

Hawkhurst

Church of England Primary School



Newsletter No 35.

Friday, 05 July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy but exciting week we have had in school! I can't believe we only have two weeks left until the summer break! Please ensure you keep up to date with messages in the newsletter and via studybugs to ensure you don't miss anything!



Jodi Harell



We are due to hold our postponed sports day next week on Monday 8th July. Unfortunately, the weather is not looking promising again. We have been unable to hold it earlier than this due to class trips, year 6 transition days and other things going on in school. Should we have to cancel Monday, I will ask each class to go out as and when they are able to once the weather is ok, but due to events every day until the end of the term, we won't be able to get out together, so we won't be able to invite parents in. We hope the forecast will change between now and Monday, but please look out for a message if the weather is not in our favour first thing. If we are able to go ahead, KS1 will be at 9:30am and KS2 will be at 1:30pm. Gates to the field will be opened 15 minutes before.



National Nurturing
School Award
2024

Following the message we sent out on Monday, I would just like to say again how very proud we are to have passed our assessment to become an accredited NURTURE UK SCHOOL! Thank you to Mrs Poland who has led us through this journey and put in a huge amount of work throughout the process, and also to Mrs Paton who has worked with her. We are incredibly grateful to all our staff, pupils, governors and parents who have also contributed to us gaining this award!



New Classes

All children will get the opportunity to go into their new classrooms and meet the staff on the morning of Monday 15th July. We look forward to welcoming Miss Anstee into school to meet the new Year 4s.

Place 2be

I would like to say a very big thank you to Amanda Harding, our Place 2Be counsellor who has worked so hard this year offering so many different types of interventions for our children. We are delighted that Amanda will be with us again next year. If you haven't met Amanda, she does the gate with me on a Thursday, so please do say hello.



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Attendance



Attendance % School Year to Date		% Change On Last Week
Year R	93.1	+0.1
Year 1	94.4	-
Year 2	92.1	+0.1
Year 3	93.9	-
Year 4	95.6	+0.1
Year 5	93.9	-
Year 6	94.8	-

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.

Forest School



There will be no more sessions this term, apart from Year 1 who will do Forest School as normal next Thursday and the following Thursday.

50-word writing competition.



What an unbelievable response! We had 70 entries and it was a real joy for the librarians and Mrs Beales to read them all. Of course, the standard was very high. Your stories and poems made us laugh, gasp, think, shiver and smile. It was just too difficult and did not seem fair to choose only one winner, so we opted to select 10 finalists and 1 overall winner. Everyone who entered will visit the Librarian's Book Shop on Wednesday 10th July to select a book of their choice.

The following ten finalists will also win a bag of sweets and a book mark:

YR Gwen, Y2 Dolly and Felix, Y3 Samuel, Y4 Johnny, Kennie and Qismah, Y6 Charlie R, Daisy E and Lucy.

The overall winner is Michael from Year 5 and he will receive a £10 book token. Here is his winning entry for you all to enjoy.

The Sleepwalker

THUMP! Ben awoke, something was downstairs. He was having a sleepover with his pal. Ben moved out of bed slowly and picked up his baseball bat. He crept downstairs. It was in the kitchen. Ben turned on the kitchen light and swung his bat to see his friend sleepwalking.

Thank you for all your entries and a very big thank you to Mrs Beales for organising this.

From the Librarians:

Holly,
Charlie Hem,
Quinn and
Lola.



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Well done to all the children, who were awarded a Certificate of Excellence this week by Mrs Hacker :-

Rainbow : Tommy and Faith

Yr 1 : Niko and Antalya

Yr 2 : Qailah and Bella

Yr 3 : Sam and Tony

Yr 4: Benji and Qismah

Yr 5 : Arthur J and Aiden

Yr 6 : Charlie R and Cas



This year's Summer Reading Challenge for children, Marvellous Makers, is nearly here!

The Summer Reading Challenge is open to all primary school aged children and is designed for all reading abilities.

Children have from Saturday 6 July to Saturday 7 September to sign up at the library, and to work towards earning their free rewards, medal and certificate. They can join up and borrow books from any of our [libraries in Kent, including our mobile library stops](#)

They can also choose to join in with the online Challenge, setting their own reading targets via the [Marvellous Makers website](#)

We'll be adding updates, book recommendations and new activities to this page all summer and we'll also be holding a load of [children's activities](#) across Kent in our libraries!

We hope to be able to offer a free trip to the Kino again for all children who complete the challenge. Last year we won the trophy for the school with the most children participating. It would be great to win this again as we now have an empty space in the trophy cabinet!

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New Website

We will shortly be going over to a new website. It will contain all the current information, but will hopefully be more user friendly and allow us to post more photos and information about all the wonderful things that are going on in school. We will let you know when it goes live. Until then the current website will be running as normal.

Important Notices

School Times

The school gates open at 8:35am and school starts at 8:45am. School finishes at 3:15pm and if you are going to be late to drop off or pick up your child, please contact the office to let them know.

Drop off and Pick up

Reminder to parents to closely supervise their children to and from school ensuring that they do not roam about in the car parks unattended. If you are using the pedestrian crossing, please ensure that you wait at a safe distance from the kerb. Remember children can be unpredictable and unaware of the dangers in these areas. There have been a few near misses recently!

Last day of the school year

A reminder that the last day of the academic year is Friday 19th July. Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd are both Inset days. All children return to school on Tuesday 3rd September.



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: Alexi and Tammy

Y1: Koa and Jakob

Y2: Deacon and James C

Y3: Ethan and Esme

Y4: Oryn and Noah

Y5: William and Kingsley

Y6: Holly and Gray



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Catch up with Blue Class

Blue Class have been learning about how the election process works this week. To get a feel for the whole process they worked in groups to argue that they were the best fruit on the planet. Apples, oranges, bananas, Strawberries and Blueberries battled it out on the podium. Children then voted using ballot papers and a make-shift polling station.

Tensions rose prior to the results being announced. It was victory for the Summer Strawberry! The party were delighted to win.

As part of DT and Spanish curriculum this term, Blue Class have made homemade lemonade (Limonade Casera) and tomato bread Spanish style (Pan con tomate). They have learnt Spanish vocabulary for these recipes and how to say whether they like or dislike the food and drink they have made.

Having claimed they didn't like tomato, a few of the children changed their mind after trying "el pan con tomate!"

Here is our recipe for Limonada Casera

Ingredientes

Limonas grandes, cinco
Agua fría, 500ML
Azúcar, para endulzar
Cubitos de hielo
Hojas de menta

Metodo

Exprimir los limones
Mezclar todos los ingredientes
Agitar bien
Servir con hielo y hojas de menta

Ingredients

Five Large Lemons
500ML of cold water
Sugar, to sweeten
Ice cubes
Mint Leaves

Method

Squeeze the lemons
Mix all the ingredients
Stir well
Serve with ice and mint leaves



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A Prayer to end the week



Loving God,

Help us to look after our school and one another. Help us to always respect others, to do our best, to believe in ourselves and to make the most of every opportunity to learn and grow.

Thank you for our school – for all the spaces and equipment that we have to help us learn and play. Thank you for all the children who learn here and for those who teach us, support us and care for us in all other ways.

Jesus taught people to be more fair, loving, kind, generous and forgiving when things go wrong. May we be more like that. Help us to be better friends to one another and may our school be a place of peace and happiness.

Amen.

Diary Dates

8TH JULY

- Sports Day - Rescheduled

10TH JULY

Red Class - Trip to Rare Breeds Centre

15TH JULY

- Katie Slowgrove Music Concert 2:30pm (parents of pupils taking music lessons only)

16TH JULY

- Orange Class - Hever Castle Trip

18TH JULY

- Rocksteady Concert 2:00pm (parents of Rocksteady pupils only)

Reporting an absence.



If your child is absent from school, please let us know as early as possible either by phone call or through studybugs.

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SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

*please note, all activities are parent unaccompanied.

All our staff are first aid trained and DBS checked

Full day £25

Half a day £15 (only where times are specified)

CRANBROOK – St Dunstan's church hall

DATE	TIME	AGE	ACTIVITY/WORKSHOP
Mon 5 th August	10 – 3pm	8 – 11 years	Musical theatre - six
Wed 7 th August	9 – 4pm (show at 3.30pm)	6 – 12 years	Play in a day Alice in Wonderland
Mon 19 th August	9 – 12pm	5 – 8 years	Cheerleading
Fri 23 rd August	1 - 4pm	9 – 11 years	Fun and Games day
	Am session: 9am – 12pm PM session: 1 – 4pm All day session: 9 – 4pm	5 – 10 years	Fun and Games day

MAIDSTONE

DATE	TIME	AGE	ACTIVITY/WORKSHOP	WHERE/VENUE
Mon 29 th July	9 – 4pm	6 – 12 yrs	Play in a day Alice in Wonderland	Barming Village hall
Mon 5 th August	9 – 12pm	5 – 8 yrs	Barbie	Barming Village hall
Mon 12 th August	1 – 4pm	4 – 8 yrs	Princess afternoon	Barming Village hall
Mon 12 th August	9 – 4pm	7 – 9 yrs	pop star academy Juniors	Barming Pavillion
Mon 12 th August	Am session: 9am – 12pm PM session: 1 – 4pm All day session: 9 – 4pm	10 – 13 yrs	pop star academy Inters	Barming Parish hall
Mon 19 th August	9 – 12pm	5 – 8 yrs	Cheerleading	Barming Parish hall
Mon 19 th August	1 – 4pm	9 – 11 yrs	Musical Theatre academy Juniors	Barming Pavillion
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KENT ACADEMY OF MUSICAL THEATRE

CRANBROOK CLASSES

Sign up to a free trial THIS term and get 10% of class fees in September

CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES

St Dunstans church hall, Cranbrook
Ballet for beginners 4 - 8 yrs. Mondays 4pm - 4.30pm
Tap for beginners 4 - 8 yrs. Mondays 4.35pm - 5.05pm
Street for beginners 4 - 7 yrs. Mondays 5.10pm - 5.40pm

MUSICAL THEATRE ACADEMY

Cranbrook Primary School
Musical Theatre Academy Juniors 4-8yrs. Saturdays 12pm - 2pm
Musical Theatre Academy Intermediates 9-12yrs. Saturdays. 1-3pm

PRE SCHOOL CLASSES

St Dunstans church hall, Cranbrook
Preschool Ballet - Coming in September
Preschool Musical Theatre Minis - Coming in September

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Community
Hope
Compassion

SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2024

22ND - 26TH JULY 2024

+ DISCOVER NEW ACTIVITIES THIS SUMMER! +

WE'VE REFRESHED OUR LINEUP FROM LAST YEAR, ENSURING A FRESH AND EXCITING EXPERIENCE FOR YOUR CHILD FOLLOWING THE SAME THEMES

WEEK 1

ROBOTICS, VR + TECH FUN

Program robots, design games, model 3D creations, experience Virtual Reality, learn to mix like a Pro DJ, master Videography and Editing ... plus MEGA LASERTAG! A week of inspiration and creation with **MAXIMUM excitement**. Children will experiment and challenge themselves, whilst learning **real-world skills**.

What to bring to camp?

Packed Lunch and Snacks w/cust roof

Water Bottle

Medication if required

Weather Appropriate Clothing

We are in your area!

We have more than 80 camps running this Summer. Find your local camp on our website: www.nextthing.education

RAVE REVIEWS ★★★★★

"Both my son and daughter had lots of fun, made new friends, learnt new skills and will not stop talking about the Robots!"
Lucy Hart - St Ebbe's Primary School

Only

£175

for 5 DAYS!

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 5-11, 9 AM - 4 PM DAILY

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