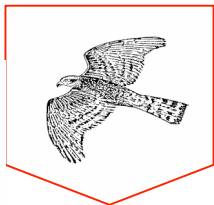


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Dear Parents,

What a busy term it has been!

It seems such a long time ago now since the summer holidays, and starting back to school in September!

The school has had many successes since September, including being the 5th highest school in the whole of Kent in the school league tables (I am sure many of you noticed that in the local papers last week), over 45 new pupils have started at the school since September, the school bank has been built and opened thanks to much hard work from Mrs Hughes, the 30 new school laptops have been installed and are in regular use throughout the day - teachers have really enjoyed using them in lessons, as have the children, and Mr O'Brien survived the period of initial technical headaches without going too grey!

Lots of staff have ran a variety of after school clubs that the children have enjoyed from sporty ones such as netball, football, table tennis and dance clubs, to cookery, drama, games and art club, and of course the music clubs by Miss Godden with recorders and Miss Milborrow with ocarinas. I am always so proud of seeing children involved in clubs after school, and am exceptionally grateful to staff who give their time feely to do this.

Leaving Christmas until this week in school has been lovely, the nativity play was well acted, and the choir sang beautifully. It is hard to believe how much work is put into a performance that lasts approx 30minutes, but it is phenomenal. It was nice to see the church so full of parents watching their angels, stars, donkeys and shepherds performing. The children have enjoyed their Christmas parties and many children went to visit Santa at the PTFA Christmas Fair on Wednesday night. I am sure that everyone who was at the fair would agree it was well attended and Mrs Chown's dance troupe were super. Jo the PTFA treasurer has been in touch today - the PTFA profit from the Christmas Fair stands at £927.51, thank you to everyone for their contributions to the success of the evening.

Please do not forget that the children start back at school on Tuesday 5th January - Monday is a Teachers Training Day, Parents evening is on January 13th which will give you the opportunity to speak to your child's teacher to discuss the progress they have made this term and areas to target for improvement for the Spring Term.

On behalf of all staff at Hawkinge Primary School I would like to wish you and your families a peaceful, happy Christmas.

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Diary Dates - January

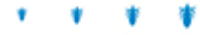
- Monday 4th January - Development day - school closed
- Tuesday 5th January - pupils start back at school
- January 13th - Parents evening
- February 8th - School photographs



Remember:

Once a week, take a peek!

Actual size of headlice in stages of growth



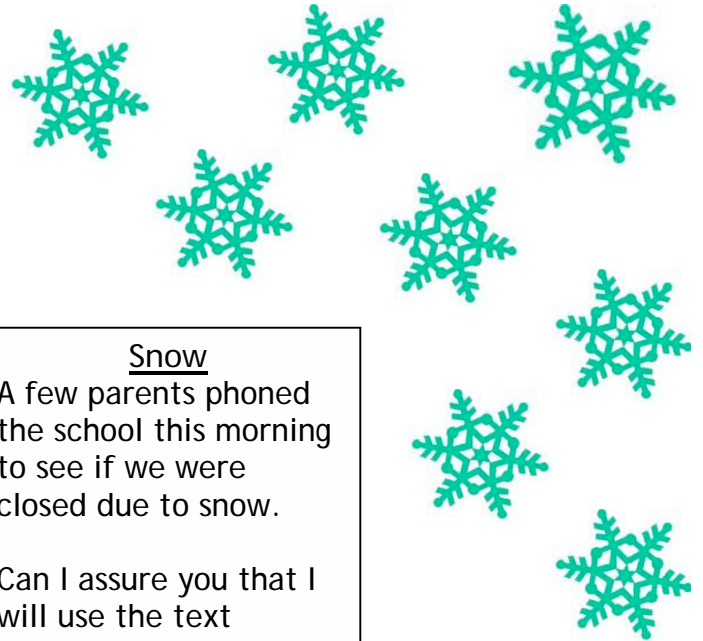
Soup recipes

The Sweat, Simmer and Squash competition closing date is Friday 12th February 2010. If you send your entries to Miss Dawe by Friday 29th January, she will post them all off together. If anyone wishes to enter and does not have an entry form, please get one from Miss Dawe asap.



Text message service

This is such an easy and efficient method of communication for us, please could you make sure you update your mobile phone number via the school office if you get a new one at Christmas!



Mrs Hughes Money Saving Tips of the Week

If you are an X Factor fan and want to download the new single by winner Joe McElderry **DON'T** pay itunes 99p, go to a website called tunechecker.com it will search for cheapest download (for any song) Tesco are offering this one at 29p and it still counts towards chart number!!!!

If like me you love Cadbury Chocolate Orange, go to Morrisons, buy 1 get '2' free!!!!!! yes, 3 for 1 !! also on chocolate fingers!! Lastly, remember straight after Christmas, cards and wrap are reduced so buy and store for next year; you will appreciate this tip in a years time!!!

Snow

A few parents phoned the school this morning to see if we were closed due to snow.

Can I assure you that I will use the text message system if I need to get any messages out to you about school closures?

If you do not receive a text please assume that the school is open.

We aim to keep the school open at all times, and would only close in exceptional circumstances.

Letters sent home this week

Y5 swimming letter

If you have not received one of these letters please contact Mrs Crook in the office on the first day back.