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Dear Parents and Carers,

Visit to Hawkwood College, Painswick Old Road (Wick Street) Stroud. GL6 7QW Thursday 7th November

Hawkwood College <https://www.hawkwoodcollege.co.uk/> recently received a grant from Western Power to purchase and install some bird boxes and bug hotels in their new outdoor classroom. Alicia Carey, CEO of Hawkwood (Jack's mum) asked if the children of Sheepscombe Primary School would like to be a part of this project, which we happily agreed to.

Just before half term the children in Eagle and Kestrel class completed a mini project researching the types of birds that live in our local area. They also looked at the nesting habitats and the types of bird box that particular species might use. Then they were able to suggest a variety of bird boxes and bug hotels linked to their mini project that might be suitable for installation at Hawkwood College.

On **Thursday this week (7th November)** the children of Eagle Class have therefore been invited by Alicia to visit Hawkwood during the afternoon. Whilst there, they will see the recently installed bird boxes that they helped to choose in Hawkwood's new outdoor classroom, help construct the bug hotels, learn about how Hawkwood is working towards being a sustainable, environmentally friendly site, learn about the community agriculture scheme that Hawkwood facilitate and also visit the micro dairy on the site <https://www.stroudmicrodairy.co.uk>.

The children will be taken to Hawkwood by minibus after lunch with school staff, leaving school at 1.15 p.m. and will need picking up from Hawkwood Car Park at 3.00 p.m. by parents/carers. We have made the pick-up time 3.00 p.m. so that those with other children still at school will be able to travel on to school in the normal way for 3.15 p.m. pick up as usual. School staff back at school will be aware that you may be a few minutes later than usual for pick up.

This means that children in Eagle Class will not be at school for after school clubs on this day, unless you wish to take them on up to school yourselves.

If this presents a problem for you due to work commitments and you need your Eagle Class child to find a lift back to school for after school club, please contact Mrs Powell and we'll do our best to help - there are 3 spaces in Mrs Barron's car coming back to school at 3.00 p.m. so a lift for your child may be possible.

By running the afternoon this way with parents fetching directly at 3.00 p.m., there is no charge to parents for this visit. We hope to continue to build further links with Hawkwood over the coming years.

Children will need a warm coat and suitable outdoor shoes such as wellies or walking boots that can get muddy.

Kind regards,

Vicky Barron
Head teacher



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