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Dear Parents / Carers

I am sure many of you have noticed Mr Wright is back!

He has recovered from his knee operation and is fighting fit again. Since being back he and Shane have been busy continuing the renovation programme at school. Since the New Year they have re roofed the Gazebo, re painted the corridor near Spiders and Ladybirds classrooms and over the next two weeks will be putting a Perspex roof over an area that the children in Spiders and Ladybirds use as their outdoor learning area, enabling them to use it in all weathers, and will be renovating the 'Train'! So he has certainly hit the ground running! He says that he is pleased to be back and has missed the day to day life of being at school.

Further good news on the same subject, is that the work that is being done to transform the once VERY grotty toilets (at the top of the corridor leading to the Junior Library) should be complete by Monday. The smaller room (the old girls toilet) will be used as a storage room for musical instruments, and the larger room (a combination of the boy's toilets and an old cupboard) will be used as a teaching base / office space to be known as The Green Room (because of the vibrant green wall!) They are looking good – please drop in and have a look when you are next in school.

This term we are focussing upon teaching children how to show resourcefulness in their learning. Children will be encouraged to:

- ask questions,
- use a range of resources to assist their learning for example other people, books, the Internet,
- use their logic and rational skills to work things out methodically,
- and be curious and playful with ideas!

Finally, our focus for improving writing for the last 2 weeks has been to encourage children throughout the school to use more adventurous vocabulary. There have been many exciting words used including terrific, beautiful, and adventurous. I was most impressed to hear Louis in Y6 had used the word melancholy in his writing this week! That really is a WOW word! Well done Louis! We will be looking out for children using a good range of sentence openers in their writing over the next 2 weeks.

Have a good weekend

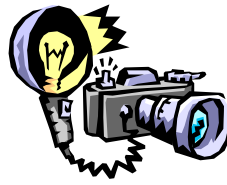
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Diary Dates

30th January – Bring things in for Bring and Buy sale
2nd February – Bring and Buy Sale
5th February – Class photographs
6th February – Non uniform day for Kent Play Clubs
14th February – break up for half term
23rd February – start back at school
2nd March – development day – school closed.



Resourcefulness questions

Ask your son / daughter what they enjoyed learning about most this week in school, and then ask them 'What do you think a Martian would ask you about that if they came to visit you one day?'

Parents evening

As you are all aware it was parents evening on Wednesday night. It was nice to see so many parents and children coming to talk to the class teachers about the progress their children have made at school. Below is the percentage of parents who have attended / have booked a parents evening consultation with each teacher – thank you, working in partnership with the school is the best way to improve the learning opportunities for your son / daughter.

- Spiders – 89%
- Ladybirds – 83%
- Ants – 75%
- Bumble Bees – 78%
- Caterpillars – 61%
- Dragonflies – 62%
- Fireflies – 68%
- Crickets – 67%
- Crickets – 65%
- Scorpions – 66%
- Mosquitoes – 76%

Well done to Michael Wright who won the Bouverie Place Christmas colouring competition. He was invited to a Prize Giving Ceremony this week where he received his prize. Look out for his photo in the local press!



Thank you to Mr Iles who came in this week to talk to children in Caterpillars class about how Hawkinge and Hawkinge Primary has changed since 'the olden days'!

BLUE PETER – MISSION NUTRITION A message from Rosie and Gemma in Y6

Mission Nutrition is all about helping children eat and grow better food. Children across the world are in danger because they don't have enough food, or the right food to eat. We can all make a difference and give them a better future by raising a bit of money for the Mission Nutrition Appeal.

Mission Nutrition is aiming to put 2 million meals on plates, by helping children eat well and grow their own food. We want to help the Blue Peter Appeal by holding a Bring and Buy sale to raise money.

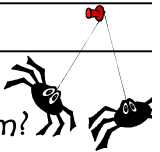
How can you help?

Have a clear out of old toys / presents you don't want from Christmas, if you think they will sell again – nothing broken please – and no video / DVDs or computer games that have more than a PG certificate. Bring them to school on 30th January, we will inform you where to leave them before that date and then all you have to do is come along and have fun at our Bring and Buy Sale on 02/02/2009 in the school hall between 3-4pm.

How the money can make a difference

- £1 – provides lunch for a school child in Columbia
- £40 – provides 100 meals for children in Bangladesh

Tell me why!

Why don't spiders fall off walls when they walk up them? 

Some spiders have specially designed feet and fine hairs which help them hold on to the different shapes and textures of walls and even ceilings. Other spiders place a small amount of the sticky silk they use to make their webs on their feet and use that to move.

Next week: Why is a bumble bee black and yellow?

Think about / talk about....

What did you last dream about?

