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Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to see so many parents at our Parents Evenings this week - the children have been very excited to find and read their stickers you have left in the books telling them how proud you are of their work. Many of you (and your children) have said how much you like the 'sticker' idea so this will be something we will be continuing at all Parents Evenings going forward. Thank you for your feedback about this.

Earlier on this year Mrs Bull and a team of teachers submitted an evaluation of our Arts Curriculum to The Arts Council UK. The Arts Council read and analyse our submission and judge the curriculum we deliver at Hawkinge Primary School. If they think our Arts provision is strong they will then award us a bronze, silver or gold accreditation. We have been awarded a Gold accreditation! As you can imagine we are very proud! On the reverse of this week's newsletter I have included some of the feedback they have given us. I am particularly proud of the following statement:

Your children and young people are offered equal opportunity to plan, experience, participate in, and evaluate a broad range of high-quality arts and cultural activities, and you recognise the importance of development opportunities delivered by specialists for your staff that have measurable effects in these areas.

On the 5th February it was 'Internet Safety Day'. At Hawkinge Primary School we talk to children about internet safety all year long. They have lessons about it each term and it is part of our PHSE scheme of work for our older pupils - we don't just complete work about it on the 5th February. However, on the 5th February pupils had an additional internet safety lesson - they should have come home wearing a sticker to remind them to tell you all about it (!). This year's slogan is 'Together a better internet'. Please ask your son / daughter all about it!

Have a good weekend,

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Diary Dates

February

11th - Year 5/ 6 Landing Pad - 2:15pm
12th - Year 3/ 4 Landing Pad - 2:15pm
13th - Year 1/ 2 Landing Pad - 2:15pm
14th - Reception Landing Pad - 2:15pm

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 after half term. The lunch menu is on the school website.

Don't forget Monday 25th February is a Staff Training Day – children will be back to school on Tuesday 26th February

This half term we really have had a drive to ensure children arrive at school on time and are in their classes ready to learn at 8:45am. Thank you to all parents who have worked hard to meet this target, it makes such a difference to your child's start of the school day and the start of the day for the other children in the classrooms. Mr O'Brien and I will continue to promptly close the gate at 8:45am after half term too.

This week we said good-bye to Mrs Barron who has worked at breakfast club for the last 15 years. She remains one of our Midday Supervisors. I would like to thank her for all her hard work, for all the early mornings (she has been at school by 7:15am every day for 15 years!!!!) I hope she has enjoyed her lay-ins this week!

Arts Mark Feedback

The panel has made the following comment about your submissions:

The panel were delighted to read of your view that Artsmark has influenced your curriculum design. Your commitment to the arts and the value you place on it are to be commended. Art runs very strongly through your whole curriculum design and is at the core of what you do. The use of the arts to launch new curriculum themes is inspiring to your pupils. The many partnerships you have established are resulting in a high-quality enriched curriculum for your pupils. Your investment in CPD is ensuring all staff, including teaching assistants are delivering effective lessons, such as the use of Draw and Talk for the therapeutic values to address the need of some of your pupils. To continue your Artsmark journey in the future you might want to explore how you could take on a leadership role in supporting and influencing other schools in their curriculum design and taking on a greater advocacy role in promoting the arts.

Congratulations on your Artsmark Gold Award!

Arts Council England celebrates your ongoing commitment to arts and cultural education at a leadership level, and the opportunities established across your whole setting. Your children and young people are offered equal opportunity to plan, experience, participate in, and evaluate a broad range of high-quality arts and cultural activities, and you recognise the importance of development opportunities delivered by specialists for your staff that have measurable effects in these areas. You engage with a range of arts and cultural organisations and other settings, and can evidence the positive impact of these partnerships. Your children and young people have an opportunity to further develop their knowledge, skills and understanding of arts and culture, and you are working to share the good practice you have established.