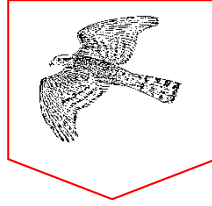


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Dear Parents,

Yesterday, the class photographs went really smoothly – sometimes it can be a bit of a chaotic day! But this year it wasn't – the photos I am sure will look super! ☺ A couple of parents have asked when the individual photographs are – they are on the 20th November.

On Sunday it is World Teacher Day! Lots of our parents are also teachers so we thought we would let the children know in case they wanted to make you breakfast in bed for a change! We are absolutely blessed at Hawkinge Primary School to have a strong team of teachers who love coming to work every day, who want to do their absolute best for the children in their care and are such a supportive group of colleagues. I am sure you would like to join in with me in thanking them for their dedication and hard work! I personally feel so lucky to work with such a great team!

Sadly, today I am announcing that Mr Bishop will be leaving us next Friday. He has got a new, perfect job for him at a school in Ashford as a Theatre Technician. Mr Bishop used to come to Hawkinge Primary School as a child (*and I know I do not look old enough – but I taught him when he was in Years 5/6!!!*) It has been lovely to have him back in school as a TA. There was MUCH excitement when he opened 'Flight Club' (Darts Club) last summer, he is always on call to solve our techy problems (!) and genuinely one of 'the good guys' – we will miss him, but are also thrilled he has found his 'dream job'. Mr Bishop will be leaving next Friday if you want to pop in and say good-bye to him!

I have seen the many Parents' Evening Appointments that have been made this week – It is always lovely to share the work the children have been doing with you and have a catch up at these events. Likewise, at the Landing Pad Assemblies in the last week of term. Please put those dates in your diaries.

Another 'Diary Date' is the Hawkinge Scarecrow Festival' during Half Term Week – see reverse of the newsletter for more details. It is always such a fun event – we have entered; Mr Bullard is busy planning our Scarecrow for this year! There is also information about the Pumpkin Pick & Carve on the reverse of the newsletter that sounds fun over half term too!

Not wanting to panic anyone but a pupil came to find me today to say there are only 81 days until Christmas!!

Have a good weekend