

# Hawkhurst

## Church of England Primary School



### Newsletter No 11.

Friday, 29 November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another very busy week in school as we have battled the wind and rain! It has been lovely to hear the singing from the hall as our younger children rehearse their nativity plays.



Jodi Harell

### Advent Wreath

Thank you very much to Revd Judy who came in on Tuesday afternoon to make the Advent Wreath with Year 4.



### Admin Changes

We are in the process of moving parent communications, including absence reporting, payments for trips and Breakfast Club etc, to one new parent App called Arbor. Some of you who have older children may already be familiar with this. After Christmas you will **NOT** be able to use Studybugs or Sco-Pay so please sign up by Friday 13th December at the latest. You should have received an email with details including sign-up instructions. Please let us know if you have not received the message.



Thank you for your co-operation during this transition time. School Office

### Chocolate Tombola 1



A message from our school council who are organising a chocolate tombola to raise money for the Nurture room:

The school council has arranged to do a chocolate tombola on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December and we need some donations of chocolate so that we can make this the best chocolate tombola ever at our school. We would really appreciate it if you could support us. We are having a non-uniform day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December in exchange for some chocolate. It doesn't have to be a big box of chocolates, it can be small, or even just a bar of chocolate.

Thank you.

From The School Council

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### PTA Christmas Jumper Sale



A reminder that the PTA will be running a Christmas jumper sale on Thursday the 5th and Friday the 6th of December. This is a great opportunity to purchase some second-hand Christmas jumpers for your children or yourselves prior to Christmas jumper day on the 18th of December. Please do continue to hand in any Christmas jumper donations to the office before then.

### Packed Lunches



We have been asked by several parents over the last couple of weeks if we can microwave and heat up food brought in from home at lunch times. I'm afraid we do not have the facilities to do this, however, we are happy for children to bring warm soup, pasta, etc in a thermos flask. Amazon sell some reasonably priced children's lunch flasks which some of our children already bring in.

### Christmas Book Grotto



Next Wednesday afternoon we will be inviting all children to visit our Christmas Book Grotto where they will each be able to choose a new book to take home and keep, as a little gift from the school. Thank you very much to Mrs Beales for organising this.

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CERTIFICATE  
of EXCELLENCE

THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED TO  DATE

IN RECOGNITION OF

CLASS TEACHER  HEAD TEACHER

WELL DONE

Well Done to the children who were awarded a Certificate of Excellence this week :-

**Rainbow** : Reuben and Archie S

Yr 1 - Evie and Evelynne

Yr 2 - Joshua G, Vishmita and Jayden

Yr 3 - Sienna and Naomi

Yr 4 - Jensen and Freya

Yr 5 - Benji and Noah

Yr 6 - Nell and Arthur J

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#### Retirement

Mrs Rogers, who is the current Teaching Assistant in Year 3 has decided to take retirement at the end of this term, so will be leaving us on Friday 20th December.



We are very grateful for all the work Mrs Rogers has put in over the many years she has worked here and we are delighted that she would like to come in as a volunteer to help with gardening club and outdoor projects. If anyone would like to contribute towards a retirement gift for Mrs Rogers, please hand this into the office in an envelope labelled "Mrs Rogers" by Friday 13th December.

From Term 3, Mrs Clayton will be going into Year 3 as the Teaching Assistant.

#### School Christmas Lunch



On Wednesday 18th December we will be having our school Christmas lunch and the kitchen need to know in advance how many they are catering for.

**Please let the school office know via sco-pay by Monday 9th December** if your child would like lunch on this day.

#### Rainbow Nativity

A reminder that the Rainbow Class Nativity will be on

**Tuesday 10th December at 2pm.**

From Monday there will be a sheet up outside the office for you to sign up to come and watch - you may have up to 4 seats for the performance. If there are any spare spaces we will allocate these once everyone has signed up. Siblings in school will have watched the dress rehearsal so will not need to come in with you.

#### KS1 Christmas Play

A reminder that the Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Play will be on

**Thursday 12th December at 9:30am.**

**Monday 16th December at 1:30pm.**

From Monday there will be a sign up sheet outside the office. Parents may have 2 seats per child, for each performance. Once everyone has signed-up we will let you know if there are any spare spaces. Siblings in school will have watched the dress rehearsal so will not need to come in with you.

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### Attendance



Attendance % School Year to Date		% Change On Last Week
Year R	93.0	-0.5
Year 1	94.2	-0.3
Year 2	92.1	+0.3
Year 3	94.6	-0.7
Year 4	94.1	+0.2
Year 5	97.7	-0.1
Year 6	93.6	-0.9

The above table shows attendance for the year so far for each class together with a view on how this week has changed from last week. (Green is Good)

This week's winners were **Green** Class who will receive an extra playtime next week.

## Hot Chocolate with Mrs Hacker

Well-done to the children who have been recognised today for demonstrating our school values: Compassion, Hope, and Community.

- Rainbow: Laurie and Malachi
- Y1: Marco and Faith
- Y2: Harriet and Jenson
- Y3: Esme and Mason
- Y4: Elsie and Lola
- Y5: Isobel and Daniel
- Y6: Luca and Amelie

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#### Diary Dates

##### 2<sup>ND</sup> DEC

- Red Class Victorian Day
- K Hodsall Christmas Book reading to Classes 1:30pm

##### 4<sup>TH</sup> DEC

- Yr R & 6 NHS Weight & Height Check
- Christmas Book Grotto

##### 5<sup>TH</sup> DEC

- Year 5 to "Rewind" at Baptist Ch. (PM)

##### 10<sup>TH</sup> DEC

- Rainbow Nativity 2:00pm

##### 11<sup>TH</sup> DEC

- Katie Slowgrove Pupils Concert (TBC)

##### 12<sup>TH</sup> DEC

- Rocksteady Concert 2:00pm
- KS1 Nativity 9:30am

##### 16<sup>TH</sup> DEC (DATE CHANGED)

- KS1 Nativity 1:30pm

##### 17<sup>TH</sup> DEC

- Orange Class trip to Pantomime

##### 18<sup>TH</sup> DEC

- Christmas Jumper Day
- Christmas Lunch

##### 20<sup>TH</sup> DEC

- Last Day of Term 2
- Christmas Service 9:00-10:00am

### A Prayer for the start of Advent

Dear Jesus,

You are the hope in our messy world.



This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important.

We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas.

Amen



## Forest School



Forest School sessions next week will be:

Tuesday: Year 1

Wednesday: Rainbow

Thursday: Year 6

Please send children to school dressed in their FS clothes whatever the weather.

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ST LAURENCE CHURCH

## CAROLS, CRAFT AND COFFEE MORNING

For 5-11 year olds, accompanied by an adult

**SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER**  
**10AM - 12.30**

Contact Claire Roberts for details: 01580754374

**Kae Family Learning**  
kent adult education

## Creative Paperworks

Would you like to:

- Make 2D and 3D objects from paper?
- Use card and paper to help your child's creativity?
- Develop your creative side?
- Make new friends whilst learning a new skill?

This course is for you!

Where: Cranbrook Library

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Time: 3:15 - 4:30pm

To book a place please contact [cranbrooklibrary@kent.gov.uk](mailto:cranbrooklibrary@kent.gov.uk)

We want you to enjoy learning with us. To help us provide the best possible experience for you, please let us know if you or your child have any disabilities or particular support needs.



## St Laurence Church Christmas Services

**Sunday 22nd 6pm**

Village Carol Service

**Tuesday 24th 4.30pm**

Crib Service – children to come dressed as a Nativity character.

There will be a live donkey at this service.

**Tuesday 24th 11.30pm**

Midnight Mass

**Wednesday 25th 8am**

Holy Communion

**Wednesday 25th 10am**

Family Service with Holy Communion



**THE QUEEN'S HALL THEATRE**

**CINEMA**

THE CRANBROOK KIDS

**elf**

Buddy's Musical Christmas

WITH A VISIT & GIFT FROM **Santa**

SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER 2024 | 7.30pm

£15 Adults  
£10 Kids

**COMEDY**

CRANBROOK COMEDY CLUB

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

FOOD | MUSIC | DRINKS | COMEDY

**13 DECEMBER**

DOORS FROM 6:45 | COMEDY FROM 8:00

[www.queenshalltheatre.co.uk](http://www.queenshalltheatre.co.uk)

**Aladdin**

28 & 29 December at 7pm and 6pm  
30 December at 6pm

Produced by Cranbrook Operatic & Dramatic Society  
Directed by Jack Davidson

The Queen's Hall Theatre, Cranbrook  
[cranbrookkids.org.uk/aladdin](http://cranbrookkids.org.uk/aladdin)

**WINTER CONCERT**

5<sup>TH</sup> OF DECEMBER

TICKETS £6/£10

BOX OFFICE 0333 666 3366

[QUEENSHALLTHEATRE.CO.UK](http://QUEENSHALLTHEATRE.CO.UK)

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