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Dear Parents,

It is a strange old day at school today - I was at a meeting this morning and arrived at school at 10am to be greeted by a Roman Soldier! It was a very odd experience!! The children in Years 5 and 6 are having their launch pad event - a Roman workshop. Some children are dressed as Roman soldiers; others have warrior face paint, all looking very excited in the school hall. I am sure they will tell you all about it this evening - it has been a great event to start their theme this term.

I started the day today by going to Hythe Imperial where the Teaching Assistants from Hawkinge Primary School, Cheriton Primary School and The Churchill School are attending a conference that has been organised by Miss Hanner. The Teaching Assistants will be learning more about dyscalculia and how to support children who show signs of dyscalculia amongst many things. It is crucial we support the training needs of our TAs who work so hard to support the learning and wellbeing of all the pupils in the school.

On Tuesday we had a fire alarm practice. We schedule one for each half term at differing times of days and different days of the week. It is important that we can exit the children from the building quickly, identify where the fire is at speed and ensure all children and staff are quickly accounted for. I am exceptionally proud to say that the children exited the school, were registered, areas of the school checked and the fire alarm set off was identified and all the children returned to school in 2 minutes 50 seconds! Quite a speed I am sure you will agree.

Targets were sent home last night - I hope that you have received your child's targets - if not please let their teacher know. Parents evening will be on the 24th and 25th of February which will be a good time to discuss your child's targets and learning at a mid-year point. However, if there is anything on the target sheet that you would like to discuss before then please contact your child's teacher.

Have a great weekend

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Diary Dates – Term 3

18th January – PTFA meeting 7pm. All welcome

18th January – Governors meeting

8th February – E-safety week

12th February – last day of term 3.

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.

Extreme Christmas Reading competition

Thank you to everyone who entered the competition – we received some wonderful photographs. Please do come and look at the display of competition entries.

The winners from each class are as follows:

- Macaws – Evie Bowman
- Hummingbirds – Max Burchett
- Coffee Beans – Matilda Grontman
- Geckos – Maisie Jones
- Rio – Millie Dodd
- Rainforest – Chloe Phillpott
- Armadillos – Luke Barnett
- Flamingos – Poppy Middleton
- Alpacas – Emily Kane
- Jaguars – Keiran Phillpott
- Pico de Neblina
- De Morais – Isabel Garlinge
- Capybaras – Garima Sherchan

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

Safer Internet Day



Safer Internet Day 2016 will be celebrated globally on Tuesday 9th February with the slogan 'Play your part for a better internet'.

At Hawkinge Primary School we will be completing different e-safety activities in school over the course of the week beginning 8th February.

Guidance and support about a variety of e-safety issues can be found on our school website:

<http://www.hawkingeprimaryschool.co.uk/curriculum/e-safety/>

The **Guardian** is reporting a survey that suggests almost four out of five teachers in England and Wales see hungry pupils arriving at school without having eaten breakfast each week.

Nearly 50% of teachers said some pupils arrived at school hungry at least three or four times a week. Around 20% said they had brought in food within the last 12 months for children who had not eaten breakfast, while 8% said they had also given pupils money for food. Nearly two-thirds of the teachers said they knew of children at their school who regularly ate nothing until lunchtime.

The survey conducted by the pollsters YouGov – on behalf of the breakfast cereal manufacturer Kellogg's – asked a nationally representative sample of 765 heads, classroom and supply teachers at state and independent schools throughout England and Wales for their experiences, with many attributing pupils' poor behaviour to hunger.

Hungry pupils were more likely to be lethargic and unable to concentrate, the teachers reported, and half the teachers said they were also more likely to be disruptive. A majority agreed that hungry pupils caused problems for other children in their classroom and needed more attention.

Jill Rutter, head of policy at the Family and Childcare Trust, said: "Missing breakfast has a huge impact on children's ability to concentrate, learn and behave, which affects their results and long-term outcomes.

Attendance

The class with the best attendance the first week back this term was Armadillos with 99.11%

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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!

24th & 25th Feb - Parents evening

24th March –staff training

1st July –staff training

24th June – Sports Day

6th & 7th July – Parents evening