

# Hawkinge Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

The end of the second week of term is quickly approaching, and it has been a busy start to the year! The children have been 'learning how to learn' for the last 2 weeks and building their skills of 'Reciprocity'. The skills of reciprocity are:

- Being able to work as a team member
- Knowing when it is better to learn alone, or with others
- Being able to listen to what others say
- Noticing what is good practice and using it to improve their own work / behaviour

You will notice that if your child is awarded a certificate in Friday's assembly the certificate will relate to the skills above.

On Monday The Happy Puzzle Company came to visit the school. All the children from Year 1 to Year 6 went to workshops in the hall learning how to work in a team. They had a great time and I am sure that they told you all about it. If not, ask them to, because it was such good fun.

All the classes have also worked together to create a crest and motto for their class. If you have access to a computer at home have a look on your child's class page on the school website to find out what theirs looks like. Many of the jingles are a short song, so maybe your child can give you a rendition! Mr Rogers has kindly agreed to update the website for us, and this should be up to date by the end of the weekend!

Have you noticed our flagpole has been taken down? We are very excited to have been awarded Green Flag Status for Eco schools. This is the ECO highest award we can be awarded. The external assessor was very impressed by the work the ECO team (led by Ms Nicholson Taylor) have been doing in school, from growing vegetables in the polly-tunnel and veg plots, to making the school more energy efficient. The flag we have been awarded is huge and very impressive. Shane is busy trying to make the flag pole safe enough to fly such a big flag from it! So keep your eyes peeled.

Diary dates are on the reverse of the letter

Yours sincerely

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## Diary Dates!

- 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> September – Kent test for Y6 pupils
- 24<sup>th</sup> September – Governors meeting
- 1<sup>st</sup> October – Parents evening
- 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Jeans for genes
- 10<sup>th</sup> October – School photographer in!
- 15<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival in St Luke's Church
- 17<sup>th</sup> October – Open day for children due to start school Sept 2009!
- 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Last day of this half term
- 24<sup>th</sup> October – Staff training day



## How does drinking water improve learning?

- The key to boosting the capacity to learn is to keep well hydrated throughout the day.
- When we are thirsty, mental performance deteriorates by 10%
- Pupils concentrate better because they are not distracted by the effects of dehydration such as thirst, tiredness and irritability
- Can aid behaviour management by helping to settle pupils in the classroom.

Children will achieve more when both their health and learning needs are met. Ensuring free access to water and promoting a regular water intake throughout the school day is a vital

If your son / daughter does not have a water bottle

Mrs Crook is selling them for £1.50. Please buy one!



## Targets



You should have received your child's targets this evening. It is important both you and your child know what to do next to improve their learning. If you have any questions about the targets please ask the class teacher.

## Ear rings

Children are NOT allowed to wear jewellery when participating in any sport at school, including ear rings. If your child wears stud ear rings for school they are expected to remove them for both the PE lessons they have each week.

## 2012 – The Olympics.

The Paralympic Games Handover Ceremony, on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2008, officially marks the start of the build-up to the 2012 Paralympic Games. Many schools in Kent will be celebrating this next week. At Hawkinge Primary School Mr O'Brien will be leading a Whole School Sports Activity for 20mins and 12 seconds on Monday afternoon. It promises to be great fun. Don't forget your PE kits!

