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Dear Parents and Carers,



It is feeling very festive in school all of a sudden and we are looking forward to the exciting upcoming Christmas events over the next few weeks.

Christmas Performances

We are very much looking forward to seeing the Rainbow Class nativity next week as well as the KS1 dress rehearsal. We look forward to welcoming parents of Rainbow children in next Thursday to watch their children.

Rainbow and KS1

A reminder to Rainbow and KS1 parents to sign up in the lobby if you are coming to see the Christmas performances.

Thank You



Thank you for all the gifts that came in for Elfridges, which is our next PTA event, during the school day on Monday 7th December.

This was a lovely day last year and we look forward to doing it all again this year.

Non-Uniform Day



Friday 4th Dec is non-uniform day in exchange for a chocolate contribution to School Council's Chocolate Tombola event. The Chocolate Tombola will be running after school on Friday 11th Dec.

Choir

A huge thank you to Mrs Poland for organising numerous trips out for our choir to sing. Thank you to all the other staff who are helping with this, and of course our wonderful choir. A full schedule of their performances can be found on the next page!

Please Support the PTA



The PTA will be selling handmade bracelets, lollipops and sweet treats at a stall this evening (27th November) as part of 'Happy Christmas Hawkhurst'. The stall will be located outside of The Royal Oak. All of the profits from the sale will go directly to supporting the school.



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Attendance

Attendance % Year to Date		Attendance % This Week	% Change On Last Week
Year R	91.1	70.4	-23.4
Year 1	94.0	79.6	-16.7
Year 2	94.2	82.4	-11.7
Year 3	94.3	80.0	-15.5
Year 4	90.4	87.8	+0.6
Year 5	94.7	90.7	-4.2
Year 6	93.6	87.8	-6.3

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).
We have had a lot of illness this week which has had a dramatic effect on the attendance figures. Hopefully things will improve over the next few weeks. The winners were Blue Class.

Forest School

Forest School sessions next week will be:

- Tuesday : Violet Class (Yr6)
- Wednesday : Yellow Class (Yr3)
- Thursday : Rainbow (YrR)

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

A full Forest School Timetable for Term 2 is available on the school website - https://www.hawkhurst.kent.sch.uk/children/forest-school/forest-school-timetable

School Choir Schedule

The choir have begun rehearsing their Christmas songs for all their visits round the village this term. Here are all the dates.

The dates in blue are during the school day.

A letter has been sent to parents of the choir about the performances outside of school hours.

27TH NOVEMBER
6pm at The Royal Oak (parents invited)

30TH NOVEMBER
1pm at Hands of Hope

11TH DECEMBER
11am Bowles Lodge

13TH DECEMBER
6pm Hawkhurst Baptist Church (parents invited)

15TH DECEMBER
5pm Benenden School (parents invited)

16TH DECEMBER
9:30am Tesco (parents invited)
11am Hawkhurst House

18TH DECEMBER
11am Hawkhurst Baptist Church



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Diary Dates

3RD DEC

- Rainbow Nativity at 1:30pm

7TH DEC

- Elfridges (PTA Event)

9TH DEC

- KS1 Christmas presentation at 9:30

10TH DEC

- KS1 Christmas presentation at 1:30pm

13TH DEC

- Choir to The Baptist Church for Carols

14TH DEC

- Brass Band Concert: at 2:30pm

16TH DEC

- Christmas Lunch and Christmas jumpers

17TH DEC

- Rocksteady Concert at 2:30pm

18TH DEC

- Carol Service at St Laurence's Church at 9am

Hot Chocolate with Mrs Hacker

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

YR: Rey and Jasmine

Y1: Thomas and Theo

Y2: Reuben and Jadyn

Y3: Gwen and Florence

Y4: Sadie and Jenson

Y5: Naomi and Elsie

Y6: Albie and Darcy

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Well done to the children who were awarded a Certificate of Excellence this week.

Rainbow

Theo, Jasmine and Lily

Yr 1

Thomas, Kitty and Phoebe

Yr 2

Haidee, Amy and Pippa

Yr 3

Emily-Rose, Faaizah and Isaac

Yr 4

Jakob and Felicity

Yr 5

Sidney, Harriet and Zinnia

Yr 6

Penny, Andrew and Teddy WC

Preparing for Advent

Thank you very much to Reverend Judy who came in on Thursday afternoon to work with Year 4, to make an Advent wreath for the school hall (Pictured below). Well done to Green Class who worked so well as a team to put this together.

Christian Advent wreaths traditionally include four candles lit on the four Sundays before Christmas. Each candle carries a specific theme rooted in Scripture and Christian tradition.

These are -

***Hope** (Prophecy Candle – Purple) Represents the hope and anticipation of the Messiah foretold by the prophets.*

***Peace** (Bethlehem Candle – Purple) Symbolizes the peace Christ brings and recalls His humble birth in Bethlehem.*

***Joy** (Shepherd's Candle – Pink) Represents joy, especially the joy of the shepherds at Jesus' birth.*

***Love** (Angel's Candle – Purple) Symbolizes God's love shown through the gift of Jesus.*

*Some traditions include a fifth white candle, the **Christ** Candle, placed in the center of the wreath.*

These candles collectively symbolize the spiritual journey of anticipation and preparation leading to the celebration of Jesus' birth.



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Year 2 Forest School

On a very chilly day at Forest School, Year 2 cooked s'mores on the campfire and kept the themselves warm !

They also made some beautiful birds which flew around Forest School.





A Prayer for the start of Advent

Dear God,

Thank you for bringing us together at the start of this special season of Advent. As we get ready for Christmas, help us to slow down, listen, and make room in our hearts for you.

When we feel rushed, excited, or distracted by all the busy things around us, bring your calm and quiet peace into our school. Help us to remember what this season is really about—waiting with hope for Jesus, the light of the world.

Bless our classrooms, our teachers, our friends, and our families. Give us kind eyes to notice anyone who feels lonely or left out, gentle words that build others up, and generous hands ready to share and help. Where there is sadness or worry, let us bring your comfort and joy.

As each candle on our Advent wreath is lit, let your light shine brightly inside each of us, so we can carry your love into our homes, our playground, and our community.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.



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