

# Hawkinge Primary School

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Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Dear Parents,

Tomorrow (Friday) we say cheerio to Ms Milborrow who is starting her maternity leave on Monday. The school will certainly be a very odd place without her cheery smile and laughter. As many of you will have noticed she is getting bigger by the day (no - it is nothing to do with the mince pies!!) her baby is due later on this month. I am sure you would like to join with me in wishing her a peaceful maternity leave! I am absolutely sure that Ms Milborrow (and baby) will be a frequent visitor at school and I will certainly keep you posted when the baby arrives.

Tomorrow is also 11<sup>th</sup> November - we will be having a minutes silence ay 11am. The children will be learning about why we remember on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November - please do ask your son / daughter what they have learnt about Armistice Day when they get home from school tomorrow.

Pupils in Years 3 and 4 went on a visit to Strange Cargo Art Gallery on Tuesday - their theme is 'How deep is the ocean?' so we were thrilled to hear that Strange Cargo had an art exhibition entitled 'Sea Swim - head above water'! The art exhibition ranged from photographic art, film, 3d sculptures to drawings and textiles. The children certainly enjoyed the exhibition and equally enjoyed making the origami boats which supported the visit.

This afternoon members of the school football team have been invited to participate in a Shepway Schools 7 aside football tournament - we will report back next week to let you know how they got on.

Don't forget that wrist bands for Children In Need will be on sale next week in the mornings before school - we have a limited stock - so buy early to avoid disappointment. Bands cost £1 each. Next Friday come to school wearing spots in exchange for £1!

Have a lovely weekend,

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### Diary Dates – Term 2

25<sup>th</sup> Nov – Non uniform day – items for the tombola  
26<sup>th</sup> Nov – Winter Fair  
8<sup>TH</sup> Dec – Story Swap  
9<sup>th</sup> Dec – Pupil Voice  
10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Crafts  
11<sup>th</sup> December – Breakfast with Santa  
14<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity at the Community Centre (9:30am)  
15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Landing Pad Assembly –Y34 (2:15pm)  
16<sup>th</sup> Dec – Landing Pad – Y56 (2:15pm)  
20<sup>th</sup> Dec – School Xmas Lunch

### 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.

The School Health Team are holding a Primary Health Clinic on 17th November, 08:30-10:30 at Hawkinge Primary School.

If you would like to book an appointment with one of the school nurses to discuss your son / daughters health needs please contact their office (On 01303 858 924) to book a half an hour appointment slot to speak to our School Staff Nurses about any health concerns you have.

### Christmas dates for you diary

- 25<sup>th</sup> Nov – Tag Day – please bring in an item for the tombola
- W/C 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Breakfast with Santa tickets on sale (£5 per adult / £3 per child – family of 2 adults and 2 children £15)
- 26<sup>th</sup> Nov – Winter Fair (more info to follow)
- W/C 28<sup>th</sup> Nov – Contributions of wrapping paper / sticky gift tags welcome
- 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Crafts 10 -12noon. Bring your child along to get into the Christmas-y spirit!
- 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – Breakfast with Santa
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Nativity in the Community Centre 9:30 – 11am (Years 1,2 and R)
- 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Landing Pad Y34 (2:15pm)
- 16<sup>th</sup> Dec – Landing Pad Y56 (2:15pm)
- 16<sup>th</sup> Dec – Xmas gift wrapping – please come along and support this event from 2pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Gift Day. All gifts will be sold for £2:50. Get your shopping lists arranged in advance!
- 20<sup>th</sup> Dec -Christmas lunch

**Please help us at school by respecting the rule that no Christmas Cards are brought into school until the week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> December**

### 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*

### Attendance news!

The class with the best attendance this week (31st Oct - 4th Nov) was **Roman Baths - 98.62%**

### Advance dates for your diary!

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

Donations of teddy bears are still VERY welcome!

### To Parents of pupils in Year 6

The school Nursing Service have requested that I remind you to complete the online year 6 health questionnaire, the link is below

<https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/forms/year-6-parent-questionnaire>

The aim of the questionnaire is to identify and address any unmet health needs prior to your pupils leaving primary school and entering secondary school, in line with the Healthy Child Programme.

### Children in Need - 18<sup>th</sup> November

Hawkinge Primary School will be raising money for the 2016 appeal. The week leading up to Children In Need House Captains will be selling wrist bands for £1 each morning - limited stock - first come first served!  
On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November we will participate in the 'Big Spotacular' for a donation of £1 children are invited to come to school wearing as many spots as possible!!