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Dear Parents,

On Monday, 10 year 5/6 children took part in a mini basketball competition against other schools in Shepway. Our team consisted of Izzy Garlinge, Katie Williams, Chloe Reid, Alicia Smith, Joshua Bryan, Elliot Braithwaite, Harry Elson, Tyler Williams, Harry Lawrence and Leo Clarkin. Our children played exceptionally well and were congratulated as a team, for their great gamesmanship. Chloe, Leo, Alicia, Izzy and Harry L, were each publicly recognised for showing outstanding sportsmanship towards the other schools and were given special prizes for this. Unfortunately, we didn't win the event, but we are all very proud of the team and how well they represented the sporting values of Hawkinge Primary School.

On Wednesday the children in Years 1, 2 and Reception classes had a visit from The Road Safety Roadshow! The children had great fun in the hall watching the performance and being reminded about road safety at the same time - I could hear cheering and laughter of delight from my office!!! Please ask them all about it over the weekend. They were taught about how to cross the road safely.

Just before Christmas two of the Y6 pupils (Hadley and Grace) wrote to me to ask me whether I would consider a project that encouraged the school community to recycle more paper. I thought it was a super idea; we now have a team of pupils (led by Hadley and Grace) who collect paper from each classroom and office twice a week for the sole purpose of recycling. They have found one stray banana skin so far that has crept into the paper bins - other than that the project is proving to be a great success. Over a week we have recycled over 70kgs of paper!!! I have added a box on the reverse of the newsletter to publish the amount of recycling we do each week for your interest. If you see a pupil with a yellow footprint badge - they are our paper recycling team. Thanks to Hadley, Grace, Leo, Poppy, Louis and Kitty for your enthusiasm and hard work with the project!

As many of you know we have an after school club on site that is ran by Kent Play Clubs. Kent Play Clubs are currently looking for a new Play Worker to work Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings during term time (2:45 - 6pm) If you are interested please call Kent Play Clubs on 01233 713813 or e mail recruitmentandtraining@kentplayclubs.org.uk The closing date for applications is 27th January.

Have a lovely weekend,

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Diary Dates – Term 3

2nd Feb – Pupil Voice
3rd Feb – Story Swap
7th Feb – EYFS landing pad – 2:15pm
8th Feb – Year 1 / 2 landing pad – 2:15pm
9th Feb - Year 3 / 4 landing pad – 2:15pm
10th Feb – Year 5 / 6 landing pad – 2:15pm
10th Feb- last day of term
20th Feb – start back to school

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 1 next week.

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

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.

How are your New Year's Resolutions going?

Do you fancy joining a Pilates+ class?

Julie Watts runs a pilates+ group on Mondays 12:30 – 1:30pm at Hawkinge Village Hall. No pre booking required, all abilities welcome. To find out more call her on 07824 109670 or find her on Facebook – juliewattpilatesplus.

Pilates is a low impact exercise class which strengthens and lengthens your muscles in and around your 'core' – improving posture, alignment, co-ordination and breathing

Attendance news!

The class with the best attendance 9th -13th January was Windsor Castle with **99.33%**.

Paper recycling update

This week we have recycled 72.7kg of paper

Thank you to everyone who entered our Extreme Reading Competition – there were some great photos!

Below is the list of winners:

Tower Bridge: Daisy
Buckingham Palace: Oscar
Windsor Castle: Evie Bowman
Maiwand Lion: James McGlone-Williams
Big Ben: Oliver Wassall
Needles: Harry Wilkinson
Peter Pan: Anorodh Gurung
Roman Baths: Jessie-May Arnold
Kelpies: Harry Baker
King's Cross: Izzy Dodd
Cutty Sark: Keiran Philpott
Glastonbury Tor: Thomas Brooks-Sykes
Giant's Causeway: Izzy Garlinge
All the photographs are displayed on the noticeboard as you come into school – please pop in and have a look.
Miss Dawe

Head lice

We seem to have had an outbreak of head lice at school over the last few weeks. Please can I ask you to have a regular check of your son / daughters hair? There is nothing more frustrating if you treat your child's hair for head lice and they reappear within days because they have

Phonics EYFS / KS1

In term 2 Miss Milborrow lead a couple of workshops for parents – reading in EYFS & KS1 / phonics in EYFS / KS1. I thought as we enter a new term you may like a reminder of the key points from each session – this week phonics.....

Phonics

- * We follow a programme called 'Letters and Sounds'
- * A 'digraph' is a sound made up of 2 letters e.g. ai in rain, sh in shop
- * A 'trigraph' is a sound made up of 3 letters e.g. igh in light, ear in beard
- * We work through 6 phases from Reception to Year 2
- Phase 1-no letter sounds, rhythm, rhyme, alliteration, sound talk
- Phase 2-most single alphabet sounds
- Phase 3-remainder of the alphabet sounds, common digraphs and trigraphs
- Phase 4-no new sounds, building words from consonants (C) and vowels (V) e.g. CVCC, CCVC words
- Phase 5-alternative spellings of sounds and alternative pronunciations of letters
- Phase 6-spelling rules, adding suffixes e.g. –ed, -er, -est
- * Phonics is taught every day in a separate phonics lesson (not as part of the English lesson)
- * Children in Years 1 and 2 are set for phonics, meaning they may have a different teacher to their class teacher

If you have any questions about Phonics or Guided Reading, please speak to your child's class teacher.