

Hawkhurst



Newsletter No 4.

Friday, 29 September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy but fun week in school, which involved me having a very exciting meeting with Mr Curd (Chair of Governors), Mrs Hughes, Mrs Poland and a company called Pentagon Play. We are about to embark on a little project, which I'd like to keep as a surprise for the children. We are hopeful that this will start before Christmas and once we have a start date, we will make an announcement, so keep a look out in the newsletters . . .



Jodie Hurrell

Polite Request

Now that after school clubs have started, the playground will be being used after school for different things. Please can we ask that once you have collected your children at the end of the day, you make your way off the playground so that clubs can come out and get started. We know that children like playing on some of our equipment at the end of the day, but until the playground is clear and the gate locked, we can't bring clubs out and this is delaying the start of them.



New Crossing Outside School



As you may be aware KCC are installing a Puffin Road Crossing outside the school on the Rye Road. At the moment there is a temporary crossing which works the same way. Can parents please make sure that when you press the button, you wait for the light to go red and traffic has stopped, before crossing with your child. This will teach them the correct way to use the crossing, especially if they will be using it on their own in the future.

PTA

We would like to establish a PTA committee to help with fundraising for the school. We have had a committee in the past and this enabled us to hold events to raise money to spend on different projects and resources in school. If this is something you would be interested in having a chat about, please drop me an email on headteacher@hawkhurst.kent.sch.uk and if we get enough interest, I'd be happy to organise a coffee meeting in school to discuss it.



Secondary School Admissions



If you have a Y6 child, you need to apply online for a secondary school place. Please ensure you have done this before the closing date (Tuesday 31st October):

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places#tab-2>

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FAMILY BREAKFAST

There is now a sign-up sheet in the entrance lobby for our family breakfast on Tuesday 10th October. Please ensure you have signed up if you are coming as we need to know how many people to cater for. You are welcome to bring pre school children with you but unfortunately we don't have space for older brothers and sisters. We look forward to seeing you on the tenth at 8am.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

One of our key priorities this year is to improve attendance. We have had a good start to the year and we'd really like to see this continue. We appreciate that children get ill and we don't expect them to come in if they are unwell, but if we could remind you to avoid term time holidays and days out during term time, please.

Rainbow Class

I want to give a little shout out to Rainbow Class. Our youngest children have settled into school so well and it has been lovely to see them from my office window enjoying their new outdoor area. They have already grasped the lunch hall routine as well as coming into assembly each day. Well done to all the children in Rainbow!



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

Rainbow - Sophia and Luna

Yr 1 - Koa & Jakob

Yr 2 - Elsie & Noah

Yr 3 - Albert & Penny

Yr 4 - Nathaniel and Johnny

Yr 5 - William and Ciaran

Yr 6 - Owen and Holly

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Ben Miller - Author Competition

Well done to everyone who entered our "Ben Miller" Author Competition. There were lots of entries and the children got to show off their posters in assembly this week.

Congratulations to Alice and Daisy who won first and second prize and received some Ben Miller books.



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Advanced Notice

On Monday 30th October, our hall is being used for staff training and we therefore won't have access to it for lunch time. The kitchen will provide packed lunches on that day for children having school dinners. As soon as they have confirmed the menu choices we will let you know and then you can decide if you want a school lunch or prefer to provide your own packed lunch.



RSHE Policy



Parent Consultation

Earlier this week, you will have received a studybugs message with a draft version of our RSHE policy and the overview of content taught in each year group for RSHE and PSHE. We would appreciate any comments that you have before we finalise the policy and these should be left via the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/X6tzidHZaB>

The consultation window will close on Friday 6th October.

Harvest

There will be a Harvest Service at St Laurence's Church on Sunday 1st October at 10am.

All families are welcome to attend.



Hot Chocolate with Mrs Hacker



YR: Tomos and Emily B

Y1: Joshua and Oliver

Y2: Esme and Sarah

Y3: Sebastien and Summer

Y4: Millie and Kennie

Y5: Erica and George

Y6: Alfie and Elizabeth



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Diary Dates

10TH OCT

- Family Breakfast 8:00-8:30am

1ST NOV

- Flu Immunisation

3RD NOV

- School Photos (Individual)

Attendance



Attendance % School Year to Date		% Change On Last Week
Year R	97.1	↓
Year 1	97.0	-0.2
Year 2	94.2	+0.3
Year 3	96.4	+0.3
Year 4	98.1	↓
Year 5	95.6	-1.1
Year 6	97.8	-1.1

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

A Prayer to end the School Week



Dear Lord,

We pray to you above,

To help us live each day with love.

To be respectful when we play,

and speak with honesty in all we say.

Give us courage and the might,

To stand up for what's good and right.

Help us show the true meaning of equality,
and demonstrate our theme of generosity.

Amen

Forest School



Term 1, Next week's Forest School sessions:

1. Tuesday: Year 5
2. Thursday: Year 1

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



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HALLOWEEN WORKSHOP

MON 23RD OCT

9.00-12.00 (AGE 3-6)
12.00-15.00 (AGE 7-11)

£15  per child

MARLBOROUGH HOUSE SCHOOL
HAWKHURST, TN18 4PY

FANCY DRESS WELCOME!
Sing and dance to spooktacular songs from The Addams Family, Wicked, Ghostbusters, crafts and more!

BOOK NOW!

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OCTOBER HALF TERM TECH CAMP

AT

MARLBOROUGH HOUSE SCHOOL, TN18 4PY

16TH OCT - 27TH OCT

CHILD CARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

ROBOTS INVENTIONS **MINECRAFT & LEGO ENGINEERING** **VR TECH FUN**

AGES 5-11 | £49 PER DAY
8AM - 3PM DAILY

BOOK 5 DAYS ONLY PAY FOR 4

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OCTOBER HALF TERM 2023

What's on?

WEEK 1 **ROBOTS, VR & TECH FUN**
Program robots, design games, model 3D creations, learn to mix like a Pro DJ ... plus **MEGA LASERTAG!** Explore, experiment and ignite the imagination with this exciting week full of with tech fun!

WEEK 2 **MINECRAFT & LEGO ENGINEERING**
Dive into Minecraft Education - design elements of the game, build redstone circuits and learn coding fundamentals. Build engineering skills using Lego bricks, sensors and motors to create crazy inventions powered by code.

Different activity theme each day, please check website for your camp activities

16TH OCT - 20TH OCT LIMITED SPACES
23RD OCT - 27TH OCT LIMITED SPACES

A great environment!
"My kids loved it and we've rebooked for the next camps in October. The staff were also super helpful. Would 10/10 recommend!"
St Bernadette Primary School
★★★★★

SPECIAL OFFER
BOOK 5 DAYS ONLY PAY FOR 4

What to bring to camp

-  Packed Lunch and Snacks (NUT-FREE)
-  Water Bottle
-  Medication if Required
-  Halloween Costume (Friday Optional)

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