

Hawkinge Primary School



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Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome back!

The half term holidays have been busy, Shane and Shaun have done a super job of cleaning the school, Shane has started a building project to renovate an outside area for the children in the 2 Reception classes to use, Ms N-Ts mobile has been repaired and the fire exit steps have been replaced, all in a week!

The staff development day at the end of last half term went very well, we will be using some of the excellent ideas the speaker was sharing with us to improve the way we mark pupils work, to ensure that the marking we do leads to improvements in their work. The whole school focus this half term is to raise standards in writing. We have raised the profile of this in school already, made sure that the children are clear about what we expect them to do in each piece of writing, and identify what we can do to help each child make more progress. Each two weeks we will be using a certain aspect of writing to focus on – for the first two weeks of this half term the focus is on the use of good vocabulary in all written work that children do. This is proving to be a success already. A pupil in Year 6 brought his poem to show me this week, it is fantastic – I have included it on the reverse of the newsletter. Well done Richard!

To continue to build upon this success I intend to have a further development day at the end of this term (19th December) to allow staff to have time to discuss the systems we have adopted so far and plan how we can continue to use these to further improve pupils learning. To help parents out (I know what a busy time of year it is) I have spoken to Kent Play Clubs and Cindy is happy to open the 'After School Club' on that Friday if there is enough interest. The cost of the club is £19 for the full day (8am – 6pm) and £9 for either a morning (8am – 1pm) or an afternoon (1pm – 6pm). If you would like to send your child to the club that day please either contact Mrs Crook (01303-892224) or see Cindy.

Finally a big Thank You to Hawkinge Youth Football club who have agreed to spend £250 on more sports equipment for our school. Mr O'Brien is looking forwards to be able to use some of the equipment for his Y34 football club!

Yours sincerely

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Diary Dates!

- 19th November -PTFA meeting
- 22nd November – Christmas Shopping Trip to Romford
- 29th November – Christmas Crafts Family Learning
- 16th December – Christmas nativity
- 18th December – School Christmas Dinner
- 19th December – Development Day
- 14th January 2009! – Parents evening

Good Questions!

Below are some questions to ask your children to find out more about what they have been doing at school, and help to develop their skills of reflection.

- What has helped you to learn this week?
- Can you think of any mistakes you have made this week... how can you use these to improve your work?

This terms clubs:

Monday

- Lunchtime club – Miss Milborrow & Miss Clancy

Tuesday

- Art club for Y1s – Ms Thompson & Miss Foster
- KS1 gym club – Mrs Chown & Mrs Honzik
- Recorder club – Miss Godden

Wednesday

- Dance club – Mrs Chown & Mrs Webb

Thursday

- Football for Y34 (Mr O'Brien)
- Craft club for Y3,4,5,6(Miss Ledwith, Miss Hanner)
- Cookery club (Mr Metcalf & Mrs Featherstone)
- ECO lunchtime club (Ms N-Taylor)

Friday

- Football for Y56 (Richard)
- Recorder club – Miss Godden

Photographs!

By now I am sure that you have enjoyed looking at the school photographs that have been taken of your child. If you would like to buy any please ensure that you return the correct paperwork and money to your child's class teacher by Friday 14th November.

Basketball

A basket ball club will be running on a Friday from 7pm at The Churchill Primary School for pupils in Y6 and Y7 who have played basket ball for at least a year with either Don Veal or Mrs Barron. Basket ball club starts this Friday.



Hawkinge Primary School Christmas Shopping Trip To Romford

Saturday 22nd November
Bargain price of
£10.00 per person

(Check out other offers in the local press)
Call into the school office to pay and book your seat(s)



Breakfast club spaces

Coming to breakfast club is a lovely way to start the day. The fortnightly menu has things for everyone. The breakfast club ladies feed up to 51 children a day!!!

There are some spare places on the following days –
Monday – 5
Tuesday – 7
Wednesday – 6
Thursday – 0
Friday – 3



If you are interested, please see either the breakfast club staff or Mrs Crook

My Job Here, Is Done...

The waves galloped towards the sandy shore.
The rage within was building.
Water spewed in every direction,
Until it could be held no more.

It stretched its arms and legs, spikes sprung from its palms.
It raged through busy cities,
destroying all in its path.
Its job here, is done...

It moved from village to village,
Showing no mercy, at all.
For days and days it travelled on.
Its job here, is done...

The demon let out a fearsome roar
and invaded people's homes.
No one could stop it, all hope was lost.....

Its job here, is done...

By Richard Button

