

Hawkhurst

Church of England Primary School

Newsletter No 15.

Friday, 12 January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3!
We trust you all had a lovely
Christmas and New Year.



Clothes Bank

Thank you for all the clothing donation in the clothes bank. This is now overflowing and we are waiting for it to be emptied. The school receive money by weight for the donations and we will let you know how much we have raised. Please do continue to use this facility as it benefits the school and ultimately your children.

Census Day Menu

School Census Menu - Thursday 18th January
The school will receive extra funding from the Government for every child in KS1 who has a school lunch on this day, so maybe your child could give school lunch a try.

ALL DAY BREAKFAST!!

THURSDAY 18TH
JANUARY 2024

BREAKFAST ITEMS
Chipolooto Sausage -
Meat Or Veggie
Omelette
Mini Hash Browns
Baked Beans
Slice Of Homemade Bread

DESSERT BREAKFAST
Chocolate & Banana Oaty
Square
or
Yoghurt
Or
Fresh Fruit

Exciting News

You may remember a while ago I told you we had a surprise for the children after Christmas. We are having an outdoor classroom built and installation of this has started already and should be finished in another week. The children have been very excited watching the diggers and seeing this take shape. We have been able to build this wooden structure thanks to a large donation from Fr Rodney, from a trust fund which had been left to him to be used for educational purposes. This outdoor structure will allow us to make wonderful use of our outdoor space and to hold lessons out of the classrooms.

Football Week



During the last week of term (5-9th February), we will be taking part in National Football Week. We will still be doing lessons in school but there will be additional opportunities for children to take part in coaching, trial sessions and team games this week. We will send out more details nearer the time, but we hope all of the children will get involved and enjoy the additional activities.

Snow



The arrival of snow on Monday created a great deal of excitement in school (amongst the children, not so much the staff!). If we do have severe snow this term and need to close the school we will alert you as early as possible via studybugs. We tend not to make a decision before the morning as things can change overnight. In the event of heavy snow, we appreciate that most of you are able to walk into school, but we have to consider that staff live varying distances from Hawkhurst and we need to ensure enough staff can get in safely in order to open. There is no snow forecast at the moment, but in the event of severe weather please check your studybugs - we will always make a decision before 7am.

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School Absence

A reminder that if your child is off sick, you need to phone the office or send a studybugs message first thing in the morning. The office spends considerable time each morning chasing up absences that have not been reported.

Mrs Paton – Family Liaison Officer

A reminder that Mrs Paton, our Family Liaison Officer is here to meet with parents if you have any concerns about your child that you would like to discuss. Mrs Paton is free to meet with parents Monday to Thursday 8:45 – 9:30am. If you would like to meet with her but those times do not work for you, other times may be arranged through the office.

Young Voices



Next week our Young Voices Choir will be going to perform at the O2 Arena. For those of you who are going to watch for the first time, you are in for a real treat! We know that it will be a very late night for the children who are going to perform, so the following day they may come in as normal at 8:45, or they may come in at 10:30. If your child is going to be coming in later, but need a school lunch, please let the office know first thing.



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

Rainbow: Evie & Cleo

Yr 1: Felicity & Sylvia-Rose

Yr 2: Bushra & James C

Yr 3: Delilah & Asnika

Yr 4: Violet & Elliott

Yr 5: George & William

Yr 6: Ethan & Skye

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Attendance



| Attendance % School Year to Date | % Change On Last Week | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| Year R | 92.8 | -0.1 |
| Year 1 | 95.3 | - |
| Year 2 | 94.0 | -0.2 |
| Year 3 | 93.7 | +0.3 |
| Year 4 | 95.6 | +0.2 |
| Year 5 | 92.7 | -0.3 |
| Year 6 | 95.5 | -0.1 |

Our new format shows attendance from the start of the school year and highlights the change in the last week. (Green is Good)

This week's winners were **Yellow** Class who received an extra playtime.

Forest School



Term 3, week 2 Forest School sessions:

- Tuesday 16th January: Yellow Class
- Wednesday 17th January: Rainbow
- Thursday 18th January: Red Class

Please send your children dressed in their Forest School clothes whatever the weather.

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: Ashley & Gwen

Y1: Jack & Toby

Y2: Dolly & Emily

Y3: Harry & Esme

Y4: Clay & Isobel

Y5: Abigail & Rowan

Y6: Rosy & Elizabeth



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Diary Dates

17TH JANUARY

- Young Voices Choir to the O2

18TH JANUARY

- Census Day

29TH -31ST JANUARY

- Year 6 Residential

W/C 5TH FEBRUARY

- Football Week
- Mental Health Week

9TH FEBRUARY

- Last Day of Term 3

My Teachers by Kennie (Y4)

Mr Hall was my number one
Miss Eastwood helps me get my work done
Mrs Elmes taught me how to read
Mrs Hacker leads
Mrs Pearson, I don't know yet
But I know I will never forget
Mrs Paton taught me how to make
Miss Gorham taught us about lakes
Miss Hanson told us about nouns
Mrs Beales' enrichment group is like a lounge
Miss Burchell helped when I yelped
Dobby in yellow was always mellow
Mrs Clayson gives me my lunch
The dinner ladies make it munch

Green Class Poetry

Green Class have been enjoying their poetry topic in English. They have been inspired by Joseph Coelho to write their own poems about members of staff at our school.

All the teachers! By Isobel (Y4)

Mrs Elmes gave me creativity
Miss Gorham gave me art
Mis Hanson gave me nouns
Mr Hall gave me a part
Miss Eastwood gave me times tables
I don't know Mrs Pearson yet
Mrs de Simone gave me some fables
Mrs Clayson gave me lunch
She gave me a bunch
Mrs Beales gave me fun
But wait, I'm nearly done
Mrs Hacker gave me the classes
Mrs Payne has big glasses
Mrs Poland gave me music
Miss Burchell helped me when I was hurt
Mrs Paton had fun with us
Mrs Simmonds gave ideas
Theses teachers helped me overcome my fears

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Gianna Pollero Competition Winners

Thank you very much for everyone for entering the Gianna Pollero poster competition. Everyone who entered was given a sheet of doughnut stickers. It was so lovely that children from Reception all the way up to Year 6 entered and it was great to see how much creativity, originality and care was taken to produce each poster. The whole school really loved having the chance to see the posters in assembly. We were very impressed with the high standard of all the posters and it was difficult to choose the winners and runners up.

All the posters are on display in the library and we are really excited about the author, Gianna Pollero's visit on 26th Jan.

KS1 Winner – Daisy W (Y2)

KS1 Runners up - Holly B (Y1) and Kara (YR)

KS2 Winner – Erica T (Y5)

KS2 Runners up – Elizabeth P (Y6), Imogen R (Y5), Awa N (Y4) and Isaac M (Y4)



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