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Dear Parents / Carers,

It is with great excitement that I can announce that Mr O'Brien has become a dad again! Baby number two arrived on Wednesday afternoon. She is a little sister for Josh his first son, and she is called Lily-Rose. We are all looking forwards to meeting her!

Walk On Wednesday was a big success this week (other than a few mums having wet hair - the children did not seem to mind!) It is really noticeable how many parents joined in with W.O.W as the school car park was virtually empty. It is really nice to see everyone working together (despite the rain!) to join in with this initiative. Ms Nicholson Taylors 'helpers' were busy giving out the passes, and worked very hard. Let's hope the sun shines, or at least it doesn't rain, next Wednesday so we can go for a 100% record!

I am hoping that you can continue to support the school by spreading the word about all the good things we do to any friend / relative or neighbour who has a child who will be starting school next September (I know it sounds early - but parents have to apply for places in January). We will be holding an open morning for parents of children who will be starting school in September to come and have a look at what we do. The open morning is on Friday 17th October from 9am - 12 noon. This is being advertised on posters on the roundabout and on the school fence, and in a local paper, but the best advert is by word of mouth - so if you know of anyone, please pass the message on!

Notices and diary dates are on the reverse of this letter

Yours sincerely

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Dinner Money

From Monday 15th September school dinners increased in price to £1.90. Please make sure that you send in the correct amount.



Diary Dates!

- 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



School Photographer

The school photographer is coming to visit on Friday 10th October, so don't forget to send your children in as smartly as possible!

If you have a child of pre school age and would like them to be included in a family photograph the photographer will be 'open' from 8:30am in the After School Club. If you wish to have the photographs done with your pre school child and their brother / sisters please wait outside the door that Ms Thompson and Miss Fosters class use as an exit, and the door will be opened as the photographer is ready. If a child of school age is waiting with you PLEASE send them to their class teacher at 8:30am so that they can be registered first, if you do not do this we will have to telephone you to ensure that your child is safe, causing both you and us an inconvenience. I am sure the photographs will make a lovely Christmas present for relatives!

Stars of the week'

Last Friday teachers awarded certificates to the children who had shown that they knew when they learnt best alone or with someone else. The certificates were awarded to: Jasmine Avery, Joshua Coomber, Liam Jelly, Kaydee Saunders, Owen Weller, Thomas Hall, Courtney Lewis & Taylor Griffiths

Book Week & The Big Draw

Hawkinge Primary School is combining the celebration of Book Week and The Big Draw next week. The children in the Juniors are going to meet a 'real life author' on Friday and next Thursday they are going to be asked to bring in one of their favourite reading books to share with another child. Miss Foster has a big Draw activity planned – watch this space!

Parents Evening

Thank you to everyone who turned out for Parents Evening, your child's education has to be a joint venture between home and school for the best outcome for your child. Some classes had over 70% attendance – thanks for that! I hope that this can be improved upon next time

The attendance breakdown:

Bumble bees – 72%

Mosquitoes – 71%

Caterpillars – 70%

Crickets – 65%

Scorpions – 62%

Dragonflies – 61%

Fireflies – 61%

Grasshoppers – 60%

Ants – 58%

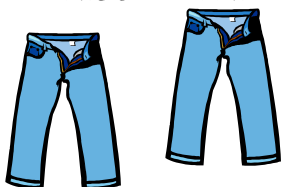
Absent pupils

Please do not forget to ring the school office if your child is going to be absent from school before 8:30am. It saves us having to telephone you, and means that less time is taken away from supporting your child's learning.



Jeans for Genes

Just a reminder that it is Jeans for Genes day on Friday. Children can have the privilege of wearing their jeans for school / on uniform, in exchange for bringing a donation in for children who suffer with genetic disorders



Morrison Vouchers

The ECO team are collecting the Morrison vouchers, and hope to use them to buy some gardening equipment. So if you are a Morrison's shopper please pick up some vouchers and hand them in to Ms N-T

