

NEWS



LETTER

November, 2005

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Dear Parents

Thank you for returning your "School Travel Plan" questionnaire. We had a huge number of returns from parents, therefore it will take a while to go through all the responses. Once the draft plan is drawn up, I will let you know the scheme's priorities.

1 VACANCY - SCHOOL CLEANER

We have a vacancy for a school cleaner for 2 hours each day (3.30 - 5.30 pm). If you are interested, please collect an application form from the office.

Closing date 24th November.
Start date 1st December.

2 PARENT GOVERNORS

Please see attached letter.

3 LOST PROPERTY

We have gathered a lot of lost school uniform since the beginning of term. We have over 30 jumpers in the junior box with no names in them. Please do make sure that your child's clothes are labelled, and check when you wash their school sweatshirts that they have indeed brought home their own sweatshirt after a PE session! Thank you.

4 CAR PARKING

This is an area that does cause problems at the beginning and end of the school day. Union Hall staff have asked **again**, to request that parents do not use their car park as it is needed for their parents dropping children off to playgroup.

5 FOOTBALL CLUB

For yet another year running, our Year 6 Football team have won the Hailsham Football Tournament and brought the cup back. Well done to the team and the football coaches.

6 JUNIOR PLAYGROUND

During the October holiday a sports wall was erected on the junior playground. This was funded by Hailsham Youth Sports. We are the first school in Hailsham to receive the funding and take on the new initiatives. If you do get to see this wall, the colours represent:

Blue - Sky Green - Tennis Net
White - Football posts Brown - Cricket stumps

We hope to be able to purchase more sports equipment, so that children can practise their skills. Thank you to Mr Tony Tack who has organised the Sports Wall and to the members of Hailsham Youth Sports for agreeing to fund the project.

7 PARENTS' EVENING

We had a excellent turnout this year. There will be another opportunity to speak to your child's teacher next term. If your child is in Year 6 and you missed the evening meeting about next year's National Test, we still have a few revision books for sale. Please do see one of the Year 6 teachers. If you have any further questions or concerns regarding your child's education, please let your child's classteacher know.

New Homework Policy leaflets were given out at the Parents' Evening with a useful list of websites to support your child's learning. Please see your child's teacher if you would like a copy.

8 THE QUICKEN TRUST

The Quicken Trust have organised for some children from Kabubba Primary School to visit Hailsham in December. They will be visiting Hawkes Farm on 16th December. To support the Quicken Trust with this sponsorship, all our raised funds from the Christmas shows will be presented as a cheque to them during their visit to the school.

Last year we supported The Salvation Army and the funds were used for the Tsunami Appeal. All contributions will be very welcomed and will make a huge difference to the education and lives of those in Africa.

9 MUFTI DAY

The School Council will be supporting the Anti-bullying week with a Mufti Blue Day on Friday, 25th November. This will be a national blue day to finish the week of activities linked to personal, social, health, emotional and citizenship education (PSHE/Citizenship). If your child would like to take part, they will need to wear something blue. We are asking for contributions of 50p to take part. The School Council have decided that half the funds will go to Children in Need and the remainder will be used for 'playtime' activities, etc.

10 CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Christmas Fair

The Friends of Hawkes Farm are holding their Christmas Fair on Saturday, 10th December from 2.00 – 4.00 pm. There will be lots of exciting stalls, so we hope to see a good turnout this year.

Rec/Yr 1 Christmas Play - "The Bossy King"

Tuesday, 6th December - 9.30 am

Wednesday, 7th December - 9.30 am

Year 2 Christmas Play - "It's a Baby"

Thursday, 8th December - 9.30 am

Junior Christmas Carol Service

Tuesday, 13th December - 7.00 pm at St Mary's Church.

A separate letter will be sent out soon.

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday, 14th December. A separate letter will go out this week to book lunches by 30th November.

Christmas Parties

Thursday, 15th December. These will take place in the afternoon. A separate letter will be sent out nearer the time with more details.

Christmas Shows

The Friends of Hawkes Farm are funding the Christmas show for all children this year. This will be on 1st December to start our Christmas festivities in school. A big thank you to the Committee for this.

11 DIARY DATES

16th Nov Music Recital for KS2 from Music Service

18th Nov Victorian Day – Year 5

25th Nov Mufti-day "Blue Friday"

See "Christmas Events" for other dates.

The December Newsletter will go out at the end of this term.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Christmas Events the year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs V Cobb

Headteacher

Friends of Hawkes Farm - NEWS!

Thanks to all who took part in our FoHF - PTA Treasure Hunt. We have raised £120 through this event. Judging of the entries will take place this week and the results will be published in the December newsletter. Your entries will be returned to you in due course via your book bags which will include your wonderful "special things".

The FoHF - PTA have recently given the school funding for:

- (i) two external information boards for the junior and infant entrances - £676
- (ii) Regeneration of the pond area - £2,065
- (iii) The Christmas Pantomime - Jack and the Greedy Giant - £450

As Christmas approaches the FoHF - PTA are working towards the annual Christmas Fair which is scheduled to take place on Saturday, 10th December from 2.00 – 4.00 pm. As we prepare for the event we would extend a warm welcome to those parents and friends who may be able to offer help with either setting up of the stalls, or even to provide assistance during or after the event. We are hoping to build on last years' success with an even better fundraiser this year. If you have items that can be used for the fair, eg, cakes, books, etc, then please drop them into school no earlier than the week commencing 4th December.

Thank you everyone for your continued support helping us to raise funds for worthy causes for the school.

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