

Hawkinge Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for all your support with Children in Need last week. We raised the grand total of £229! The children really did enjoy telling their classes about their hero's ranging from Drs to parents, it was humbling to hear about some of the stories the children were telling. Ms Thompson particularly would like to thanks Lyall and Jack who worked hard all week selling the wrist bands, they did a sterling job!

Next week we are having a 'special' week in school -Christmas Truce Week. You may have seen the Sainsbury's advert and might have heard about the Christmas Truce that took place along the Western Front around Christmas time 1914. The children will be learning that the truce did not happen everywhere, or indeed every year but will be learning about why the truce took place, what happened and about life in the trenches during World War One. Some of the juniors will be able to 'interview' a soldier in one of the trenches, other children will be making trench cake (a cake that soldiers made in the trenches to keep up their spirits). Classes will also learn the important role that football (and other sports) played in the Christmas Truce. The children will be finding out that there was no 'Official Truce' but many unofficial ones. Classes will also learn about historical accuracy in reporting facts and how some 'facts' are embellished and a romantic image is created around harsher facts - amongst other historical skills. The work will be going on in every class, all week. I do hope your son / daughter keep you well informed. Photographs from the week will be published on the school website. The week will be followed up by a visit from a drama group on 8th December who will be presenting a version of the Christmas Truce story to the children.

Can I remind you that school will be closed on Monday 1st December for a Teacher Training day? The After School Club will be open on that day if you would like to use it. Contact Anika on 07909 935 821.

Have a good weekend

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Dates for your diary

November:

w/c 24th – Christmas Truce Week

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

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 menu next week

Menus are available on the school website

Go to About Us – Documents

PTFA message – Breakfast with Santa

Breakfast with Santa tickets will be on sale next week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 8:30am / 3pm in the school hall.

Tickets will cost £5.00 per adult, £3.00 per child or £15.00 per family (2 adults 2 children). A full English breakfast will be served (vegetarian option available) and each child will receive a gift from Santa.

Winter Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported the Winter Fair event – as customers or stall holders. The Winter Fair made £1142.43 profit.

Wrist bands

Over the last few weeks children have been wearing wrist bands in aid of Remembrance Day and Children in Need and your support in buying them has raised money for the respective charities. From Monday I request that children do not wear the wrist bands to school and we return to our school uniform policy again. Thanks for your support

A Fond Farewell

Tanya Clark the Community Warden is leaving on Friday 28th November 2014 after 10 years in Hawkinge.

You are invited to join her in the Community Centre Foyer on Thursday 27th November 2014 between 10:00 & 12:00 and 2:30 & 4:30 for refreshments and to say farewell

Tanya will be very pleased to see you.

Attendance of the week

Afremov and Da Vinci class had 100% attendance last week (10/11/14 - 14/11/14).

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

PRIMARY MATHS CHALLENGE NOVEMBER 2014

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:

Ananya Ramamurthy
Rachel Bielby
Aisling Clarkin
Alfie Skinner
Lenny Atherton
Alastair Maxwell



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