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Dear Parents,

I always love the first week of terms when each year group 'launches' their new curriculum theme. The 'Launch Pad' is an event to inspire the children and create a 'buzz' about the newest theme they will be learning about. On Thursday the children in Macaw and Hummingbird classes attended an Indian Drumming / Music workshop to launch their theme of **Why Are Those Lights Shining So Brightly?** They will be learning all about the different festivals that happen this time of year - from Bonfire night and Remembrance to Diwali and Christmas.

The children in Years 1 and 2 launched their theme of **How do you make an apple turnover?** by attending 4 different apple workshops which involved tasting a variety of unusual apples, art workshops, science workshops and PE workshops!

In years 3 and 4 the theme they are studying is **How has the film industry changed over time?** The whole year group got on two coaches on Tuesday and went to watch a film at Ashford cinema. The children absolutely loved the experience. They went to see Rio 2. They were given a box of snacks and drinks and had a wonderful time. It happened to be Mrs Maitlands birthday - so it was a lovely birthday treat for her too!!

Children in years 5 and 6 started the week on Monday by being able to watch a famous musical. They could select one of four different musicals to watch to launch their theme of **Why do people go to the theatre?** Children chose between Westside Story, Cats, Hairspray and Oliver. Obviously all these themes include work about shows and pantomimes to tie in with the pantomime visit later on this term. All in all it has been a very busy, but exciting week!

Our year 5 pupils represented the school at a Service of Remembrance on Wednesday at the Hawkinge War Graves. More information is on the reverse of this newsletter. This week there have been poppies and various other pieces of Remembrance Day merchandise on sale in the morning before school. Pupils will continue to be selling them next week too (up until the 11th November) Next week they will also be selling Children in Need wrist bands for £1.

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Diary Dates – Term 2

12th November – EYFS open day for new starters September 2016! 9:30am – 11:30am
13th November – Children In Need ‘hero’ day.
21st November – Winter Fair
5th December – Family Xmas Crafts morning
6th December – PTFA Breakfast with Santa
7th December – Panto trip! (oh yes it is!)
10th December – Y34 Landing Pad
11th December – Y56 Landing pad
11th December – Christmas Gift Wrapping (3pm – 5pm)
14th December – Xmas Gift Day (more info to follow)
15th December – Nativity Play (Reception, Y 1& 2)
16th December – Christmas Lunch
18th December – Last day of term
5th January – Staff training day
6th January – Children start back at school

Absence

If your son / daughter is ill please contact the school on 01303-892224 before 8:30am on the morning of their absence and each day they are absent from school.

Service of Remembrance

On Wednesday we went to the war graves in Hawkinge. Before we walked to the war graves three men came and spoke to us. One of these men was called Henry and he flew a Lancaster during the war.

When we arrived at the war graves we were all given a cross and stood behind a gravestone. The vicar spoke to us and said some prayers. We had a minutes silence and the National Anthem was played. After this we placed the cross we were holding in front of the graves.

Written by Joshua Uttley and Neve West

House Captains.

We are proud to be able to announce the following children have been appointed as House Captains 2015-2016:

Spitfire (red) team:

Emily Perry and Ashton Sutton

Hurricane (yellow) team:

Lewis Wade and Chloe Horne

Lancaster (green) team

Zine Ameen and Johnny Nolan

Lysander (blue) team

Amy Scott and Lenny Atherton

Sports Captains

Adam Hall and Amy Richardson

Walk to Rio

How many miles were you able to record in your Walk to Rio book over half term. Keep up with recording the data. Miss Dawe will be collecting in the data soon!

Attendance

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.

Attendance term - Term 1

League position	Class	Attendance
1 st	De Morais	98.66%
2 nd	Hummingbirds	98.36%
3 rd	Macaws	98.33%
4 th	Rio	98.25%
5 th	Alpacas	97.24%
6 th	Jaguars	97.14%
7 th	Pico Da Neblina	97.10%
8 th	The Amazon	97.07%
9 th	Geckos	97.00%
10 th	Capybaras	96.80%
11 th	Flamingos	96.43%
11 th	Rainforest	96.43%
13 th	Coffee Beans	96.03%
14 th	Armadillos	96.02%

Whole school attendance: 97.15%

Advance dates for your diary!

15th December – Nativity
4th Jan – staff training day
24th & 25th Feb - Parents evening
24th March – staff training
1st July – staff training
24th June – Sports Day
6th & 7th July – Parents evening

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 week 2 next week.

*The new Autumn menu is available on the school website
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