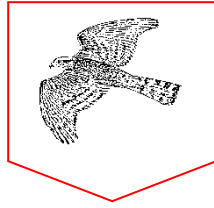


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Dear All,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a lovely break over the festive period. In assembly on Monday we were talking about why people celebrate the start of a New Year and resolutions people make. The children have set themselves some very sensible resolutions – from drinking more water to trying to be more active. We discussed the lyrics to Auld Lang Syne (whilst listening to Rod Stewart singing it!) and the importance of being kind to others. I am always so thrilled and proud of the children in our school who recognise the importance and value in being kind. It was a super way to start our term!

As always in the first week of term it has been a busy one of Launch Pad events. We always start our themes with a Launch Pad to ensure the children understand the ‘bigger picture’ of what they will be learning about this term and to excite them for the term ahead. Our Year 5 & 6 theme of Crime and Punishment has caused much excitement with the children coming into school on Tuesday morning and having to investigate a ‘crime scene’ the buzz of excitement has been so good to listen to! I am sure if you have a child in Years 5 and 6 they will tell you all about it – and who their key suspects are!

Our Reception classes have been on fieldwork trips around Hawkinge looking at different buildings to launch their theme of ‘Where Would You Like to Live?’ – thank you to the parents who came on the field work trip and making it possible!

The children in Year 1 and 2 are launching their theme of How is India Different to the UK by tasting some traditional Indian food – which most have really enjoyed!

The children in Years 3 and 4 have attended four different workshops to learn more about life in the Victorian times to launch their theme of How Did the Victorian Era Influence Life Today?

I am sure this is quite possibly due to so many children being given lovely jewellery over Christmas, but it has been noticeable that many children are wearing earrings that are not really suitable for school. Earrings that we would be happy to see children wear are either studs or small hoops. Some larger hoops or dangly earrings have been spotted this week – even some candy cane earrings!! Can I ask you to double check before your child comes to school next week please? Many thanks!

Finally, I have some very exciting news – Miss Yarrow has had her baby this week! Charlotte Grace arrived on Tuesday morning weighing 8lbs! Both Mum and Charlotte are well, back home and enjoying special family time. I know you would want me to send your best wishes to her. I am sure we will be lucky enough to have a visit some time before half-term!

Next week is Free Lunch Thursday - see over for more info!

Free School Lunch Thursday!

On Thursday it is one of our Census Days and therefore we will be offering a free school lunch to all pupils. This helps with setting our school budget – the more children who take a meal increases our potential budget – so thank you for your support!

The menu is:

Sausages (or veggie sausages), herby potato cubes and baked beans.



There will be a change to the Wednesday menu – which will now be minced beef pie with veg and roast potatoes.