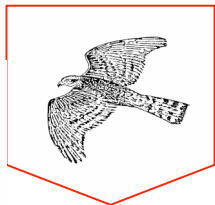


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Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week in school!

You may remember in September we were all pleased to see the arrival of 30 lap tops for the children to use in lessons, to enhance the curriculum and improve learning. I am sure the children have all told you about how much they enjoy using the laptops, and they are in constant use. It is great to see children working on them in their classrooms, using them to research, practice skills and to help learning in general. Mr O'Brien has been so pleased with them that he has ordered a further 30 laptops so that they can be used more! They have arrived this week, and the first 15 have been installed, security marked, and are ready for use on Monday morning. The next 15 will be ready by the end of next week.

Please ask your child to explain how they have used the computers in lessons this week to find out more about them.

Last year we started to run Parent Learning Workshops in the school day to help parents help their children with their learning. All parents who attended these workshops said they were really useful. We are running some more this term. The workshops will help you support your child with their reading and writing and maths skills. The dates and times of the workshops are overleaf. Could I ask you to just let Mr O'Brien or I know in the morning if you are interested in attending so we have a rough idea of numbers (so that we can buy enough biscuits!!!!) If you would like to attend a workshop that has a focus of a different curriculum area, please let me know, and we will add any other workshops in that you request.

Some teachers have asked me to put a reminder in the school newsletter about PE kits. I do know many of them become very frustrated when they have planned to teach a PE lesson and over a third of the class do not have their PE kits in school on that day. We ensure that 2 hours a week are set aside in the timetable to teach PE - to encourage children to enjoy sport and have a healthy life style, and children without PE kits can sometimes stop that enjoyment for others in their class. Please can I ask you to check on the website as to when PE lessons take place and ensure your child brings his / her kit to school?

Thank you to Mr Metcalf who has helped the children organise the Bring and Buy sale today - it has been a lot of work in a short space of time, and thanks too to Miss Varnals who has also spent lots of time helping children to price and sort the many goods that were donated.

Thank you to everyone else involved -including children for donating all their unwanted toys.

Finally, for everyone who remembers Mr Matt Rogers who worked here a couple of years ago and still updates our website (many of you do still talk about him regularly!) his partner Emma has just had their second baby - who was born on Monday morning - weighing 10lbs and 8oz! He has been named Seth Charlie Rogers, a baby brother for Finlay. I am sure you would like to join with me to pass on our congratulations.

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Diary Dates - November & December

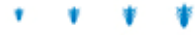
- February 8th - School photographs
- Book week and internet safety week - week commencing 8th Feb
- Half term - W/C 15th Feb

Some one has told me (I have not checked this myself) that snow is on its way again next week. If this is the case, and there are any problems I will use the text service to keep everyone informed.

Remember:

Once a week, take a peek!

Actual size of headlice in stages of growth



Well done!

Well done to: Zach Perry, Alaric Forbes, Kynan Forbes, Lauren Brisley, Alice Mascall, Katie Hutchinson, Maria Windsor, Jasmine Avery, Abigail Allen, Caitlin Kelly, Emily Perry, Sumdee Rai, Rebecca Paterson, Amy Paterson, Maria Goldsmith, Alexa Bail, Jasmin Taylor, Sophie Robson, Lilly Meakins, Ethan Farnham & Holly Martin.

All the children above attend dance class at Hawkinge Community Centre every Thursday and Friday. Last night they had an award ceremony for the exams they took in December. The children were awarded well, and received distinctions and honours for their exams.

One particular mention should go to Alice Mascall. Alice got 91% in her exam - the highest score in the Jnr Jazz class, and an award for the most improved student.



Parent Learning Workshops

How we teach phonics in school
(for parents of children in Reception to Y3)

- Thursday 11th February
2pm

How we teach reading in school -
suitable for all parents - Thursday
25th February 2pm

How we teach Maths in school -
Suitable for all parents - Thursday
4th March - 2pm



Mrs Hughes Money Saving Tips of the Week

The government's made a grant of up to £528 available for low income families with children living in England; it's targeted at those without access to the internet.

Depending on your need you can get up to £528 to spend on a computer (laptop, desktop, netbook and one year's web access). Yet you cannot go anywhere, it's only retailers that operate the scheme, though these include mainstream providers such as Comet, Phones4u and Misco.

Who is eligible?

- You need children in years 3 to 9. This will normally mean ages 7 to 14.
- It's for families with lower incomes. There are a number of tests for this, generally speaking if your child qualifies for free school meals or you receive income support, income-based JSA, child tax credit plus an income lower than £16,060, it's worth checking out.

While the scheme is targeted at those who either don't have a computer or don't have web access, there are only limited checks done on that, though it is important people don't abuse the system.

How many people can get it?

The scheme is due to run for the next 18 months but there is a maximum of 270,000 grants available, one per household. There are currently no plans to extend it across the rest of the UK.

How to apply? Call 0333 200 1004

Letters sent home this week

Trip letters for the following classes:

Y34
Starlings
Firecrests
Skylarks