

Hawkinge Primary School



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Dear Parents,

During Monday morning assembly this week two special visitors came to tell us all about the building work that is going on. Steve Walker (from Walker Bros) and Matt the Forman came into assembly and told the children about what they are building, how the building work will progress, the health and safety issues the children must be aware of whilst the builders are on site and all about the special requirements for clothing the builders have to wear to keep themselves safe. They children were fascinated, and then were given the opportunity to ask the builders questions, they asked many thoughtful questions. On the reverse of the newsletter I will dedicate a box to 'Weekly Building Updates' so everyone knows what is going on!

We carried out our termly Fire Alarm practice on Wednesday (in the rain!) to ensure the new building works do not cause problems for children exiting the school and that they don't slow down their arriving at the fire assembly point. I am pleased to be able to report they did not. From the moment the fire bell was sounded to the time the last child was accounted for in the school it took 4 minutes, which is the same timing as the previous term when no builders were on site, which is very pleasing. The children had all exited the building within 1 minute of the alarm sounding.

This week started with an exciting event for children in Years 3 and 4. Art students from Christchurch University came to visit to lead an 'Art Invasion Day'. The students led workshops designing and making clothes. Miss Costin's class designed and made hats in the style of Philip Tracey, Miss Sotirious class learnt about Vivienne Westwood and had the opportunity to design and make handbags in her style and Mrs Wookey's class styled whole outfits using mannequins as a structure for their designs! There will be photographs on the school website over the weekend for you to have a look at it!

Children in Corduroy and Paddington classes have been learning about the festival of Diwali. When I went to visit their classroom this week I was very impressed by the divas they have made (candle pots) which are very bright and sparkly!

You will have received a letter about Christmas Dinner week - please do return it to school as soon as possible. If you post it in the black letter box outside the Green Room Mrs Webb will collect the money on a regular basis (and that will save you from queuing up!) If you are entitled to Free School meals please do return the form still in the salmon envelope. Thank you!

I was excited to receive an e mail from Kent Highways earlier in the week, and they would like to bring one of the gritters named by children at Hawkinge Primary School to school to show the children! They cannot bring all 13 for obvious reasons.... I will keep you posted on when they are due to arrive.

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Diary Dates

- 25th November - PTFA meeting
- 27th November - Bags2 School collection
- 7th December - Family Christmas Crafts
- 8th December - Breakfast with Santa
- 12th December - Christmas Wrapping Day
- 13TH December - Christmas Gift Day
- 18th December - Nativity 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 4

Building update – End of week 1

The foundations of the new classrooms have all been dug, and on Friday they will be filled with concrete. Whilst digging the foundations the builders have come across a silver car bumper deep in the foundations suggesting at one time the school playground was a car sales garage. The Canterbury Archeological Team are trying to find out whether the bumper was from an old mini or a beetle!

PTFA meeting

Just a reminder that there will be a PTFA meeting on Monday evening at school (7pm) . Everyone is welcome. The meeting will be a planning meeting for the any Christmas Events

Beach Ball competition winners!

I am very pleased to be able to announce (if somewhat late!) the winners of the beach ball competition. There were many entries from staff and children alike, many of which are on the school website.

The prizes for the competition have been donated by 2 Hythe businesses - Amazing Glaze and Gingers Kitchen. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both businesses for their support.

We have selected 3 winning photographs in no particular order.

The winners are:

- Isla Killelay (for her hunt the Beach Ball picture)
- Grace Lester (for the most extreme location – Afghanistan)
- Aisling Clarkin (for a wonderful beach shot!)

The children will receive their prizes in Monday morning assembly

Thank you to everyone who contributed an entry – we hope you had as much fun with your beach ball as my family did this summer!

Christmas Nativity Date for your diary

The children in Corduroy, Paddington, Elmer, Minpins, Piglet and Stripy Horses classes will all be performing in the school nativity play this year.

The play will be on Wednesday 18th December, and will be held in the Community Centre. The Nativity will start at 9:30am



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

At Hawkinge Village Hall
Saturday 23rd November
10am – 2pm

Beautiful hand crafted gifts
Cake Stall
Refreshments
Tombola



Father Christmas will be there!

Recommended reads for November

Mrs Hill (our Reading Champion) will be recommending books for your son / daughter to read each month. Below are this months recommendations

Year 1 pupils – A dog called Rod (Tim Hopgood)

Year 2 / Year 3 – The Man whose mother was a pirate Margret Mahy)

Year 4 – The Firework Makers Daughter

Year 5 – The ghost of Thomas Kempe (Penelope Lively)

Year 6 – Dead Mans Cove (Lauren St John)

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!!!!!!!