

Hawkinge Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Yesterday was World Poetry Day. The children at Hawkinge Primary School celebrated by having the opportunity to write, read and listen to poems - especially in their English lessons. Children wrote a range of different types of poems - rhyming words in reception, acrostic poems in year one, year two completed work on poems using their senses and in Key Stage Two children learnt about performance poetry, wrote poems about the local environment and used the Olympics as a stimulus too!

I was exceptionally impressed by a poem some pupils in Y5 wrote (Miss Staggs English class) so much so I have published it on the back of this week's newsletter. The children observed the infants during a playtime and used this as a stimulus to write their poem. I am sure you will agree that they have captured their play well!

The children enjoyed their free lunch on Thursday - I have got to say the sausages were delicious. The kitchen team cooked lunch and served lunch to 376 pupils! Quite a feat if you ask me! Thank you to them for all their hard work!

We are quickly approaching half term - with only two more weeks to go. During the last week of term can I remind you that we will be having Landing Pad assemblies? On Tuesday 18th it will be the turn of Year 5 and 6 pupils, Wednesday 19th Year 3 and 4 pupils, Thursday 20th will see the turn of pupils in Years 1 & 2 and finally - on the Friday afternoon children in Reception will welcome their parents in for an assembly. On all of the days we would ask you to enter the school via the car park at 2:15pm. The gates will open at 2:15pm. The children will welcome you into their classrooms to tell you all about their learning this term.

We invite you to bring in items to the class assembly for our Harvest celebrations. At this time of year we always support The Rainbow Centre in Folkestone who ask for donations of tinned food, toothpaste, non-perishable foods all of which can be used in the Winter Shelter. Just bring any donations along to the assemblies. Thank you!

Have a nice weekend

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Diary Dates – Term 1

17th Oct – Phonics workshop
18th Oct – Landing Pad Assembly Y56 – 2:15pm
19th Oct – Landing Pad Assembly Y34 – 2:15pm
20th Oct – Landing Pad Assembly Y12 – 2:15pm
21st Oct – Landing Pad Assembly Reception –
2:15pm
22nd – 30th October – Half term

Jeans for Genes

Thank you for all your support with our fundraiser last Friday – we raised £363.40 for Jeans for Genes!

Thank you!

Advance dates for your diary!

Parents Evenings – 2nd & 3rd November / 1st & 2nd March / 5th & 6th July
Nativity – 14th December (EYFS -Y2 pupils)
Y6 residential – 7th – 9th May
Sports Day – 20th June
Reserve Sports Day – 27th June

Attendance

The classes with the best attendance last week were Giants Causeway and William Wallace Monument with 99.55% attendance.

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.

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 3 next week.

*The new menu is available on the school website
Go to About Us – Documents*

News item found in this week's press

Kids staying up obsessed with smartphones

Children as young as nine are so dependent on their mobile phones that they check them throughout the night. A quarter of pupils are turning up for school tired and unable to concentrate because of constant notifications from their devices. Almost half of 11- to 18-year-olds admitted checking social media accounts when they should be sleeping. Charlotte Robertson, of Digital Awareness UK, which worked on the survey with the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference, said: "They want to be seen to be quite cool, to make sure they catch the joke - it's a huge driver."

I am hoping all children at Hawkinge Primary School keep their mobile phones in a room other than their bedroom overnight!

The Secret Life of Key Stage One

Just like Soldiers going into war,
they charge with pieces of fruit,
they yelled like banshees more and more,
never stop to salute.



Footballs fly like cannon balls,
smoke hovers through the air,
as they crumble and cry like falling walls,
their teachers are in despair

Balancing like Acrobats, 
along the adventure trail,
playing zombies, robots and cats,
A builder with a hammer and nails.

They celebrate like premier footballers,
dribbling and waving their arms,
on hands and knees like baby crawlers,
with mud and banana mush on their palms.

Message from Miss Walker....


The Flour Jar
handmade bread and cakes
Christmas Cakes

I am now taking orders for Christmas cakes for delivery the last week of term. Please order by 5th December. For prices and any other queries please find and message me on Facebook @ The Flour Jar.