

Hawkinge Primary School



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Dear Parents / Carers,

It is estimated that more than one in five people have been off work this week because of the snow! With 10 out of the 11 tube lines suspended, roads closed and flights cancelled, millions of people were trapped at home on Monday after the biggest snowfall in almost two decades.

According to The London Chamber of Commerce and Industry, a one-day closure of the Tube alone can cost the capital up to £48 million in lost productivity, and with most of London's transport infrastructure down, analysts have put the cost to business at £1.2bn each day of disruption.

It's good to know we did our bit in Hawkinge, attendance was good throughout the day on Monday and everyone got home safely! Thanks for braving the weather! If there is any more snow please tune in to KMFM or have a look at their website to check the school is open, or telephone the school to listen to the message on the answering machine.

At the time of writing the newsletter (Thursday afternoon) we have a photographer in school who is taking class photographs. He uses a casual style in his work and the photographs are looking fantastic already! They should be available for you to see after the half term holiday. I suspect many parents will be very tempted to buy lots of them! I know I will be! I can't wait to see the staff photographs; the breakfast club ladies looked like Charlie's Angels, and as you can imagine all staff enjoyed having their photographs taken! It will remain a secret about which teacher was the most fussy about his / her photograph. I will leave you guessing...

Hope the snow keeps away this weekend,

Yours sincerely

Aly Ward



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Diary Dates

14th February – Go Green Friday – don't forget to wear green.
14th February – break up for half term
23rd February – start back at school
2nd March – development day – school closed.
25th March – PTFA meeting – Easter Egg Hunt
28th March – Easter Craft Family Learning morning.
29th March – Easter egg Hunt

Go Green Friday

Next Friday is Go Green Friday. Ms Nicholson Taylor will be writing to you about it early on next week, BUT advanced warning.... Children will be asked to come to school wearing green!

Well Done

Past pupil Emily Barron entered a **Young Writers** competition. She wrote a poem entitled LOST. There were over 20000 entries from the UK and overseas. The judges decided that her poem was so good that they are publishing it in a book entitled 'The adventure starts here 2009' to be released on 30th April

In last weeks newsletter I mentioned that there had been some reporting in the local media about asbestos in schools, this has been followed by an article in The Herald this week. Please be reassured that all of the children and staff that come to Hawkinge Primary School are safe in school. Please feel free to contact me if you would like further details. Below is KCCs statement for your information.



Kent County Council statement

Following media reports on asbestos in school buildings, Kent County Council would like to reassure children, their families and staff working in schools across the county that their safety and wellbeing is of paramount importance to us. We follow Health and Safety Executive advice on surveying and managing asbestos and are very confident in the procedures we have in place.

Kent County Council Cabinet Member for Education Mark Dance said:

"KCC has a legal obligation to make sure *that an* asbestos survey is carried out for all maintained schools in the county. When a survey identifies asbestos-based materials, KCC will fund and undertake encapsulation or removal works, where appropriate. Schools are responsible for nominating a responsible person on site and maintaining their asbestos register containing the survey report. This should be retained on site at all times and be available for inspection. KCC provides advice and guidance to all schools about the management of asbestos"

Further info is available on our website at

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/business/support-services-and-advice/property-group/asbestos-fact.htm>

Good News



Alfie Dickinson (this year's captain of the school football team) will be going on a football tournament with First Touch Coaching School to Germany later on this year. He went last year and made such a good impression on tour he has been invited back to play in a 6 – 8 team tournament. He will be playing against the Bundesliga teams.

We will report on his progress!

Development day reminder

A reminder that 2nd March is a school development day if you would like to send your son / daughter to our 'After School Club' on that Monday please either contact Mrs Crook (01303-892224) or Cindy on 079099 35 821. The cost of the club is £19 for the full day (8am -6pm) and £9:50 for either a morning (8am -1pm) or an afternoon (1pm – 6pm).

Why do lice like living in hair?

Lice are tiny insects that love to live in people's heads. They need to be next to the skin to stay alive, where they can eat tiny amounts of blood (a bit like a mosquito) They use their sticky little feet to hold onto hair, which they also attach their eggs (or nits) to.

Head lice update!

This time of year head lice are rife! Can I ask you to check your son / daughters hair regularly? It is recommended that the best way of keeping head lice at bay is to run a comb through very well conditioned hair at least once a week.

Mrs Crook has ordered some combs so if you need one pop in and collect one. They should arrive next week.

Think about / talk about....

What is your favourite item of clothing?

