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Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas is definitely coming at Hawkhurst CE Primary School. I have been lucky enough to get little sneak previews of the EYFS and the KS1 nativity productions, hear the choir singing and the brass band playing.



We appear to have a lot of musical talent developing in the school!

Collective Worship

As you are aware, our theme for Collective Worship this term is Compassion, which is one of our school values. Mrs Robles (RE Leader) and I have been updating the school website page on Collective Worship, which can be found on the Christian Character page, under the "About Us" tab. We have added some "Home Values" sheets for each of the themes we will be doing this year and would love you to have a look at them and see how you can support the theme at home.

We have attached the sheet on Compassion to this newsletter.

Please follow this link to take you directly to the page:

<https://www.hawkhurst.kent.sch.uk/collective-worship/>

Dale Hill Golf Club

A huge thank you to Carl Rundgren, the General Manager from Dale Hill Golf Club who came into school to present us with a donation of £400 from one of their charity days. We are very grateful for this money, which will go towards paying for a whole school Science day in March.



Thank you Mr Lovewell

As you will all be aware, we are saying farewell to Mr Lovewell, our Lollipop Man today. Mr Lovewell has helped keep our children safe for many years and today the children and staff showed their appreciation by presenting him with a gift, a certificate and a card which was signed by all of our pupils. I am sure that you will continue to see Mr Lovewell around the village.



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Preparing for Advent



Thank you very much to Reverend Judy who came in on Thursday afternoon to work with Year 4, to make an Advent wreath for the school hall. Well done to Green Class who worked so well as a team to put this together.

Children in Need - Updated Total



Thank you for all the donations for Children in Need last Friday. The final total raised was £208.71. All money has gone directly to the charity.



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

- Rainbow* - Evelynne and Ashley
- Yr 1* - Chloe and Vishmita
- Yr 2* - Louis and James C
- Yr 3* - Asnika and Jack
- Yr 4* - Toby and Kennie
- Yr 5* - Erica and Anne
- Yr 6* - Quinn and Jake

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Christmas Cards

Next week we will be putting the Christmas post box out in school so children may post cards to be delivered in school if they would like to. It would be really helpful if you could ensure the envelopes show very clearly the name and class of who they are to be given to.

School Christmas Lunch

On Friday 8th 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 by Friday 1st December if your child would like lunch on this day. (The normal Friday fish and chips will be on Wednesday 6th that week).

Christmas Jumpers

A reminder that we are still collecting Christmas jumpers in school if you have any that your child has grown out of.



The Winter Mini Challenge is returning again for 2023, encouraging children to keep up their reading habits over the winter holidays.

This year, The Reading Agency teamed up with Youth Sport Trust for the Ready, Set, Read summer challenge – empowering young people to read and play, keeping children's minds and bodies active over the summer break.

Following the success of this, we are delighted to continue the Ready, Set, Read! theme into the Winter Mini Challenge, brought to life once more by the amazing illustrator, Loretta Schauer.

Taking part in the Winter Mini Challenge is easy. Simply encourage children to read at least three books of their choice between 1 December 2023 and 19 February 2024 and add them to their online profile at wintermini.org.uk.

Reaching their reading goal will unlock a limited-edition virtual badge and a special Winter Mini Challenge certificate to print off and keep.

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Attendance



Attendance % School Year to Date	% Change On Last Week	
Year R	94.0	+0.2
Year 1	94.2	+0.3
Year 2	91.5	-0.3
Year 3	92.8	+0.4
Year 4	95.7	+0.1
Year 5	93.5	-
Year 6	95.4	+0.1

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 once again **Green**
Class who will receive an extra playtime next week.

Hot Chocolate with Mrs Hacker

- YR: Tammy and Luna
- Y1: Niko and Sylvia
- Y2: Bushra and Daisy
- Y3: Malachi and Penny
- Y4: Awa and Alice
- Y5: Hunter and Katie
- Y6: Niah and Jacob



Forest School



Term 2, The week starting Mon 27th November, Forest School sessions:

- Tuesday: Year 6
- Wednesday: Rainbow
- Thursday: Year 1

Please send your children dressed in their Forest School clothes whatever the weather. If we are unable to go into the Forest School area we will do the session indoors.

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Dogs Trust Visit



We were very pleased to receive our Dogs Trust Certificate this week following our sessions last week.

A Prayer to end the week

Father,
Thank You for seeing us through another working week and bringing us to the weekend.
We pray that this weekend will be filled with rest, refreshment, and will prepare us for the week to come.
Our lives can seem so overwhelming and confusing, but we know that You are there by our side always.
Lord, help us recognize Your Spirit.
Bring us deeper into a knowledge of You, so that even in times of adversity, we can rest in the knowledge that You are with us always.
Amen.



Diary Dates

- 30TH NOV**
 - Rocksteady concert for pupils and parents who have Rocksteady lessons
- 6TH DEC**
 - Music Assembly for pupils who have lessons with Katie Slowgrove. 2.30pm
- 7TH DEC**
 - Rainbow Nativity : 2pm
 - Yr5 REWIND session at Baptist Church
- 8TH DEC**
 - Christmas Lunch
 - Christmas Jumper Day
- 13TH & 14TH DEC**
 - KS1 Christmas Play : 2pm
- 15TH DEC**
 - School Brass Band Assembly for parents of band members : 2pm



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NATIVITY PLAY/CRIB SERVICE

Rehearsals will be
21st Dec from 10 - 11.30
22nd Dec from 10 - 11.30
Saturday 23rd - Dress Rehearsal from 2.30 - 4.00



Nativity Play
5.00 - 6.00 on 24th December.

Adults and children welcome to join in.

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Catch up with Red Class

Today was "Victorian" day in the classroom and pupils came dressed for the occasion! We learnt about how our "great-great (possibly another great)" grandparents would have experienced school and had a go at using chalk boards to write with.

We have also been making some colourful sea-bed displays featuring an Octopus which we have also been learning about.

Our favourite facts include :-

An Octopus has -

- 3 Hearts,
- Blue Blood,
- and 8 Tentacles !

Here are just a few of our designs



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CRANBROOK RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB



- Be a part of our exciting Mini Section!
- All boys and girls aged 6-11 are invited to train and play.
- High quality pitches and qualified coaches.
- We train every Sunday morning - all welcome!



GIVE US A TRY !

EMAIL : CRFC.MINI@GMAIL.COM
CRANBROOKRUGBY.COM
 TOMLIN GROUND, ANGLE Y RD, CRANBROOK TN17 2PN



Christmas Market

Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th
 November, 10am - 4pm
 Hospice in the Weald, Pembury

- ❄️ Food & Gift Stalls
- ❄️ Santa's Grotto
- ❄️ Wreath Making Workshops

Find out more!

Visit us online at hospiceintheweald.org.uk, contact us by email at Fundraising@hospiceintheweald.org.uk, or call us on 01892 820 533.



Over 40 Stalls

Find wonderful presents for your loved ones with our food, gift & craft stalls. Beat the shopping centre rush and buy beautiful homemade gifts while also supporting your local Hospice.

Get crafty this Christmas!

Book your space on the Wreath Making workshops. Workshops are being run by the wonderful Tilly Bee florist who is supporting us again this year.



Memorable for all the family!

Father Christmas and his magical grotto will return to the Hospice. Come along with the whole family to meet Santa! Book your magical Santa experience on our website. Open both days from 11am to 3pm.



For more information, please visit our website, hospiceintheweald.org.uk

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CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Friday 8th December 2.30pm to 6.30pm
 Saturday 9th December 10am to 4pm
 Sunday 10th December 11am to 4pm

Refreshments – soup, mulled wine, sausage rolls, mince pies, scones and cakes

Christmas goodies - Raffle

A donation will be made to The Rokit Sensory Room



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What to do

Advice on
childhood illnesses

Go to school; if
needed get
treatment as shown

Can be catching.
Some restrictions for
school attendance

Don't go to school
and see the GP

What it's called	What it's like	Going to school	Getting treatment	More advice
Chicken Pox	Rash begins as small, red, flat spots that develop into itchy fluid-filled blisters	●	Pharmacy	Back to school 5 days after on-set of the rash
Common Cold	Runny nose, sneezing, sore throat	●	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
Conjunctivitis	Teary, red, itchy, painful eye(s)	●	Pharmacy	Try not to touch eye to avoid spreading
Flu	Fever, cough, sneezing, runny nose, headache body aches and pain, exhaustion, sore throat	●	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
German measles	Fever, tiredness. Raised, red, rash that starts on the face and spreads downwards.	●	G.P.	Back to school 6 days from on-set of rash
Glandular fever	high temperature, sore throat; usually more painful than any before and swollen glands	●	G.P.	Child needs to be physically able to concentrate
Hand, foot & mouth disease	Fever, sore throat, headache, small painful blisters inside the mouth on tongue and gums (may appear on hands and feet)	●	G.P.	Only need to stay off ill feeling too ill for school
Head lice	Itchy scalp (may be worse at night)	●	Pharmacy	
Impetigo	Clusters of red bumps or blisters surrounded by area of redness	●	G.P.	Back to school when lesions crust or 48 hours after start of antibiotics
Measles	Fever, cough, runny nose, and watery inflamed eyes. Small red spots with white or bluish white centres in the mouth, red, blotchy rash	●	G.P.	Back to school 4 days from on-set of rash
Ringworm	Red ring shaped rash, may be itchy rash may be dry and scaly or wet and crusty	●	G.P.	
Scabies	Intense itching, pimple – like rash Itching and rash may be all over the body but commonly between the fingers, wrists, elbows, arm	●	G.P.	Back to school after first treatment
Shingles	Pain, itching, or tingling along the affected nerve pathway. Blister-type rash	●	G.P.	Only stay off school if rash is weeping and cannot be covered
Sickness bug/ diarrhoea	Stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea	●	Pharmacy	See GP if symptoms persist after 48 hours
Threadworms	Intense itchiness around anus	●	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
Tonsilitis	Intense Sore throat	●	Pharmacy	See GP if temperature lasts more than 48 hours or cannot swallow
Whooping cough	Violent coughing, over and over, until child inhales with "whooping" sound to get air into lungs	●	G.P.	Back to school after 5 days of antibiotics or 21 days from onset of illness

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See www.patient.co.uk for further information on each of these conditions

This information is a guide and has been checked by health professionals however, if you are unsure about your child's wellbeing we recommend you contact your pharmacy or GP to check.