



Hawkhurst

Church of England Primary School

Newsletter No 14.

Friday, 15 December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe it is the end of Term 2 already! School has been incredibly busy this week with the KS1 Nativity, concerts, parties and generally lots of fun activities going on. We know that the children are tired, but they now have a nice break from school and we look forward to seeing them back fully refreshed on Wednesday 3rd January 2024!



Jodie Hurrell

Christmas Service

Thank you to Fr. Rodney and St Laurence's Church for welcoming us for our Christmas Service this morning.

It was lovely to see so many people there and to be able to hold this in the church again.




Community



What a lovely start to the week making Christingles and then welcoming Revd Judy into school to lead a Christingle Service for us. We hope that the children were able to talk to you about them at home.



Hope

Save the Children Total 

Thank you for all the donations last week for Christmas Jumper Day. We raised a total of £164, which all went to Save the Children.

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Autumn Assessments



We have all the data ready now from the Autumn Assessments, however, we need to put attendance for the term onto the sheets and we won't have the full term data until the start of next term. The assessment sheets will be sent home to you at the beginning of next term.

KS1 Nativity



Well done to our stars of the show in Y1 and Y2. We are so proud of all the children – it is not easy to stand up on a stage in front of a hall full of adults. Thank you to all of you for sourcing and making costumes and helping children to learn songs and lines, and a huge thank you to all the KS1 staff for the work that went into producing this.

Governors



I'd like to put a big thank you out to all of our school governors, for their support this term. It is a voluntary role that does involve a lot of time. We are extremely lucky that we have a Governing Board who are so passionate about our school and who are willing to give up their time to support and encourage us in all we do.

Tiny Times is Out Now

The second issue of our student edited newsletter is out now. Look in the Newsletter Section of the School Web Site.



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

Rainbow – Florence and Mia Link

Yr 1 – Joshua and Holly

Yr 2 – Whole Class and Mrs Rogers

Yr 3 – Ella and Elsie

Yr 4 – Alice and Johnny

Yr 5 – George and Billy

Yr 6 – Alfie and Henry

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Year 4

It was like a scene from the Great British Bake-Off in Year 4 this week, decorating Gingerbread Men/Women. Lots of fun!



Brass Band

A huge thank you to Cranbrook Town Band and especially Dr O'Neill and Susan Fulford for providing the opportunity for so many of our children and staff to learn a brass instrument. We were treated to a Brass Concert this afternoon and it is incredible to see how far the musicians have come in a single term.

Since starting in September the band has featured in a concert with the Town band and publicly performed a number of Christmas tunes. Today's concert included renditions of One Man Went to Mow, Good King Wenceslas and Jingle Bells.

We are all very proud of their progress.



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Christmas in KS1



There have been lots of Christmas activities in school over recent weeks and all the classrooms have some fantastic decorations made by the children. Here are just a few samples from KS1.

Yellow Class have made some fantastic Ginger-bread houses out of toilet rolls.



While Orange class have made some very colourful window Nativity displays using tissue paper and lollipop sticks. They have also made some very effective cards using chalk and stencils.

Well done everyone.



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Attendance



Attendance % School Year to Date		% Change On Last Week
Year R	93.8	-0.3
Year 1	95.0	+0.2
Year 2	92.0	+0.2
Year 3	92.5	-0.5
Year 4	95.6	-0.1
Year 5	93.2	+0.1
Year 6	95.5	

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 again **Red** Class who will receive an extra playtime in the new year.

A Busy Time for the Choir



Well done to our Young Voices choir who visited Hawkhurst House and Bowles Lodge last week to sing Christmas carols to the residents. They were also part of the Christmas Carol Service at Hawkhurst Baptist church. They all sang beautifully and were a credit to our school.



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Forest School

Forest School will restart in the 2nd week back of the New Year.

Classes and their Forest School days will be published in the first News Letter of 2024

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A Prayer to end the year

We thank you Lord, for this term. For our challenges, our successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt. Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends over the Christmas holidays.

Give us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witnesses of our faith. To be peacemakers in our family.

Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun. Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term. We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents and a community that cares for us.

May we always be conscious of you in our lives.

Amen.

Diary Dates

2024

3RD JAN

- First Day of Term 3

4TH JAN

- Place 2Be coffee morning in school 10am

Thank you

On behalf of all the staff, we would like to wish you all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and we look forward to seeing everyone back in the new year.

Merry
CHRISTMAS

From all at Hawkhurst

CEP School

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E-scooters – are you breaking the law?



Can I ride my e-scooter to school or work?

No, it's illegal...

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles and are required to be taxed and insured. It's not possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it's illegal to use them.

Can I ride my e-scooter on the pavement?

No, it's illegal...

You cannot use e-scooters on public footpaths, cycle lanes or roads.

What happens if I'm caught using my e-scooter in public spaces?

The scooter may be seized and as a result, destroyed.

If stopped by an officer, you may be asked to complete a breath and drugs test. You also risk a £300 fine and six penalty points on your licence for no insurance.



Kent Police

Think before you buy:

The number of electrical scooters being used on our streets has risen, as well as reports of serious injury and fatalities. For more information and advice on the use of e-scooters visit www.kent.police.uk/road-safety

St Laurence 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.

Adults and children welcome to join in.

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CODS BRINGS YOU
A MINI CHAPLIN'S PANTO
THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SHOW!

The Adventures of
TREASURE ISLAND

AWOY Me Hearties!

SATURDAY 30TH DECEMBER 2023
Queen's Hall Theatre, Cranbrook
Two Performances @ 2.30pm and 5.30pm
Tickets £7.50 from ticketsource.co.uk/cods

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT

CRANBROOK TOWN BAND
CRANBROOK CHORAL SOCIETY

St Dunstan's Church
Cranbrook
6pm on 16th December

Refreshments will be available and
Raffle tickets will be on sale.

Tickets £10 (Under 16s free)
Available on the door
or call David on 07957681923

www.cranbrooktownband.org.uk www.cranbrookchoral.org.uk



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