

# Hawkinge Primary School

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Dear Parents

As always it has been wonderful to see so many of you in school this week during our Parents' Evenings. The children do like to show the school off to you and love that you can leave a post-it note in their books. I also love to see what you have written when I look through their books too – it is a lovely boost to the children and they are always excited to find them after Parents' Evenings.

We have had several donations of Christmas jumpers from Mrs Epsley's Christmas Jumper Shop which will be opening in December. If you are sorting through Christmas things over the weekend and come across jumpers that are too small, please do drop them into the school office or to a member of staff – someone else will appreciate one!

As you know, last week our pupils took part in **Anti-Bullying Week**. Children across the school completed the Project Salus Anti-Bullying Survey, along with over 60,000 other pupils in Kent. This is something we do every year and when the results come back in the new year, it helps us continue to improve our understanding how we can best support this in our school. Throughout the week, teachers read books about bullying to their classes as well as showing videos and holding class discussions.

Younger pupils were encouraged to think about who we can talk to and what we could say if we were being bullied. Older children did the same but also explored the boundaries around when "banter" becomes bullying and what they could say to challenge friends who were crossing that line.

We are so proud of the ideas our pupils came up with - check out our Anti-Bullying Week display outside the school hall where you can see what children in each class worked as a team to produce. Alongside this are some photos from Odd Socks Day, when pupils celebrating their differences by wearing mismatched socks - thank you for supporting your child to take part, it's a light hearted way to end our week of events and the children enjoyed it.

Parents of children in Reception, Years one and two will be very aware (due to the amount of singing and rehearsing your children are probably doing at home) we are getting ready for the school nativity play. I wanted to take this opportunity to confirm that the Nativity will start at 9:30am on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. The doors to the Community Centre will open at 9am. This year due to performers needing to use the sides of the hall I ask that you sit on the chairs or stand at the back – please do not stand at the sides of the hall for fire exit purposes and so that the children can also use these areas for their performance. It is never a science, but we expect the nativity to last no longer than an hour (for people who need to get back to work afterwards I thought this information would be useful!)

Finally, I just wanted to thank everyone for the donations you made to Children in Need last week. We raised a total of £390. Thank you for your support!

Have a lovely weekend,