

Hawkhurst

Church of England Primary School

Newsletter No 20.

Friday, 23 February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4! We trust you all had a lovely break last week. Please ensure you read the newsletter each week so that you are aware of any dates / events coming up.



Catch up with Blue Class

As part of their Art lessons, year 5 have been looking at Portraiture by the artist Frida Kahlo, as a result there are some very colourful pictures of Frida on display outside their classroom. Here are just a few :-



Frida Kahlo is one of Mexico's greatest artists who mainly painted self-portraits.

Easter Service

We will be holding our Easter Service in St Laurence's Church at 9am on Friday 22nd March. Our Brass Band will be playing at the end of the Service. All families are welcome to join us for this. Children will need to be dropped at the church for 8:45am. Children who normally attend breakfast club may come into school as normal and will walk to the church with staff. Nearer the time we will be asking for volunteers to walk back to school with us.

Certificate Assembly

Parents are welcome to join us for certificate assembly from next Friday (1st March).

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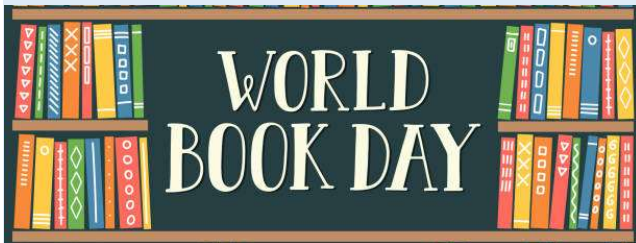
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Absence & Medication



If your child is absent from school, please ensure you phone or send a message via studybugs before 8:45am. This will save a lot of time in the office and will allow us to authorise the absence in our registers. If your child is on medication that doesn't always mean they need to be off school. If you need us to administer medicine, please bring the measured doses to the office in a clearly labelled pot and sign a permission form.



A reminder that it is World Book Day on the 7th of March. Children may come dressed as a character from a book, or may come in cosy clothes reading for story time.



Listen up! FREE audiobooks

Available to listen to now



To support World Book Day, there are over 30 audio books available for free at the World Book Day website.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>



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

Rainbow - Cleo and Isaac

Yr 1 - Vishmita and Joshua G

Yr 2 - Bella and Dolly

Yr 3 - Esme and Andrew

Yr 4 - Oliver C and Johnny

Yr 5 - Hunter and Joey

Yr 6 - Annabelle and Elizabeth

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Catch up with Green Class : Trip to Port Lympne

Green Class visited Port Lympne Reserve this week to launch their English topic about zoos. Luckily, the weather was brilliant and lots of animals were out, including the gibbons who gave a very enthusiastic acrobatic performance in their enclosure. On the safari tour, Green Class saw a huge range of animals roaming the reserve, including giraffes, camels and ostriches. The trip gave children a great insight into conservation efforts and has already inspired some thoughtful writing about the benefits and downsides of zoos. Thank you to Mrs Caister and Mrs Button for volunteering to help on the trip. We would also like to say a huge thank you to the Dunks Educational Foundation and The Iddenden Trust for their generous donations to help fund this school trip.



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Attendance



Attendance % School Year to Date		% Change On Last Week
Year R	93.2	+0.2
Year 1	94.5	+0.2
Year 2	92.1	-0.1
Year 3	93.9	
Year 4	95.0	-0.5
Year 5	92.7	-0.3
Year 6	95.2	-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.



Well-done to the children who have been recognised today for demonstrating our school values: Compassion, Hope, and Community.

- YrR - Samuel and Kara
- Yr1 - Holly and Sylvia
- Yr2 - Elsie PJ and Bushra
- Yr3 - Jenson and Elsie
- Yr4 - Poppy and Isaac
- Yr5 - Kingsley and Tristan
- Yr6 - Tommy and Henry

Forest School



Forest School was cancelled this week so we will start again next week with the classes that missed out this week.

Sessions for Term 4, Week 2 will be:

- Tuesday: Year 2
- Wednesday: Rainbow
- Thursday: Year 1

Please send children to school dressed in their forest school clothes whatever the weather.



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A Prayer to end the week

You are good and wise

I will praise you when I rise.

Jesus, hear this prayer I send

Bless my family and my friends.

Jesus, help my eyes to see All the good you send to me.

Jesus, help my ears to hear Calls for help from far and near.

Jesus, help my feet to go in the way that You will show.

Jesus, help my hands to do All things loving, kind, and true.

Jesus, guard me through this day in all I do and all I say.

Amen.

Diary Dates

7TH MARCH

- World Book Day

8TH MARCH

- Science Workshop for whole School

21ST MARCH

- Year 5 - Rewind to Easter at Baptist Church

27TH MARCH

- Last Day of Term 4

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.

A reminder that the gates open at 8:35am and all children should be in school by 8:45am.

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Visit

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Tips, advice and support to help a child to grow.

Attention!

Have you called the **free** advice line?

0300 123 7004

Professionals from Children's Therapies are ready and waiting to help any practitioners and parents with:

- Suggestions of strategies that may support a child in your care/setting.
- Signposting to appropriate **free** workshops/websites.
- Guidance on whether to refer a child into our service.
- Advice on when to re-refer a child.

Available Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Speech and Language Therapy	10.00 am - 12.30 pm and 13.30 pm - 15.30 pm
Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy	9.30 am - 12.00 pm and 14.00 pm - 16.30 pm

Press option 1 to speak to the Admin Team – they will connect you to the Speech and Language Therapist, Occupational Therapist or Physiotherapist working on the Advice Line that day. ☺

Please note this is a service for children who are **not** already being supported by the Children's Therapies Service.

(we care) Our values: Compassionate Aspirational Responsive Excellent www.kentcht.nhs.uk



SPRING FAMILY WORKSHOP SUNDAYS in the Hever Castle Think Tank

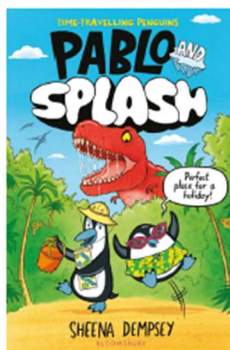
Fabulous children's authors will be bringing their books to life with fun activities and interesting exclusive facts. With the opportunity to meet rebels and royalty from history, time travelling penguins and big bad wolf scientists these events are perfect for inquisitive children asking big questions! Each author will be available to chat after the workshop and will be signing copies of their books which will be available to buy at the events.



Big Bad Wolf Investigates Fairy Tales
Fact-checking your favourite stories with SCIENCE!
Catherine Cawthorne
Sun 28 Apr 2pm



The Time Machine Next Door: Rebellions and Super Boots and Rule Breakers and Kiwi Keepers
Iszi Lawrence Sun 5 May 2pm



Pablo and Splash
Sheena Dempsey
Sun 12 May, 2pm



ALL TICKETS £13.70

These events are taking place indoors and include the opportunity to visit Hever Castle gardens following the afternoon events. TICKETS ARE LIMITED.

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LOOK!

Calling all practitioners and parents!

Did you know that there is a fabulous NHS website that you can visit full of helpful information created by professionals surrounding Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Speech and Language Therapy?

Visit

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The website is full of helpful workshops, links to useful sites and information covering:

Speech and Language Therapy: Communication Aids, Autism, Bilingualism, Cleft Lip and Palate, Early Language and Communication, Feeding/Swallowing, Hearing Impairment, School Aged Language, Selective Mutism, Speech Sounds, Stammering and Voice.

Occupational Therapy: Dressing and Undressing, How to help your child learn new skills and have fun, Meal times, Movement and Coordination Skills, Pre-writing and writing, Sensory processing and strategies.

Physiotherapy: Being active, Co-ordination and gross motor movement development, Hypermobility, movement and co-ordination skills.

You can also refer children via The Pod, with more information and useful supporting documents available.

Give it a try, you might find something that can support your child!

<https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/childrens-therapies-the-pod/>



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