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Have you noticed our Green Flag on the flagpole at the front of the school?

It's looking good isn't it? I am waiting for a very windy day to fully appreciate it from my office! The ECO team have not stopped working and have been busy this week planning this year's launch of Walk On Wednesday. There will be more about this in next week's newsletter.

The School House Captains were announced at the end of last week. The House Captains for Spitfire (red house) are Leo Rolfe and Amy Saunders, for Hurricane (yellow) are Kallum Clarke and Zoe Bryant, for Lancaster (green) Kirsty King and Paul McDonagh, finally for Lysander Aaron Fox and Rosie Thorogood. Their jumpers will be arriving shortly!

This year 3 School Captains have been elected and they are: Aysa Wilson, Bradley Kilgariff and Emily Browning. You will spot them easily because they will be wearing purple jumpers. Congratulations to the chosen School & House Captains. The choice was very difficult this year as we received lots of very good applications.

Other pupils who deserve a special mention this week are our team of Mediators. 13 children were trained before the summer holidays to be mediators, to help children who have a problem in the playground, solve their differences. Two members of the mediator's team are on duty each day in the Ocean Room, and happily have not been too busy so far! In assembly on Monday their 'trainer' presented them with their mediator badges and a certificate. The mediators are easily identifiable because they wear a yellow sash.

The final group of pupils I would like to report about this week are our new reception pupils. The children in Spiders class and Ladybirds are now in school full time. They have been very busy learning about Hawkinge Primary School and trying to understand what everyone is responsible for! Spiders and Ladybirds class have been to visit me in my office to see me at work! (I won't tell you what they thought I got up to every day!) I have been reading some of their diaries that many of the children kept over the summer holidays – they are amazing pieces of work, I can tell families must have invested a lot of time creating these. They will be a lovely memento of their child's first year at school.

Notices and diary dates are on the reverse of this letter

Yours sincerely

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The school website.

Did you manage to have a look at the school website? Mr Rogers did a great job of updating it last weekend. The class pages have been updated with the class shield and motto of each class and there are some photographs of Puzzle Day



Diary Dates!

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



European Day of Languages

Next Friday, 26th September, is European Day of Languages. During the day, the children will be learning about the Spanish language and some of the countries where Spanish is spoken. They will also be learning some Spanish songs to perform in assembly. Please ask your son or daughter about the day as I'm sure they'll have lots to share with you.

Year 6 pupils

It has been a special week for many of the year 6 pupils this week. Some have taken the Kent Test on Thursday and Friday, and I imagine are pleased it is all over now. Some have begun to go to the local Secondary School Open Days. Below is a reminder to parents of Y6 pupils of the open days and times for local secondary schools in date order!

- Pent Valley – 16th September/23rd October(6–8pm)
- The Harvey – 24th September (6-8:30pm)
- Brockhill – 25th September (6pm / 6:45pm / 7:30pm)
- Astor – 30th September (7-9pm)
- The Academy – 1st October (6 – 8:30pm)
- Folkestone Girls – 2nd October

Dogs in the playground.

It has been reported to me that there have been a couple of incidents where dogs are being brought into the school playground at the end of the day. Please can I ask that you respect the school rule and do not bring dogs onto the school premises. Many children are scared of dogs and I would not like to think this makes the children feel unsafe at Hawkinge Primary School.

Dog owner's awareness day and fun show.

Tanya Clark has asked me to advertise the Canine Capers day in this newsletter. Saturday 27th Sept between 11am – 4pm there will be a dog show at the Community Centre. You can enter your dog for the 'fastest sausage eater' to the 'dog with the waggiest tail' It only costs £1 to register for each class. For more details speak to Tanya, or call her on 07811 271303

Dinner Money

From Monday 15th September school dinners increased in price to £1.90. If after reading this message you realise you have not been sending enough money in this week (don't worry you are not alone!!) just send in an additional 50p on Monday.

'Stars of the week'

Last Friday children who had shown that they were able to look at what other people were doing and improve their own work by following others example were given a special certificate. The certificates were awarded to:
Lauren Brisley, Conor Guilfoyle Stroud, Faith Nyaruwa, Charlie Shepherd, Katie Hutchinson, Megan Elkin, Euan Southerland, Aaliyah Hawes & Dipesh Rai
Next week the certificates will be awarded to the pupils who show that they listen well to other people.

