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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you found the parent consultations useful last week. Thank you to all of you who completed the survey. They were overwhelmingly positive. Your valuable feedback and insights have provided us with some great ideas.

Remembrance Service

Those of you whom were able to attend the Remembrance Service in school will agree that the children's singing was beautiful. The poems, prayers and art work produced by Eagles and Hawks made it a very poignant service.

School Tours for New Parents

Our wonderful children in Hawks were confident, articulate tour guides to the prospective parents who came to our open day earlier in the term. Every pupil in the class was involved and they proudly showed parents around the school. We received this wonderful feedback in an email from one of the visiting parents: *The students that showed us around were a real credit to the school and demonstrated a genuine love for it. We were so impressed by the buddy scheme, and we saw first-hand how well it works when one of the small children ran up to and embraced one of the tour guides.*

Parent tours are available during this term if you know of any parents who have a child of reception age in 2024.

Please don't forget to complete the form if your child attending school has a sibling that will be starting in September 2024. Applications must be made online at kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions by midnight on Monday 15th January 2024.

Anti-bullying Week

This week is anti-bullying week and the theme in 2023 is 'Make a noise about bullying'. The message to the children has been to speak up if they are bullied, see someone else being bullied or have any worries. Class teachers will provide more information about what has been covered in their class overviews.

Message from Rev T - Christmas Crib Exhibition

On Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th November at St John's church in Barham from 10am-4pm there is an opportunity to see different crib scenes on display. Children are invited to bring their own figure to add to a community crib set. Refreshments will be available. A hint of Christmas in one weekend – all welcome.



Next week we will send a letter with all the Christmas events taking place this term. Please also read class overviews for more details.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

The image shows two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The signature on the left is 'Al Higgins' and the signature on the right is 'Jo Duhig'. Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

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