



Hawkhurst

Church of England Primary School

Newsletter No 9.

Friday, 10 November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely week in school despite the sickness bug which has been circulating and the chesty coughs. Thank you for your co-operation in keeping your children off for the required 48 hours with bugs. It does help to minimise the spread.



Jodie Hare

Parent Governor

One of our parent governors, Mrs Sophie Stevens is coming to the end of her term of office. We are hoping that Mrs Stevens will apply again for re-election, however, the vacancy will come out to all parents. Please look out for the letter your child should have brought home today.



Collective Worship

Our theme for Collective Worship this term is Compassion, which is one of our school values. The children have shared some interesting thoughts this week about what Compassion means, including: noticing the needs of others, spending time listening, being sensitive to other people, putting others first and helping to make a difference.



Children in Need

A reminder that next Friday (17th November) is Children in Need and we are asking all children to come to school dressed to impress in anything sparkly or blingy, in exchange for a donation. If they do not wish to wear sparkles they may just wear home clothes.



Winter Coats

As it is now darker in the mornings and after school, especially if your child has stayed for a club, it may be worth considering buying some reflective armbands for your child's coat. Most winter coats tend to be black or dark blue, making children harder to see if they are crossing the road in the dark. Reflective armbands can be bought cheaply on Amazon in multipacks and do make your children much safer.



Christmas Jumper Day

It is National Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 7th December. We will be participating in this, but doing it on Friday 8th December instead, as this is our Christmas lunch day. Please do not go and spend money on a Christmas jumper if you do not already have one – children may wear a coloured home jumper instead, or you may want to get creative and make your own Christmas jumper. If you have any good quality Christmas jumpers or t-shirts that no longer fit your children, we'd be really grateful if you could donate these to the school so we can offer them out if anyone needs them.



Job Vacancy

We are advertising for a lunchtime supervisor. The hours are Monday to Friday, 11:45 – 1:15pm, term time only. If you are interested in finding out more about this role, please speak to the office.



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Medication in School



It is that time of year again where children are more susceptible to infections. If your child is on medication but is well enough to be in school, a reminder that we are happy to administer this. All medication needs to be clearly labelled in measured out doses and handed in to the office, where you will need to sign a consent form. If your child is asthmatic and needs an inhaler kept in school, please ensure the inhaler is in date and clearly labelled.

Parent Consultations



Thank you to those of you who were able to join us for parent consultations this week – we did 147 consultations which we are really happy with. We appreciate some of you couldn't attend due to having sick children at home. Thank you to our Y6 volunteers who stayed in school to help direct parents into classrooms and keep appointments running on time.

Forest School



Term 2, The week starting Mon 13th November, Forest School sessions:

- Tuesday: Year 4
- Wednesday: Rainbow
- Thursday: Year 1

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.



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

Rainbow - Tomos and Tennessee

Yr 1 - Jakob and Sylvia-Rose

Yr 2 - Olive and Max

Yr 3 - Albie and Anderida

Yr 4 - Isobel R and Darcie C

Yr 5 - Isabel R and Finley

Yr 6 - Charlie R and Daisy C

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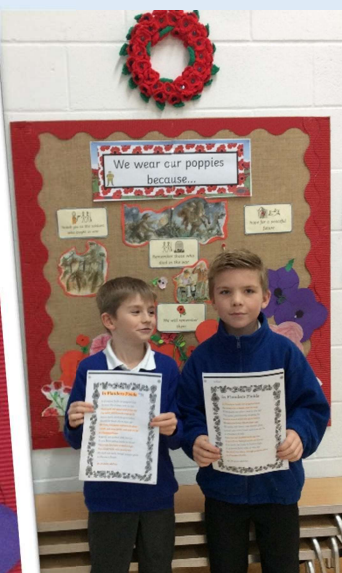
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In Remembrance

This week, pupils have been learning about Remembrance Day. Many poppies have been created and pupils from Blue class read out the poem "In Flanders Fields" during assembly. Our Head boy and Girl laid a wreath at the War Memorial Service on Friday.



Compassion
Hope





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Attendance



Attendance % School Year to Date		% Change On Last Week
Year R	93.8	-0.8
Year 1	93.7	-0.8
Year 2	92.0	-1.7
Year 3	92.6	-1.5
Year 4	95.4	-0.5
Year 5	93.4	-1.2
Year 6	95.4	-0.8

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.

Hot Chocolate with Mrs Hacker

YR: Sophia and Charlotte

Y1: Theo and Holly

Y2: Felix and Noah

Y3: Jack and Tony

Y4: Benji and Oryn

Y5: Nell and Dexter

Y6: Millie and Lucy



POSITIVE NOTICING DAY

15.11.23

On Wednesday 15th November it is Positive Noticing Day and as a school we will all be taking time to notice something positive about other children and adults in the school. All children will come home with a positive label tied on to their bag, uniform or wrist, please encourage them to share it with you. Noticing positive behaviours helps build self-esteem, confidence and resilience. We would really like adults at home to take part too, talking about positive behaviours, friendships and kindness. Perhaps you could write a note for your child and put it in their lunch box or in their pocket for them to find during the day.

If you would like more information please look at the website; (www.positivenoticingday.com)



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Headlice



We have had cases of headlice in school this week. Please can we ask you all to check your child's hair over the weekend and treat them if necessary. Headlice Information link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits>

A Prayer of Remembrance



As we remember those who stood for love and truth, we thank you for the sacrifice they made for us all.

Thank you that we can now enjoy peace and learn to love not fight.

Thank you that we can now sing and play, and not be scared or hide.

We pray for other countries where children live in fear, where there is war and fighting and many are in tears.

Please help to make things better, and bring some peace to them.

Protect all those who try and help to make friends again.

Amen.



Diary Dates

14TH & 15TH NOV

- Dog Trust in school workshops with pupils

15TH NOV

- Positive Notice Day

17TH NOV

- "Bling up" for Children in Need

21ST NOV

- NCMP Screening for Yr R and 6

24TH NOV

- Red Class Victorian Dress Up Day

30TH NOV

- Rocksteady concert for pupils and parents who have Rocksteady lessons

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

13TH & 14TH DEC

- KS1 Christmas Play : 2pm

15TH DEC

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



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PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

2023 - 2024 Football Season
September 23 - June 24

Player Development Centre
Thursday Evening - Cornwallis Academy
Book now: maidstoneunited.co.uk/pdc

Girl's Player Development Centre
Monday Evening - The Gallagher Stadium
Friday Evening - Cornwallis Academy
Book now: maidstoneunited.co.uk/girlspdc

More information
Email: pdc@maidstoneunited.co.uk



“Since I joined Kent Young Carers, I feel that I finally have someone here to help me, and it feels great!”

Young Carers provide unpaid care or support to a family member with a long-term illness, disability, mental health condition or a substance misuse issue. It can be challenging for a Young Carer to balance their caring role with key transitions and other activities in their lives.

We support Young Carers by promoting positive wellbeing through a variety of interventions, workshops and in-school support, creating opportunities to share experiences with their peers, and have their voices heard.

Through our free training provided to schools, health professionals and groups, we help to identify 'Hidden Young Carers', ensuring they have access to support and know they are not alone.

To find out more or refer a young person, please contact our team on **0300 111 111 0** or email youngcarers@imago.community.



Scan to visit our website for more information or make a referral

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AGES 17+

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