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Dear Parents,

We have had a great week at school this week learning all about The Christmas Truce. Pupils in Reception have made poppies and talked about their relevance. Ms Thompson even brought a poppy in to share with the children that was part of the Tower Of London installation. They have also learnt about the significance of the number 11 when remembering soldiers who have died in many wars. The reception classes have also learnt about the animals that went to war - including foxes (I am sure they will tell you more if you ask them!)

In Years 1 and 2 the children have enjoyed making and tasting the trench cakes that the soldiers made in the trenches to raise their spirits. The trench cakes are made from flour, margarine, lemon juice, cocoa, vinegar, milk, brown sugar and currents. I am sure over the weekend photographs of children trying Trench cake will be posted on the school website. The children in Year 1 and 2 particularly enjoyed the football tournament they had on Thursday to teach them about the Christmas Truce. The children have also been busy code breaking and writing poems in role as soldiers to their parents. They have been very busy!

Miss Costin turned her classroom into a trench this week to give children an experience of life in a 'trench' demonstrating the cramped conditions soldiers lived in. Whilst in the trench the children made and tasted a vegetable stew! Other classes in year 3 and 4 have also learnt about life in the trenches, have written about the experiences the soldiers have had in different ways. There has been lots of glitter used to decorate poppies in Mrs Maitland's classroom!!!

Pupils in Years 5 and 6 enjoyed starting off their week with a Christmas Truce Football Tournament (although I think many parents of pupils in Y5&6 would tell you it was more like a mud bath!!!) The children have been doing lots of problem solving - code breaking and data handling linked to World War One. The children have written many thoughtful poems about life in the trenches / about the hardship of war, they have also learnt about the important role Folkestone played in WW1. Please ask them to tell you all about it over the weekend. It has been a fascinating week - the children really seem to have enjoyed it. Many parents have also spoken to me to say how much they have enjoyed finding out information about the Christmas Truce - it is always good to know that children talk about their learning at home too!

Christmas is on the horizon, can I ask you to support our school rule of Christmas cards being kept at home until the last week of term? Thank you.

Aly



Dates for your diary

December

1st – Staff training day

6th – Christmas Crafts

7th – Breakfast with Santa

12th – Christmas Gift Day

15th – Y56 Landing Pad Assembly

16th – Y34 Landing Pad Assembly

17th – Nativity (R, Y1, Y2 pupils) Community Centre 9:30am

19th – Last day

January 5th – Back to school

19th – PTFA meeting 7pm

School Lunches!

Don't forget school meals cost £2:30 a day if your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6.

School meals will be served from the week 1 menu next week

Menus are available on the school website

Go to About Us – Documents

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch for pupils is on Wednesday 17th December.

If you have a child **in Reception Y1, Y2** all you need to do is complete the form that was sent home on Tuesday and return it to school. The form **MUST** be returned to school **no later** than Thursday 4th December. Any forms returned after that date will not be accepted.

(Spare forms in the school office / with Mrs Webb in the Green room)

If you have a child in **Year 3,4,5,6** who pay for their school meals and you would like them to have a Christmas lunch the form must be returned to school with payment (envelope attached to this letter) **no later** than Thursday 4th December. Any forms returned after that date will not be accepted.

If you have a child in **Year 3,4,5,6** who are entitled to free school meals and you would like them to have a Christmas lunch the form must be returned to school no later than Thursday 4th December. Any forms returned after that date will not be accepted.

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ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Registration in each class is taken at 8:45 a.m. each morning and registers are collected to check absences.

Parents are directed to ring the school to inform of a child's absence or leave a message on the school answer phone. Parents who have not notified the school of a child's absence are telephoned after 9.15 to check the child's whereabouts.

The full attendance policy is on the school website.

Attendance / holidays

Please do remember that we are not in a position to be able to authorise holidays for children during school time. If there is a reason your son / daughter needs time out of school for an exceptional circumstance please complete the exceptional circumstance form that can be found in the school office or on the school website – About Us / Policy link / Attendance Policy.

Term times for 2014- 2015 are as follows:

Christmas holidays – 22 / 12/2014 – 5/01/14

February Half Term - 16/02/15 – 23/02/15

Easter holidays – 02/04/15 – 20/04/15

May Half Term – 25/05/15 – 01/06/15

Summer holidays – 27th July

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES IN HAWKINGE

Hawkinge Town Council and Hawkinge Baptist Church are delighted to invite you to join them at this year's Christmas festivities.

MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER AT 4.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

The Christmas Tree Lights will be switched on by the Town Mayor Councillor Tony Hutt. The Event will include singing carol around the tree, Christmas entertainment and refreshments in the Village Hall for all the family.

ANNUAL CAROL CONCERT

SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER AT 3PM AT HAWKINGE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

The concert is being organised jointly by the Town Council and Hawkinge Baptist Church. The Folkestone Salvation Army Band will be providing the music for the carols. Hawkinge Primary School and the Churchill School will be giving seasonal performances during the concert. The afternoon includes refreshments. Please come along and support these two events.

Attendance of the week

Afremov class had the highest attendance last week (17/11/14 - 21/11/14)
98.52%

Have you got a child starting school in September? Or do you know someone who has? The application has opened! Please apply by going to www.kent.gov.uk/ola