

Hawkinge Primary School



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of the new school year at Hawkinge Primary School, and hello to all the new families who have joined us this year. I hope it will be the start of an exciting learning journey for your child.

I would like to welcome all our new staff that have joined us this term, we are all pleased that they have joined our team!

Mr O'Brien – our new Deputy Head Teacher. He has successfully moved into his new office and has been getting to know the staff this week, and has met all the children today already!

Miss Hanner – Miss Hanner is the teacher of Scorpions class (Years 5 & 6)

Miss Ledwith – Miss Ledwith is the teacher of Fireflies (Years 3 & 4)

Mrs Attwell – Mrs Attwell is working with Ms Thompson in Spiders class (Reception)

Mrs Oliver – Mrs Oliver will be working in Ladybirds with Miss Foster

Mrs Groves – Mrs Groves has come back to join us and is working with Ms Nicholson Taylor in the mobile (Year 2)

There has been a real buzz around school over the last couple of weeks as we have been getting ourselves ready to open the doors to the children, who, I am delighted to say, all came in looking very smart, keen and ready to learn! Shane our school caretaker has worked exceptionally hard in preparing the school for the new school year – he has thrown away, painted, mended and cleaned all summer – Shane and Mr Iles have done a great job in making sure the school looks its best.

Mr Wright has had a successful knee replacement operation, but is still resting his knee. This means that there is no one to answer telephone calls in the office whilst Mrs Crook has her lunch. As a consequence, I have made the decision to close the school office from 12:30 – 1pm every day. This means there will be no one to answer the telephone, sell school uniform or to answer the front door between these times.

I have decided to introduce a new system of paying for school dinners. There will be a post box outside Mrs Crooks office and the kitchen doors, and for the parents who would rather post the



money into the locked post box than give it to the children to hand in, it will be emptied daily.

Envelopes will be placed next to the post boxes in case you need to use one!

During the summer holidays much of the Lost Property that had been left had to be destroyed due to it getting damp, much of it was simply ruined. It was a real shame to have to do that, especially as the children had been reminded numerous times to take it home with them! Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Some useful dates for your diary are as follows:

- 26th September – European Day of Languages (I am sure Miss Dawe will be writing to you about this day shortly!)
- Jeans for genes day – 3rd October
- Harvest Festival – 15th October
- 24th October the school will be closed for a development day – half term will start a day early!

Thank you for ensuring that your children have returned to school wearing the correct school uniform – they look very smart. I look forward to seeing you during the coming weeks.

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Headteacher

Other notices!



The school website

Mr Rogers has been busy updating the school website whilst we have been on holiday. The new term dates are on the website, along with new class pictures. If you click on your child's class you will find out what they are learning about this term. Paper copies of this will also be sent home later on in the week

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Water Bottles

Please make sure that your child comes to school every day with a water bottle. It is extremely important that children have regular access throughout the day to drinking water – it really improves their concentration! Water bottles can be brought from Mrs Crook in the school office for £1.50

School dinners

School dinners are putting their prices up on the 15th September to £1.90



Healthy Schools

Just a reminder to all parents, Mrs Watson sent a letter out towards the end of last term to say we are not able to distribute cakes or sweets for children's birthdays. As you can appreciate many children have various food allergies and intolerances to certain food colourings. It is disappointing for children when they bring the cakes into school if they are not allowed to share them with their friends. Please help us by following this rule.