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Dear Parents,

Thank you to the many parents who came to the class assemblies this week - it has been great to see so many of you supporting your children and finding out what they actually do at school when they respond by saying 'nothing!' when you ask them each day what they have been doing! One day parents were queuing to get in all the way down Mill Lane and around the corner onto Canterbury Road! We all appreciate your support.

Parents Evening was also very well attended this week - I know some people have appointments after half term booked on too. It feels like it has been a very busy end to the half term!

This week three new Teaching Assistants have started to work at Hawkinge Primary School. We would like to formally welcome them to the team - Mr Andrews, Miss Mortimer and Miss MacKay. They all say that they have had a good first week, which is pleasing to hear!

As I am sure you all know it is half term next week followed by a Staff Training Day on Monday - so the school will be closed to children on Monday 3rd November. The After School Club will be open all day. If you need to use the club please telephone Annika on 07909 935 821. Club will be open from 8am - 6pm and will cost £20 for the full day or £10 for half a day. Myself and the teachers will be spending the day at Cheriton Primary School where we will be learning more about 'learning behaviours' - it looks like it will be an interesting day.

When we return to school on Tuesday 4th November I expect that there will be new parking regulation signs in Mill Lane. Once the signs are in place they are enforceable - please do follow the new parking rules. One parent has mentioned that he has seen the Parking Wardens doing a sweep of the area already.

Have a good half term!

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Dates for your diary

3rd November – school closed for training day
11th November – Open Morning for children starting school September 2015!
1st December – Staff training day
6th December – Xmas craft day
17th December 9:30 – 10:30am

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 4 after half term.
*Menus are available on the school website
Go to About Us – Documents*

Football Cards!

We have had several incidents this week with children doing 'unfair swaps' with football cards. I am reluctant to ban football cards from school because children do like playing with them / swapping with friends etc. Can I ask that children only bring in cards they are happy to swap?
In the past I have said that I am happy for football cards to come into school – but if they go missing staff will not spend time sorting these situations out. This rule still applies. Thank you for your support.

At half term – take a peek!

Please check your child's hair for head lice this weekend. Regular checks prevent the spread of head lice in school.

RED, WHITE and BLUE DAY

Thank you to everyone who supported Red, White and Blue Day last Friday.



The children arrived in some great and whacky outfits and really entered into the spirit of the event. There were films of WW1 men in the trenches, making a cup of tea or a corned beef hash. Children had little taster sessions of corned beef and spam- some classes even made WW1 hash for sampling. The day became cross curricular with history, stories, music, singing, literacy work and more.

In the end, we are pleased and proud to tell you that we raised a very impressive £254.00 for the combined charities, supporting the children and families of our armed forces. Some photos of the day will be available shortly on our web site. Well done and many thanks.

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 a.m. to check the child's whereabouts.

The full attendance policy is on the school website.

Have you got a child starting school in September? Or do you know someone who has?

We will be holding our Open Morning on 11th November 9:30 -11:130am
Please spread the word!

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:

October Half Term – 27/10/14-03/11//14
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

Attendance of the week

Van Gogh Class had 99.2% attendance last week – well done to all children concerned!