

Hawkinge Primary School



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Dear Parents / Carers,

I can't believe we are at the end of another half term already! Although I think staff and children would agree with me that we are all ready for a holiday, and contrary to the popular myth the 'holiday' will probably include teachers doing at least one days work during their 'holidays' so don't let the children moan too much about having to do homework over the break!!

We are planning ahead for next half term already. Mr O'Brien, Miss Clancy and Miss Milborrow have set dates in the diary for running some more Parent Workshops to give you the opportunity to find out more about what we do at school, and how you can help to improve your child's learning. Many parents who attended the last workshops were very positive about their experience and said that they had enjoyed learning how children learn in school today. Mr O'Briens workshop (all the dates are on the reverse of the letter) will show you how we teach children to learn their tables at school, and will give you strategies and some games you could use to help your son / daughter. Miss Clancy will be demonstrating how we teach reading and writing in the juniors. I can promise that you will be surprised how much 'reading' has changed since you were at school, and the skills that adults use to teach children to read, rather than just 'listen' to them as they did when I was at school. Miss Milborrow will be showing parents of children in the infants how children are taught to read, and by popular demand, demonstrating how she teaches a phonics lesson.

Tomorrow is Go Green Friday. It's looking like it will be an exciting day – the children will have an assembly about food waste, have their photographs taken from above, and individual photographs, and will be learning all about food waste throughout the day. Please ask them on Friday afternoon what they enjoyed the most, and what they have learnt from the day.

Have a good Half Term break; don't forget there is a Development day on the **Second** Monday after the holidays!

Yours sincerely

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Diary Dates

13th February – Go Green Friday – don't forget to wear green!

23rd February – Start back at school

2nd March – Development day – school closed.

4th March – A workshop for parents 'Teach your child their tables!' by Mr O'Brien (2pm – 3pm)

16th March – A workshop for parents 'Writing and Reading in KS2' by Miss Clancy (1:30pm – 3pm)

25th March – PTFA meeting – Easter Egg Hunt

28th March – Easter Craft Family Learning morning.

29th March – Easter egg Hunt

30th March – A workshop for parents 'Reading & phonics in KS1' by Miss Milborrow (2 – 3pm)

3rd April – Break up for the Easter Holidays!



Go Green Friday

Friday is Go Green Friday. Please remember to come to school wearing something green. There are lots of exciting activities planned for the day.

LOST PROPERTY

Are you missing a jumper? A left shoe? A pair of socks? Lost Property will be on a table outside school today and tomorrow, most of it is **not** labelled. The clothes that are not collected by the end of the week will be washed and taken to a charity shop.



Think about / talk about....

If something correct can be 'right', why isn't something wrong 'left'?



Good News

This week Zara and Euan Sutherland came to show me their Ski-ing certificates. They had both entered into a Ski competition at Folkestone Ski Slopes. Both have done really well. Well Done Zara and Euan!



If you brought a **Logo Quiz** at the Xmas Fair please return it to Miss Dawe on the first Monday back after the holidays! She can then mark them all!

Half term Activities in the Community

Monday – Hockey for 11 year olds+ (12 – 4pm)

Tuesday – Pool competition for 8 years+ (12 – 4pm)

Wednesday – Badminton for 8 years+ (12 – 4pm)

Thursday -5-A-Side football for 11 year olds+ (10am – 1pm)

Friday – Multi games and activities for 8 years+ (10am– 2pm)



Forms available from the Community Centre, these must be handed in **BEFORE** taking part in any activity on the day

For more information contact Tanya – 07811 271 303

Development day reminder

If you would like to send your son / daughter to our 'After School Club' on that Monday please either contact Mrs Crook (01303-892224) or Cindy on 079099 35 821.

The cost of the club is £19 for the full day (8am –6pm) and £9.50 for either a morning (8am –1pm) or an afternoon (1pm – 6pm).

Money saving tip-

If you're pregnant, the baby's due date is on or after 6 April 2009 and you're at least 25 weeks pregnant you're entitled to a £190 one-off, tax free payment from the government. The grant isn't means-tested and comes in addition to any benefits or tax credits you get, including the Sure Start Maternity Grant, so if you're eligible make sure you apply.

The Health in Pregnancy Grant (HipG) is aimed at doing exactly what it says on the tin, keeping you fit and healthy in the last trimester of your pregnancy.

Who's eligible?

You can get the grant if all of the following apply:

- you are 25 weeks pregnant or more
- your expected date of delivery is on or after 6 April 2009
- you have been given health advice from a midwife or doctor

How do you apply?

To get it you need to ask your midwife or doctor for the Health in Pregnancy Grant form, or phone the HipG Helpline on 0292 350 1178.