



Hawkhurst



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Friday, 01 December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The cold weather has really arrived this week and there's lots of excitement (from the children) that it is going to snow! Should we have any severe weather conditions that affects the opening of the school, we will studybugs out to you as early as possible. It is very difficult to make a firm decision in the evening about the next day, as things can change overnight, but please ensure you regularly check your studybugs messages.



Jodie Hurrell

Coffee Morning

On Thursday 4th January, we will be holding a coffee morning in school led by Amanda and Julie from Place 2Be.



Please come along to hear all about the support they can offer you as parents.

End of Term Assessments



Years 1 – 6 will be doing their Autumn Term assessments on Monday and Tuesday next week. Please do your best to ensure your children are in school for these. If they are unwell and absent they will sit them once they return. Assessment results sheets will be sent to you at the beginning of Term 3.

Summer Reading Challenge



Thank you to Susan Rogers from KCC who came to present us with the Reading Challenge trophy this week. Thank you also to Lesley from Hawkhurst Library who also came in and who was instrumental in helping our children complete the challenge.



The Winter Mini Challenge is returning again for 2023, encouraging children to keep up their reading habits over the winter holidays. You can find out all the details by visiting the following web page.



<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/competition/winter-mini-challenge-schools-competition>

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Thankyou Waitrose



Thank you to Waitrose in Hawkhurst who have provided Christmas chocolates for the children. These will be shared out after Christmas lunch next Friday.

Christmas Parties



The next two weeks are very busy, with music concerts, nativity plays, the carol service, Christmas lunch, as well as work of course! Teachers will let you know when your class Christmas party is and whether you need to send anything in.

Christmas Lunch



A reminder that it is the school Christmas lunch next Friday, which we will be combining with Christmas Jumper day. We will be taking donations on the gate for "Save the Children". Children may wear home clothes with their Christmas jumper.

Christmas Cards



Don't forget the Christmas post box is 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.



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

- Rainbow** - Ezra and Samuel H
- Yr 1** - Joshua and Jack
- Yr 2** - Esme and Teddy
- Yr 3** - Sebastien and Lola
- Yr 4** - Isaac and Lola
- Yr 5** - Stephen and Amelie
- Yr 6** - Charlie Heath and Archie

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Blue Class

Blue class have been looking at the true meaning of Christmas. These are their ideas altogether.

- ★ Christmas is not about a toasty fire, Instead it is about the birth of the Messiah.
- ★ Christmas is not about presents galore, Instead it's to remember the birth even more.
- ★ Christmas is not about turkey and pies, Instead it is about where the baby lies.
- ★ It is not about big and juicy candy It is about seeing all our family.
- ★ It is not about new gadgets and cables, It is about the baby born in a stable.
- ★ Christmas is not about Santa and his sleigh, It is about the baby born in the hay.
- ★ Christmas is not about a scrumptious chocolate bar, It is about Three Kings following a star.
- ★ Christmas isn't about making men in the snow, It is about a baby born a long time ago.
- ★ Christmas isn't about turkey and mince pies, It is about the baby boy surprise.
- ★ Christmas is not about good or bad behaviour, It is about the birth of our new saviour.

Rocksteady Concert

Well done to all the performers to who entertained everyone at the Rocksteady concert this week. It was a great concert enjoyed by the children and adults alike.



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Attendance



Attendance % School Year to Date	% Change On Last Week	
Year R	94.2	+0.2
Year 1	94.6	+0.4
Year 2	91.7	+0.2
Year 3	92.8	-0.1
Year 4	95.8	+0.1
Year 5	93.2	-0.3
Year 6	95.5	+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 **Red** Class who will receive an extra playtime next week.

Hot Chocolate with Mrs Hacker

YR: Mia Ling and Roni

Y1: Koa and Joshua S

Y2: Kieran and James R

Y3: Maverick and Ethan

Y4: Hannah and Owen

Y5: Matthew and Arthur J

Y6: Annie and Daisy E



Forest School



Term 2, The week starting Mon 4th December, Forest School sessions:

- Wednesday: Rainbow
- Thursday: Year 1

These will be the last Forest School sessions for this term.

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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A Christmas Blessing to end the week



Father,
 May love come alive within our hearts
 As Christmas time draws near.
 May hope fill each room we decorate
 And bring joy to those we hold dear.
 May peace be before us at every meal
 And faith ring through every song.
 For Christ is alive, the light of the world
 May he bless us all season long.

Amen.



Diary Dates

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
- Choir singing at Hawkhurst House (morning), and Bowles Lodge (afternoon)

SUN 10TH DEC

- Choir singing at Christmas Carol Service at Hawkhurst Baptist Church

13TH & 14TH DEC

- KS1 Christmas Play : 2pm

15TH DEC

- School Brass Band Assembly for parents of band members : 2pm



St Lawrence Church

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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.

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St Lawrence Church

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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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#WE ARE THE HAWKS!!!
COME JOIN US!!!

WE NEED YOU!!!!

U8's/Yr3

TRAINING:-THURSDAY NIGHTS AT BETHANY 6.30-7.30pm.
MATCHES:-SATURDAY MORNINGS!!
hawkhurstunitedjfc@gmail.com



CALL, WHATSAPP OR EMAIL FOR MORE DETAILS!
07596909464



Sunday December 17th 2023 Light It Up! Tractor Run

Goudhurst, Cranbrook, Staplehurst, Marden.
For more info follow @wealdofkentyc on Facebook



In aid of Weald of Kent YFC (Registered Charity No 1204292)
and Air Ambulance Kent Surrey & Sussex (Registered Charity No 1021367)

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