

Hawkinge Primary School



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Dear Parents,

It seems weeks ago since the snow fell and half the country ground to a halt! Thank you to all parents who sent their children in on Monday. It is a really hard decision for a head teacher to make whether the school should open or remain closed in the snow, many things have to be taken into consideration, and for me the most important consideration is whether staff can get into school (and back home again). Since all staff managed to drive through snowy conditions it was really rewarding to see 85% of pupils in school. There has been much coverage about snow closing schools in the media this week, even on Question Time last night, the health and safety implications must be taken into consideration. A special thanks to Steve Mills and Loius who came to school at about 7:30am to help clear pathways down Mill Lane so that children (and parents) could get into school safely. If you have not already had a look at the photographs of the snowmen the children built in the 'Snowman building competition' please do have a look. The winning team is: Oscar Crosby, Finley Oliver, Elliot Braithwaite, Charlie Hughes and Harry Lawrence. Their snowman had leeks for its arms, grapes for eyes and buttons - a very healthy snowman indeed!

Lots of children are beginning to receive their certificate for reading at home in assemblies. They receive their certificate if they have read at home 25 times. Some children who have read at home 50 times have received a special Hawkinge Primary School book mark! Reading at home does help children practice their reading skills. If you do listen to your son / daughter read please make a note of it in their reading record books. Asking questions about the story they have read would really help too. On the school website there is a long list of questions you could use - if you click on the 'curriculum tab', scroll down to 'reading questions' and you will find an extensive list of questions that you may wish to use.

Hopefully we will have a snow free weekend this weekend!



Diary dates

28th January - Parent Forum
31st January - Story Swap
6th February - Governors meeting
12th Feb - Landing Pad - Kiplings, Dr Seuss, Eric Hill (2:15pm)
13th Feb - Landing Pad - Malorie Blackman, Creswell's, Inkpens (2:15pm)
14th Feb - Walliams, Anthony Brownes, Gravett (2:15pm)
15th Feb - Waddells, Donaldson (2:15pm)
15th Feb - last day of term
25th February - Staff Development Day
26th February - Children back to school
28th February - individual photographs

School Lunches!

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

Next week the kitchen will be serving from week 3

Is your child feeling ill today?

If your son / daughter is too ill to come to school, please could I ask you to phone the school office as early as possible to report their absence. It is important we know your child is in your safe care when they have not arrived at school!
Many thanks

PTFA news!

PTFA Kids Nearly New Sale 9th Feb 13 - 10am till 12pm

Tables can be booked at the school office after school from Tuesday to Thursday at a cost of £10.00 (£15.00 on the day). Sell your unwanted items or come along and grab a bargain.
Refreshments available.
See you there!

Advance Warning February Development Day

We have scheduled a Development Day for Monday 25th February. It is the first Monday after half term, so the school will be closed to pupils, but open to teachers!

Parent Forum Meeting

There will be a Parent Forum meeting on Monday in Miss Dawes classroom at 6:30pm



Safer Internet Day 2013 will take place on Tuesday 5th February 2013. The theme for the day is 'Online rights and responsibilities', when we will encourage users to 'Connect with respect'.

Mrs Hughes Money Saving tip of the week

If you've got gift vouchers or cards, use them as soon as possible to avoid them becoming invalid. A host of big-name retailers have gone into administration in recent months, leading to uncertainty over whether their vouchers remain valid or not. You may think the chances of a collapse are a long shot, but the fates of HMV, Jessops, Blockbuster, Comet and JJB Sports show even well-known chains can be vulnerable. When this happens, administrators often stop accepting gift cards and vouchers. Even if the firm you've vouchers for is in a healthy state, there is the risk you'll forget you've got credit to spend there, meaning they'll expire before you do anything with them. So spend them soon.