

Hawkinge Primary School

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Friday 15th December

Dear Parents,

Thank you to the many parents who came to watch the Nativity Performance this morning at the Community Centre - it was wonderful to see so many people there. The children did a wonderful job I am sure you will agree. Many thanks to Mrs Rand, and all the staff, who work so hard with the children to put on such a high quality performance each year.

Thank you to everyone who stayed behind to wrap Christmas presents for Christmas Gift Day too - we really did appreciate it!

On Monday it is Christmas Gift Day as you know (see over leaf for more info) Each class has a timetabled slot, each child can bring in UP TO £10, each gift has a cost of £2:50. On gift day Mrs Crook will not be able to make telephone calls home to ask for money if children forget(!) neither will the PTFA offer a 'credit system'! I will send out a text on Sunday evening as a reminder instead!

It was lovely to see so many parents at the two landing pad assemblies we had this week. Thank you for coming. I am sure you will agree that it was great to see the children performing with such wonderful smiles and to such a high standard. I always feel so proud at these events of the quality of the work and the fun the children seem to have.

The pupils in Miss Milborrow and Ms Thompsons classes had a very exciting 'virtual visitor' this week. Santa messaged them to ask whether they had time to video conference with him. As you know it is a very busy time for Santa at this time of year, but he always has time for the good children at Hawkinge Primary School. The children were able to ask him some questions. The questions the children wanted answering ranged from: Do you have a Christmas tree? Do the elves help you make the presents and whether Santa looked at the satellites when he is flying all over the world, to what was his favourite drink! It was a really special video conference!

Just a reminder that our last day is Wednesday and the holidays start at 3pm. We come back on Thursday 4th January.
All staff would like to join with me wishing you a peaceful Christmas break.

Diary Dates – Term 2

December

18th - Christmas Gift Day

19th – Christmas Lunch

20th – last day at school!

January 2018

4th January – Back to School

5th January – swimming for Year 6 pupils

Attendance of the week

The class with the best attendance this week was
Great Barrier Reef class - 97.73%

Class Christmas Parties

Monday – Reception, Years 3&4 and Years 5&6

Tuesday – Years 1 &2

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.](#)

Spectacular Science at Home

How to make a static powered dancing ghost!

You will need: tissue paper, a balloon, scissors and a head of hair.

First, cut out a ghost shape in the tissue about 1.5 inches (4 cm) long and add some eyes with a marker. You might want to make some out of regular paper to compare. Next, blow up the balloon and tie it. Then rub it really fast through your hair for about 10 seconds. This will add a static charge. Slowly bring the balloon near the ghost and the ghost will begin to rise toward the balloon. If the balloon is charged enough, the ghost will rise and float right up to the balloon, even when it is several inches away. Try to make your ghost dance around!

See if you can work out what is going on!

Don't forget to bring any photos of you doing the experiment to Miss Sotiriou!

Christmas Gift Day – Monday 18th December

On the 18th of December the PTFA will open their Christmas Shop for all children at Hawkinge Primary School. If you are new to our school the PTFA work hard behind the scenes to buy and wrap presents to sell at the shop, which allows your child to come and do their own Christmas shopping. At the end of the day they can bring home wrapped and clearly labelled presents to share with you!

To ensure that there are enough presents to go around we have found the most successful approach is to allocate each child a maximum of 4 presents to buy each. Each present is charged at £2.50. We will send a letter home next week to give you more details – just wanted to give you enough notice of this exciting event!

Lunch Menu – Week Commencing 18th December