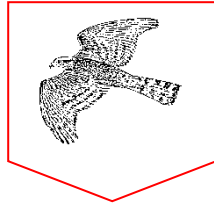


# Hawkinge Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for all of your support for Children in Need today – it has been funny seeing children wearing so many odd socks! I have also been surprised about the number of children who have grown bear ears over night!!! Thank you for your support – I will let you know how much we have raised next week.

This week we managed to squeeze in another fire alarm practice with the school being exited really quickly, the last register was completed within 4 minutes and everyone accounted for. Children were back in their lessons within 5 minutes! It was a very impressive drill!

Staff from Kent Police have been visiting our school weekly in Term 1 and 2 to train up a group of Police Mini Cadets!

The children, who are in Year 4 and 5, have learned what it means to be a good citizen and how to respond in an emergency. They have also created a social action project, voting to help the homeless by collecting donations of items to help them through the winter. The cadets will put together special packages then Kent Police will deliver them to homeless people in Kent.

They are asking for:

- Warm socks and gloves
- Winter hats and gloves
- Chocolate, sweets and cakes
- Tinned fruit and meals (with a ring pull top)
- Dog food, treats and toys

Please help if you can by bringing items to the school office by Wednesday 20th November - Thank you!

The children in Years 5 and 6 had a visit from a representative from The Salvation Army this week to support their RE lessons this term. We had a call from him yesterday with the following message:

- He thanked us for inviting him and said that it was the best experience he's had in a school as it felt like it was a genuine visit and not just a box ticking exercise for the school.
- He was impressed that the children were aware of his visit beforehand and they already had questions for him that they had clearly thought about.
- He thought the children's behaviour and attitude were great.

It is always so lovely to get such nice feedback about our children – so I just wanted to share that with you too!

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November is Individual School Photograph Day. The photographer will be open to take sibling photographs with pre-school children between 7:45am – 8:30am in the cookery suite. If the siblings attend our school and have no siblings at another school these photographs will be taken in the school day.