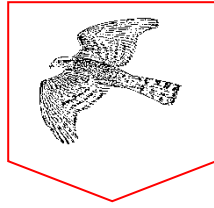


# Hawkinge Primary School

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Dear Parents

It has been a very busy week at school this week! It is always so nice to see so many parents coming to meet with teachers and discuss the progress the children have been making this school year so far. I have over heard many a 'proud parent chat' which really does warm my heart! Thank you for coming, and for using the Proud Post It notes too – the children really enjoy finding them in their books.

Today we have also hosted our final EYFS 2025 Tours. We have seen so many new families over our tour dates. It is always nice to meet so many new children and their families in to our school.

Thank you for the many donations of Christmas Jumpers. Mrs Epsley will be opening the Christmas Jumper shop on Monday and Friday next week – selling jumpers for £1, ready to be worn in the last week of term. Thank you for keeping tight hold of the Christmas cards this week – the class post boxes will be installed and open for use on Monday morning! Then during the last week of term, children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers each day.

## **The Nativity**

A reminder that the Nativity is on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. We are aiming for a 9:30am start – Community Centre doors will be opened at 9:00am for you to find a seat. There will be 'reserved' signs on chairs for staff to sit in certain positions – please do not remove these or sit in the seats. Thank you.

You are more than welcome to take photographs of the nativity, but for the safety of other children please do not publish any other children that do not belong to you (!) on social media. It can put some children at risk. The next bit is hard, but trust us. After such a heart-warming performance you will want to come to the front to say well done/give your little person a hug, however, we do ask you to resist this temptation. In our experience this can make the children a bit wobbly (after all the adrenaline of their performance) and reluctant to leave parents, then they can end up quite upset and tearful, meaning it is hard for you to then leave.

After the performance and thank yous, the children will sing a final song at which point we ask you to leave, giving your child a wave from afar, knowing they can tell you all about it when they get home. We appreciate your support with this.

This week saw Miss Yarrow starting her maternity leave – after all her appointments with parents of children in her class. Her baby seems to be growing every day and it really was a good time for her to start her maternity leave. I know everyone will want to join with me wishing her all the best (and for a couple of quiet weeks to build some stores of energy up before the baby arrives. We will keep you posted!