

# Hawkinge Primary School

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Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week at Hawkinge Primary School this week! On Tuesday we held our annual open morning for parents of children who are due to start school in September. It was so nice to meet many new parents and have the opportunity to catch up with parents who already have children at our school, but younger brothers / sisters are due to start. Please do remember if you have a child who is due to start school in September you must apply on line for a place. It is not enough that they have a sibling at our school already. To apply for a place go to [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola) The closing date for applications for Reception is January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Children in Y6 have represented our school this week at a service of Remembrance. They went to the War Graves in Hawkinge with Y6 pupils from The Churchill School where Rev Grinsell led the service of Remembrance. On Friday the children in Years 5 and 6 were lucky enough to have a talk from 2 war veterans. The reported back that the talk was exceptionally interesting. One of the veterans was 92 years old and still very spritely!

As we do each year we had a minutes silence at 11am on the 11<sup>th</sup> November. The children have all been learning about Remembrance Day this week, why we wear poppies and why we have a minute's silence. This work will be a good foundation to a special week we are having starting on the 24<sup>th</sup> November - a Christmas Truce Week. More information to follow in next week's newsletter.

Mr O'Brien and Mr Cinelli took our school football team to Christchurch Primary School yesterday for a football tournament. Tegan Graham Lund, Jack Nelson, Jude Farnham, Lyall Ellison, Andrew Davey, Adam Hall, Joshua Tanner and Lenny Atherton represented the school. They played 4 matches, winning two (1-0, 2-0) and drawing two winning the group. They will now play the finals at Morehall next Thursday. We will report back in next week's newsletter!

Have a good weekend

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## Dates for your diary

### November:

20<sup>th</sup> – Football match at Morehall Primary School  
w/c 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Truce Week

### December

1<sup>st</sup> – Staff training day  
6<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Crafts  
7<sup>th</sup> – Breakfast with Santa  
12<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Gift Day  
15<sup>th</sup> – Y56 Landing Pad Assembly  
16<sup>th</sup> – Y34 Landing Pad Assembly  
17<sup>th</sup> – Nativity (R, Y1, Y2 pupils) Community Centre 9:30am  
19<sup>th</sup> – Last day

## 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 3 menu next week

*Menus are available on the school website  
Go to About Us – Documents*

## A message from Tanya Moore – Community Warden for Hawkinge

I have had a job offer with Kent Police and my last working day in Hawkinge is Friday 28th November. The decision to leave has not been made easily, as after ten years in the community of Hawkinge, it is hard to make that break. I have been involved with so much and so many people over the years and it will be sad to say goodbye.

Although, with the uncertainty of the Community Warden service as from April 2015, the role will not be the same and it is unlikely that I would be spending much time in Hawkinge, so I feel that this job offer has come at the right time for me, personally.

I have enjoyed working closely with community groups, schools and supporting events, making my time in Hawkinge memorable, fun and yet not without its challenges! I feel that I have supported and worked with the community in such a way, that has brought them together as the village has grown into a town, dealing with its problems along the way. I would like to think that I have made some impact on the community and helped residents in a number of ways throughout the years.

The role in Kent Police is a Liaison officer, based in Margate but covering the South East division and involves liaising with community groups, volunteer police staff and Neighbourhood Watch schemes, bringing them together to support and set up community initiatives, support police officers and events and to address issues in communities. I'm hoping that my skills, experience and personal qualities will make this role a success and help more people throughout this part of Kent. It is a great opportunity for me and who knows where it may lead.

However, I am not cutting my ties completely, as I will still be in touch with the Town Council and I'm sure you will see me at community events volunteering my help and support. The annual dog show will continue, so for all you dog owners/lovers, you will see me then too! I will be in the community centre for people to drop in and have a cuppa, bit of cake and say goodbye on Thursday 27th November, 10-12noon and 2.30-4.30pm. So I hope to see folk there, if I don't see them before.

## 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.

## 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 – 27<sup>th</sup> July

## Attendance of the week

Last week the classes with the best attendance were Modigliani and Da Vinci both with 100%

**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](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola)**