

Hawkinge Primary School

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Friday 6th December

Dear Parents,

Yesterday the one of the new KCC Gritter lorries came to school, along with 6 other guests representing KCC Highways & Hawkinge Town Council (including the Mayor!) They awarded 13 of our children a special certificate because their Gritter names were amongst the winning names of KCCs new gritters. The names are emblazoned on the gritter door, and the front of the gritter lorries - please do look out for them and let me know if you see any hard at work (names are on the back of the newsletter) Ryan Smith met the sponsor that paid for the art work on the SirGritAlot gritter and posed for a photograph, and other winners were photographed next to the gritter, underneath its shovel on the front and Ellie even got to pose in the cab! All the photographs should be added to the school website soon.

This weekend sees the start of the Christmas period in school. On Saturday morning it is Family Craft Morning when you are invited to come into school between 10am-12noon with your son / daughter and make some crafty bits ready for Christmas. There is no cost for any of the activities except from ceramic painting which does cost £5 per item. If you decide to paint an item Helen will take them away with her to fire them and return them to school before Christmas. She is intending to bring a variety of Christmas-y items to paint - baubles, Christmas decs, snowmen, reindeers and some plain plates & mugs - which would make super Christmas presents!

Sunday morning Santa is coming to school and will be having breakfast with some families. Tickets have all been sold for this year. However if you want to keep the Christmas-y theme flowing for your weekend you are more than welcome to join our school choir, KS1 singing club and recorder group at the Community Centre on Sunday afternoon for Community Carols. The singing starts at 3pm and everyone is very welcome.

Thank you to everyone for respecting my request for keeping Christmas at bay this week. In the final week of term the Christmas Post Boxes will be 'open for business' in each classroom so please do save your Christmas cards until then!

Hope to see you over the weekend

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Diary Dates

- 7th December - Family Christmas Crafts
- 8th December - Breakfast with Santa
- 12th December - Christmas Wrapping Day
- 13TH December - Christmas Gift Day
- 18th December - Nativity (9:30am) and Christmas Lunch
- 19th December - Christmas Fair

School Lunches!

Don't forget school meals cost £2:20 a day / £11 a week.

Next week the kitchen will be serving from week 2

Building update – End of week 2

The building of our new classrooms and toilets is still going well and we are on schedule which is great news! There haven't been any exciting finds this week as most of the digging is now complete. The large digger is due to leave at the end of the week making room for a crane which will lift in the heavy steel frames. Over the next few weeks as this steel structure is fixed in place we will really be able to see the new building taking shape. . Looking at all the concrete foundations we can already see the size of 3 new classrooms and the new corridors!

Thank you to Walkers for donating some wood for our reception classes this week, they are building their own mini size structures already!!

Gritter names to spot

#SirGritlot #Stormtrooper
#NittyGritty #Salty
#Gritsy #SnowDestroyer
#Thor #Sprinkle
#SnowStorm #Grittzee
#MrCool #Icecruncher
#Grittergitten

E safety tip of the week

Keep your child safe on the x-box

Follow these simple instructions to make sure children stay safe.

How to find the parental control options:

On your Xbox 360, go to My Xbox.

Select Console Safety and select On.

Enter a 4-digit PIN, called the Pass Code.

Choose which parental controls you wish to switch on

Select : Save and Exit to save any changes.

Then go to:

- Ratings and Content:
- select the PEGI age rating6 that is appropriate for your child.
- This ensures your child only plays games that are appropriate for their age. To play games that have a higher age rating you will need to enter the 4-digit pass code.

Christmas Landing Pad Assemblies

This term we are going to trial a different approach to the Landing Pad events. Pupils in Reception, Years one and two do not have Landing Pad Assemblies at Christmas because they are busy rehearsing the Nativity. Pupils in Years 3 and 4 would like to invite parents to join them in their classrooms at the end of the day on Thursday 12th December at 2:30pm to share their learning from the half term, and pupils in Years 5 and 6 would like to invite parents in to their classrooms on Friday 13th December at 2:30pm to share their learning from the half term.

Teacher Training Day

Can I remind everyone that we come back to school after the Christmas break on Monday January 6th, BUT the school will be closed on Wednesday 8th January because of a Teacher Training Day. The After School Club will be open all day. If you would like to book your child in please call Aneeka on 079 09 935 821

Message from the PTFA

We would welcome any donations of wrapping paper, sellotape and gift labels for Christmas Wrapping night on 12th December. All parents are welcome to come and wrap on 12th December in preparation for Christmas Gift Day.

Christmas at Hawkinge Primary School.

As you know we are focussed on learning at all times at school and work hard all year. I have found in the past that if too much Christmas-y activity comes into school too early that children lose their focus on school work. This being the case Christmas does not formally come to Hawkinge Primary School before Friday 13th December (other than weekend events). Could I ask you to support this by not sending Christmas cards into school until the last week of term?

Many thanks

Every week – take a peek!

Please check your child's hair for head lice this weekend, there seems to be an outbreak of headlice in school at the moment.



Above is a picture of the actual size of head lice in different stages of growth!!!!!!