased that children only stay home if they are poorly (or isolating).

Have a fun and relaxing half-term holiday and we look forward to seeing you back on the 7th June. (Reminder that we have an INSET day on 21st June so school will be closed to all children on this day.)

Best Wishes,

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At Hackwood we are committed to helping our children to 'Believe, Achieve, Succeed' emotionally, socially and academically. During the last term we have trained all our teaching staff to use the Thrive approach. This approach helps children to build positive relationships with others and to develop their self-esteem and resilience.

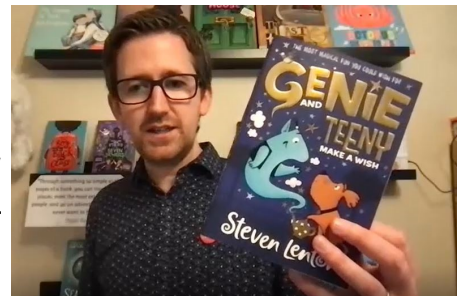
We are moving forwards with a new curriculum for Relationships and Health Education (RHE). Thank you to the parents from Hackwood who joined leaders from Harmony Trust and other parents to discuss the new curriculum. This will help us to ensure that the curriculum is right for children at Hackwood.

Reading at school and at home

As you know we believe reading is one of the most fun and interesting ways to learn . We are proud of our success with teaching reading at Hackwood with many parents telling us how much progress they have seen they children make and how much they now love reading. Over half-term we are developing our library area in school and we look forward to being able to invite you in as soon as we can.

We also invite you to join Mickleover Library and we are sending a short membership form home on paper for you to complete, if you wish. We will then get the card made for you. This will mean that you are able to use the library on your first visit and start borrowing books straight away. Please return the completed form to school.

Year 4 (Foxes) have had two exciting online meetings this half-term. The first was with Rob from VIP Reading who sent a surprise book box into school. The children loved seeing the goodies inside including a signed copy of a new release. They also had a session this week with Jennifer Killick who is the author of many books for Year 3 children upwards. Please see our website after half term for more photos of these virtual visitors.



Staffing at Hackwood

As well as our new Assistant Principal starting in September we will also welcome two new teachers, Miss Winter and Miss Whysall.

We currently have a vacancy for a midday supervisor to support the children at lunchtime. Please click [here](#) if you are interested in this position. The closing date is 7th June.

Wraparound Care and Clubs

As mentioned in the last newsletter, to support working families our intention is to open provision for before and after school childcare from September. More information on this will be available in the next newsletter. Please don't cancel your existing arrangements until you receive more information and can make a booking with us.

Online Safety

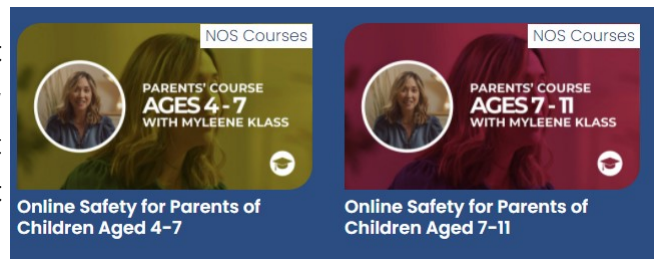
Thank you to the parents who have logged on to our section of the National Online Safety Website. If you haven't yet had a chance, please follow the link.

The link is:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/hackwood-primary-academy>

Please register your details and then click on the next page when it asks to say you are a parent here at Hackwood.

There are many courses you may find useful (not just related to online safety) but we would like to draw your attention to these which are the most relevant for online safety and include everything you might need to know.



What are the children learning next?

We will be adding curriculum newsletters with ideas for homework to our website at the end of this week and the links will be sent to you by email.

Our new topics will be:

Nursery and Reception: Dinosaur Stomp

Year 1 and Year 2: How do you know you're at the Seaside?

Year 3: Where would you choose to build a city?

Year 4: How terrible were the Tudors?

We will also be having an Enterprise Week from 12th July with a further opportunity to raise money and awareness of our Digital Launch. Year 3 and Year 4 will be getting their brand new I-pads to take home during this next half-term. The new Year 3s will have them from September. Exciting times!

Music at Hackwood

Year 4 have been enjoying their cello lessons. Next year's Year 4 (Owl Class) can look forward to learning to play a brass instrument. We will also be offering Year 5 the chance to continue learning to play the cello over a lunchtime. This will be a group private lesson with a small charge for the year. The current Year 4 children will receive a letter for this very soon.

