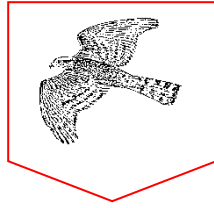


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Dear Parents,

It is funny to see so many children coming into school this morning wearing red! They are sporting red noses, socks, bow ties, hair accessories, diddy-boppers, hats and hair amongst other things. Thank you for joining in with this event and supporting the Red Nose Day charity.

I hope that everyone has received their Parents' Evening letters and have made appointments for next week. Many schools host 2/3 Parents' Evenings a year – we intentionally host 5 to ensure our lines of communication are clear, that you are fully informed about your child's progress and how, working together, we can best ensure your child makes good progress. If you have not managed to make an appointment pop in and see your child's teacher next week to see what you can organise. Next week, if your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 your appointment will be with the Maths and English teacher your child has, not their class teacher.

Over the last 2/3 weeks Mr O'Brien and I seem to have spent considerable time solving 'key chain mysteries'. Many children have started adorning their bags with a range of key chains. These inevitably get lost, fall off or have been taken by other children. Can I ask that over the weekend 'key chains' etc are removed from children's bags please? We would both really appreciate your support with this.

This week we received a cheque from Asda for £256.63. Thank you to everyone who named us as a school to donate to. We will use this money for updating our current playground equipment so that all the children benefit – especially as we start to see more of the nicer weather.

On Tuesday, we played our fourth Herald Cup match of the season against a strong Castle Hill team. Hawkinge made a good start and took an early lead through a goal from Theo, before Lewis scored a second with an impressive long-range strike. Joseph made a couple of great saves just before half-time and the defence was well marshalled again by Carter and Ole. Goals in the second-half by Reggie and Lake (2) completed a 5-0 win, continuing the unbeaten run in the league.

The team that played was: Joseph, Carter, Micah, Lewis, Lake, Reggie, Ole, Joshua, Charlie, Roman, Theo, Cameron and Lenny.

Last night the girls played their third competitive match of the season against Castle Hill. Hawkinge went ahead towards the end of the first half with a goal from Bella. Hawkinge defended well and Darcy doubled the lead in the second half with a good finish from a tight angle. A 2-0 win continues the unbeaten run in the league. The team that played was: Amelia, Angel, Bella, Darcy, Frankie, Isla, Khloe, Lily, Neave, Paloma and Sophia.

Our Year 6's attended the Safety in Action event at Three Hills on Tuesday. The children were given information and advice from a range of services, including Kent Police, Kent Road Safety Club, Salus Youth Team and KCC PREVENT. They took part in all sorts of practical scenarios about handling peer pressure, travelling safely, using social media, youth social action projects and basic First Aid/CPR - they even got covered in fake snow during a wilderness camping scene, designed to get them thinking about all the personal qualities & things they needed to bring with them as they leave primary school and go off on their new adventures! This trip forms part of our pupil transition programme and helps to prepare children for secondary school as well as looking after themselves in the community with their friends. They were put into teams and scored points for their answers and attitude during the event - it was a 4-way tie for the top stop so they all did fantastically. The children enjoyed the day and we got some wonderful feedback about their behaviour and attitude from the service leaders which is always lovely to hear.