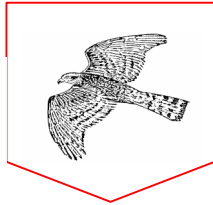


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Friday 10th October

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am very proud to be able to tell you this week that Hawkinge Primary School has been awarded Gold Status for our Geography curriculum and opportunities that we provide for our pupils. The award is given to the school by the Geographical Association. They came to assess our provision at the end of last term and this award is as a result of the visit. It is a very prestigious Award – only 5 other schools in the whole country were awarded gold this year –so we are VERY proud!
A big thank you to Miss Clancy who is in charge of leading geography in the school for all her hard work, and also all the teachers who work hard to provide good quality learning opportunities all day, everyday. The gold award for Geography will be displayed on our fast growing 'certificate wall' in the waiting area near my office, next to the Gold Arts Award and ECO green flag we were presented with at the end of last year. I am going to do some research next week to find out how many other Primary Schools have the Gold Arts & Geography award and Green Flag!

The school photographer has been in today – its lovely to see the children looking so smart. She has taken many photographs and I have had the privilege of seeing a couple of sneak previews – they are looking very good.

Can I remind you that it is the Harvest Festival on Wednesday at St Luke's Church? The children in Years 3 and 4 have been learning Harvest songs and have some interesting facts to share with you about harvest. The performance is due to start at 9:30am on Wednesday. Please send in any donations for the Rainbow Centre before Wednesday.

Notices and diary dates are on the reverse of this letter

Yours sincerely

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Jeans for Genes

Thank you to everyone who made a donation last Friday and came to school in their 'jeans'. We raised a total of £231.75

Diary Dates!

- 15th October – Harvest Festival in St Luke's Church
- 17th October – Open day for children due to staff training 2009!
- 23rd October – Last day of this half term
- 24th October – Staff training day



Thank you!

I have been very pleasantly surprised by the generosity of parents this year already! Holly Martin won a bike in a colouring competition, donated by Mr Barnes, who also donated a second adult bicycle for the Christmas Raffle, and Mr Saunders from **Pararail in Ashford** has VERY generously donated 20 footballs, 2 sets of bibs and pumps to pump up the balls to the school football club. Many thanks to Mr Saunders – the football team and Richard are really pleased! Let's hope that with the new equipment we will be able to win our next tournament on the 18th October!



Stars of the week

Last week the certificates were awarded to: Kynan Forbes, Ella Francis, Holly Martin, Alfie Ralph, Kayliegh Piggott, Serena Acanthe, Bethany Burtchell, Lauren Chetty, Lauren Brisley, Abigail Goodyer and Jemima Small who have all shown good skills at working as a member of a team. Well Done !

Walk on Wednesday

Walk on Wednesday was a great success this week again! I only counted 10 cars that drove through the school car park – out of 272 children I think that is really good going! Thank you for your continued support.



The ECO team has asked me to remind everyone that they are collecting the Morrisons vouchers – there is a box in the corridor for them to be posted into! If you know of any family members or friends that shop there – please ask them to collect the vouchers for us too!

PE kits

Please make sure that your son / daughter brings their full PE kit to school on their PE days. A full PE kit should consist of appropriate footwear, t-shirt, sweatshirt, shorts and tracksuit trousers. It is important that children participate in their 2 hours worth of PE each week. If you are not sure which days your child has PE please check on the curriculum overviews on the school website.



Absent pupils

Please do not forget to ring the school office if your child is going to be absent from school before 8:30am. It saves us having to telephone you, and means that less time is taken away from supporting your child's learning.



Notice from The Children Centre.

From 23rd October Citizens Advice Bureau will be holding advice surgeries every Thursday from 1:30 – 4:30pm in the Hawkinge Community Office (Next door to Tesco's)

Wild Wood

A member of staff from Wildwood came in to school to work with the children in Y1&2 this week to teach them all about wolves. They learnt how wolves use their faces, tails and bodies to express how they feel. The lady from Wildwood didn't bring a real wolf in – but a puppet called Wilf! The children really enjoyed the session – there should be some photos on the school website after the weekend if you would like to have a look!