

# Hawkinge Primary School

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11<sup>th</sup> December

Dear Parents,

What a busy week! Last week ended with a busy Christmas filled weekend - with Christmas Crafts on Saturday which was well organised by Miss Dawe and well attended by children, parents and staff alike. I would like to thank the staff who came to school on Saturday morning to run a 'crafty table' - it was lovely for us to see so many of you in attendance. Sunday morning was an early start for the kitchen staff that were in school cooking breakfast for 100 people before 7am! Again I would like to thank them for their hard work - and wonderful breakfast, I am sure everyone who attended would agree! It was delicious! Then we moved across to the Hawkinge Community Centre. I counted 50 children from Hawkinge Primary School who took part in the service singing Christmas carols and performing Christmas songs to the Hawkinge Community. I was certainly a very proud Head teacher! Thank you for coming along on a Sunday afternoon - a special thank you to Miss Hanner and Miss Walker who run the KS1 singing club and KS2 choir - the children performed wonderfully.

The pantomime on Monday was wonderful! I am sure your child / children will have told you all about it. It was truly magical to watch the faces of our pupils during the performance. The actors were wonderful. The singing, dancing, acting and roller skating were all of such a high standard - I cannot recommend it enough!

This week has finished with landing pad assemblies from children in Years 3 & 4 on Thursday and Years 5 and 6 on Friday. The children gave very good productions sharing their learning with parents from this term. It was obvious from their performances how much they have enjoyed this terms theme and what great learning opportunities they have had during the term.

This morning pupils in Macaw and Fireflies classes have been lucky enough to have had a video conference with Santa! We all know how busy he is at this time of year, so we were lucky he could squeeze the two classes in. The children were absolutely engaged during their video conferencing. Santa answered many of their questions they wanted to ask too.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the 'No Christmas Cards in school until the last week of term' rule! The post boxes are being put up tonight, ready for Christmas cards to be posted on Monday!

Have a lovely weekend - two weeks today is Christmas day!!!!

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**PS - Don't forget it is Christmas Gift Day on Monday - no credit given in the PTFA shop - so please do not forget your money! (£2 per gift - maximum purchase 3 gifts each)**



### Diary Dates – Term 2

11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Gift Wrapping (3pm – 5pm)  
14<sup>th</sup> December – Xmas Gift Day (more info to follow)  
15<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity Play (Reception, Y 1& 2)  
16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch  
18<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term  
4<sup>th</sup> January – Staff training day  
5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### School Lunches!

School meals will be served from the Christmas Menu next week.

### Reminder

**January 4<sup>th</sup> is a staff training day – the school will be closed to children on that day.**

### Attendance

The class with the best attendance last week was Jaguars class - 98.75%.

### Clubs in the last week of term.

All clubs will be cancelled next week with the exception of:

Dance Clubs (Mrs Chown)  
Cookery Club (Mrs Featherstone & Mrs Wookey)

This week is Computer Science Education Week and to celebrate, Miss Costin would like everybody to have a go at coding at home! Experiment designing your own computer games at [www.tynker.com](http://www.tynker.com) or if you have an iPad, download the free Scratch (or ScratchJnr for KS1) app to see what games you can create! Be sure to tell Miss Costin about your new creations!

### Nativity play on Wednesday

If you have a child in Years 1,2 or Reception they will be taking part in the Nativity play at Hawkinge Community Centre on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. The Community Centre will open at 9am for parents to get a seat. The nativity will start at 9:30am and will be finished before 10:30am. All the children will be on the stage at the end of the performance if you wish to take a photograph before being escorted back to school (for their Christmas Lunch!)

Please can I remind you that you are welcome to take photographs of your child but please do not publish photographs of any other child who may have sneaked into your photograph on social media site, doing so may put some children / families in danger. Thank you for respecting this rule.

### PTFA message - Christmas Gift Day

Christmas Gift Day will take place on Monday 14th December.

This is when the children have the opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for their friends and family at a cost of £2.00 per gift.

This year, we have set a limit of 3 gifts per child to ensure the smooth running of the event and sufficient stock levels. Next week, we will send a letter home outlining the event in more detail along with a list that should be used to detail the people your child is buying for. We would be extremely grateful if you could complete the list and send it in with your child on the day.

If you have a free hour after school on Friday 12th December, we would appreciate your help with wrapping all the gifts. This will take place in the classroom kitchen.

Thank you :-)

### 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.

### Advance dates for your diary!

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