

Hawkinge Primary School



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Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week at school this week - the latest building work update is overleaf, I am pleased to report that they are getting on well!

Pupils in Years 1 and 2 have been learning how to send e mails this week (as a class) so have been busy e mailing me about their theme. I have sent them questions that they have answered! I have learnt lots about the Great Fire OF London from their e mails!

Pupils in Years 5 and 6 have had the opportunity to speak to a 'real life' evacuee. Nettie came to visit the children and they asked her many questions about being evacuated in the war. She told me their questions were very thoughtful, and the children reported that they had really enjoyed having the opportunity to ask her about what it was really like, rather than just reading about it / watching a film!

It is with great sadness that I am announcing that Mrs Nash is leaving our school. She has been a TA in the Reception class for a couple of years, and has been a real asset to the school. We will really miss her. She has been offered a job in the school nursing service - a job that will suit her perfectly. Our loss is their gain. Mrs Nash will be working with us until the Christmas holidays. In January a new Teaching Assistant will be starting work in reception - Miss Webb. She is excited to get started - you will probably see her in school over the next few weeks.

Miss Dawe will also be having some time off school over the next few weeks - she is having an operation on her foot. Her last day will be next Wednesday and then she should be back at work mid January. Miss Dawe loves Christmas in school so she will be very disappointed to be missing all the Christmas excitement!

I know we are not quite in December yet, but I would like to remind you that the school is closed on Wednesday 8th January for a staff training day. The After School Club will be open all day. If you would like to book your son / daughter in please telephone 079 09 935 821

This week has ended with a 'story swap'. Teachers swap classrooms to tell a story to another class at the end of the day. Please ask your son / daughter who read to them today - it is a lovely way to end the week!

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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 1

Building update – End of week 2

The builders in school have been exceptionally busy this week! They have removed 50 tonnes of Tarmac and a massive 443 tonnes of soil! The foundations for the new classes and toilets are now in with over 150 tonnes of concrete being poured into them.

Last week the builders discovered the land was once a car salesroom, this week they have found lots of very old bottles and jars, including some very old marmite jars!

We are now waiting for the steel frames to arrive which should be here next week ready to be up by the end of term.

PRIMARY MATHS CHALLENGE

NOVEMBER 2013

Children in Year 5 and 6 took part in the Primary Maths Challenge. All children that took part received a certificate and some children were awarded bronze, silver and gold certificates.

Gold certificates were awarded to:

- Charlotte North
- Maisie Lavender
- Jack Parker
- Logan Slater
- Shannon Cole
- Rebecca Paterson
- Binamra Gurung
- Binamra Rai



Well done to everyone that took part!

Christmas Lunch

Thank you to the many parents who have returned their Christmas Lunch request forms and money – Mrs Webb has been very impressed by the return so far. If you have not returned your slip / money yet Wednesday is the absolute last day you can. Please post the envelope in the black post box outside the green room. If you have lost your form please see Mrs Webb on Monday. If your child always has school lunches / you pay in advance / your child is entitled to Free School Meals you still must return the form.

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 FAYRE

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

Beautiful hand crafted gifts
Cake Stall
Refreshments
Tombola



Father Christmas will be there!

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!!!!!!