## **Hawkinge Primary School**

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## Dear Parents,

I am exceptionally proud to be able to let you know that this week we received news from The British Arts Council to say we had been awarded the Gold Arts Mark Award for our Arts curriculum. Miss Bull and Miss Keen have led the work in collating all the evidence and submitting the application for the award – I would like to thank them both for all of their hard work.

Some of the feedback for the Gold Mark Award is below:

- You clearly have a long-term commitment to arts and culture which is beginning to have measurable effects on staff, pupils and parental engagement.
- Pupils can access a consistent range of arts and cultural provision through work with local artists
  and cultural organisations, both in school and on visits outside the classroom, which leads to
  showcasing in school and the local community.
- The arts are a clear driver in school planning and your curriculum.
- Your partnerships with Strange Cargo and Creative Folkestone sound great as they provided both work with pupils and CPD for staff.
- You have seen overall staff confidence increase through internal support and have supported the art lead through specialist training.

We can now use this logo on our school website for the next two years to ensure we are clearly showing off that we are an Arts Mark Gold School





Artsmark Gold Award Awarded by Arts Council England

On Thursday it is our Annual Census Day. We have two each year. On this day the Government collect information about schools that can make a difference with funding. One of the aspects of data that is collected is the number of pupils who have a school lunch on that day, which does impact on our funding. Therefore, we offer each child in school a free school lunch on Thursday and would ask you to encourage your child to participate in this offer! The kitchen will be serving sausages (and vegetarian sausages) herby diced potatoes and beans, followed by cookies – always a favourite!

Please take a look at the reverse of the newsletter to find out more about a Maths workshop Mr O'Brien will be running later on this term. If you have any questions about it, please catch up with Mr O'Brien when you drop off/pick up at home times.

Have a nice weekend



## **Maths Workshop for Parents**



I will be running a Maths Workshop for parents on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January – see times below.

The session will be based around how we teach Maths throughout the school (Year 1-6), showing how maths skills progress and ways you can support your child at home. Please let me know if you will be coming by completing and returning one of the slips below as soon as possible. Both sessions will have the same content so you would only need to sign up to one session. I look forward to seeing you there!

Mr O'Brien
Name of parent:
will be attending the Maths Workshop for parents on Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January (6:00pm – 7:15pm).
My child is (class)
Signed:
Name of parent:
will be attending the Maths Workshop for parents on Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January (1:40pm – 2:55pm).
My child is (class)
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