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Dear Parents / Carers,

In last weeks newsletter I said that Wednesday would be Mrs Carroll's last day at school before she had her baby, but this weekend I had a text from Mrs Carroll on Sunday morning to say that her little baby had arrived early! Andrew Carroll surprised everyone by being born on Saturday evening at a very healthy weight of 7lbs and 7oz. On Wednesday afternoon we had a small get together at school and met Andrew, and Mrs Rand brought Jessie along too! All four of them are doing really well.

Children in Ms Thompson and Miss Milborrows class have been celebrating Diwali this week. Mr O'Brien and I have been lucky enough to have been invited to both parties! The children have had fun making the party food (especially the sweets), dressing up and doing traditional dances - hopefully photographs will be added to the school website over the weekend.

Thank you to all parents who brought their blue bags into school this week - there was a good amount of bags, so hopefully that will generate some income for the PTFA. The PTFA are busy organising Christmas events at the moment - I have included them all on the reverse of this newsletter so you can add the dates to your calendars at home! Christmas Gift Wrap evening (17th December) is always an evening they appreciate many hands to help do the wrapping. If you could spare an hour please do drop in between 3pm - 7pm.

Next week sees the start of December, a time when we start thinking about Christmas. However, in school we intentionally do not start thinking about Christmas too early. The week beginning the 10th December is assessment week in school. During that week the children will complete assessments so that we can track the progress they have made since September. On the Friday of that week we will be going to the panto, and on the following Monday post boxes will be put up in classrooms as will the Christmas decorations, which will start the Christmasy feeling in school. Could I ask you to discourage your son / daughter from bringing Christmas cards in before the panto trip? That way we can ensure Assessment Week is a focussed week and the children perform to the best of their abilities without being distracted by Christmas cards! Thank you for your support with this.

Have a nice weekend



Diary dates

1st December - Christmas Crafts morning
3rd December - Christmas Raffle tickets to go home
6th December - KS2 Choir and KS1 singing grp singing at Hawkinge House
9th December - Hawkinge Town Christmas Carol concert
10th December - Assessment week
12th Dec- Year 5 /6 Landing Pad Assembly
13th Dec- Year 3/ 4 Landing Pad Assembly
14th Dec - Panto trip
17TH Dec - Christmas gift wrap evening
18TH Dec - Christmas gift day
19th Dec - Nativity (AM)
20th Dec - Non uniform day - bring items in for the tombola stall
20th Dec - Christmas Fair (evening)

January 7th - Start back after Christmas

School Lunches!

Don't forget school meals cost £2:20 a day / £11 a week.

Next week the kitchen will be serving from week 1

Have you had a chance to look at the free ebooks?

If you go to www.oxfordowl.co.uk and click on the reading link, the website will take you to a Free E Books link.

There are some lovely books you can share together on the computer. If you do have a look at any of these please make a note of it in your son / daughter's new Reading Record Book as that will be rewarded with a sticker!!

This weeks Science challenge.



Here is this week's challenge:

<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/experiments/makeatornado.html>

Don't forget to bring in evidence of your experiment next week and give it to Miss Sotirou or Miss Dawe (this could be a photograph, your results or the experiment itself).

Look out for next week's fun experiment

Winter weather!

Let's hope we do not need to worry about adverse weather this year, but it is always best to be prepared.

On the school website under the [policy documents](#) is the schools Adverse Weather Policy which documents what we do in adverse weather conditions. Please take a moment to read it. If you would like a paper copy please call into the school office and ask Mrs Crook.

Consultation responses

Just a reminder – please return your consultation forms for school expansion / Vicus Trust if you have not already done so
Consultation for Vicus Trust closes on 5th December, and KCC Expansion Plans closes on 21st December
Thank you for all responses received to date

PRIMARY MATHS CHALLENGE

Children in Year 5 and 6 took part in the Primary Maths Challenge. All children that took part received a certificate and some children were awarded bronze, silver and gold certificates.

Gold certificates were awarded to:

James Dunn-Beeching
Billy Howard
Charlotte Moorcroft
Charlotte North
Katie Showell



Mrs Hughes Money Saving tip of the week!



Buy the *Daily Telegraph* this Sat 1 (£2), Sun 2 (£2) or Mon 3 Dec (£1.20) and get a voucher for £5 off £35 to use at most Lidl stores. All vouchers are valid till Mon 3 Dec 2012.

If you're planning a big Christmas shop (over £105) get the voucher from each day's paper and then split your shop into three separate transactions to make the most of them.

Every week - take a peek!

Please check your child's hair for head lice this weekend!



These are the actual size of head lice in different stages of growth