

# Hawkinge Primary School



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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back - I hope everyone enjoyed their half term week; the children seem to be refreshed and ready to start again this week!

On the last day of term the children were given their class photographs, and I was glad to hear from many of you that you were as pleased with them as I am. There did not seem to be one photograph that was not of a superb quality. In fact I have been so pleased with them that I have approached the company to do our individual photographs in October next year - I know that seems so far ahead now, but the company get booked up far in advance - and I can see why!

If you have not handed your photographs in to Mrs Crook yet - Tuesday morning will be the very last opportunity to do so. A courier will be collecting them from school some time during the day on Tuesday.

Over the half term break Mr Wright was busy again with our refurbishment programme! He has done a super job of re painting the corridors down to the link, and updating the cloakroom area. It's looking good!

Can I draw your attention to the new logo on our paper today - the ACTIVE MARK 2008. It is actually bright pink (have a look on the school website after the weekend to see it in full colour!) We received it in recognition of our wide range of sporting after school clubs and in school opportunities we provide for the children. It's the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year we have been awarded an Active Mark.

In the newsletters I often mention the progress that the 'Pupil Voice' sessions are making. If you have forgotten how it works please ask your son / daughter. This week has seen 2 different successes. Firstly 3 representatives of the Pupil Voice Team had a meeting with the PTFA asking them for some money to buy new playground equipment. It was like being in the Dragons Den! The PTFA agreed to the children having £260 to buy some new equipment for all children to play with. The same 3 representatives then did a presentation to the governing body explaining what they have achieved this year so far. The governors were very impressed by the 'Pupil Power' at Hawkinge Primary School. A special mention must be given to Aaron, Louis and Bradley who did a great job!

Please remember school is closed on Monday - staff training day.

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## Diary Dates

2<sup>nd</sup> March – Development day – school closed.

4<sup>th</sup> March – World Maths Day – come to school wearing a number!

4<sup>th</sup> March – A workshop for parents 'Teach your child their tables!' by Mr O'Brien (2:15 – 3pm)

13<sup>th</sup> March – Comic relief – wear your school uniform but come with Silly hair / wearing a silly hat!

17<sup>th</sup> March – A workshop for parents 'Writing and Reading in KS2' by Miss Clancy (1:30pm – 3pm)

25<sup>th</sup> March – PTFA meeting – Easter Egg Hunt

28<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Craft Family Learning morning.

29<sup>th</sup> March – Easter egg Hunt

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

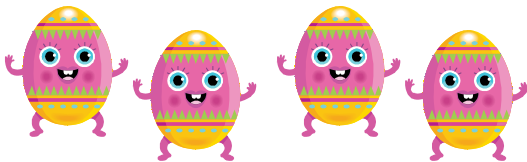
3<sup>rd</sup> April – Break up for the Easter Holidays!

JOKE OF THE DAY

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## Easter egg Hunt

This year the Easter Egg hunt will be held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March. The hunt will begin at 10am. Bacon sandwiches, tea and coffee will be on sale throughout the morning. Keep the date in your diary free – tickets will be on sale nearer the time!



A change of date for Miss Clancy's work shop for parents 'Writing and Reading in KS2'

The workshop was scheduled for Monday 16<sup>th</sup> of March but this has changed to Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

Please fill in the slip at the bottom of the letter indicating if you will be attending either literacy workshop. Return the slip to Mrs Crook / Miss Ward

## Think about / talk about....

If I borrow a million pounds am I a millionaire?

## 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.



## Parents of Y6 pupils

Secondary Schools should be announced next week. Keep an eye out for the post! If you are not happy with the school your son / daughter has been allocated and you want further advice either contact myself or Mr O'Brien at school.

If you would like to speak to an 'expert' a Choice advisor will be manning telephones between 9am – 4pm from March 3<sup>rd</sup> – March 26<sup>th</sup>. Telephone – 01622 694073 or 01622-694065

## Why do earwigs look so fierce?

It is true that earwigs look quite scary with their pincers, but in fact they are nice creatures who spend most of their time looking after their young. In fact because they are very visible and look quite menacing they often get blamed for damage caused to other mini beasts

## PE kits

It has come to my notice that many children are wandering around looking for 'spare PE kits' at the start of their PE lessons. Please make sure, at the very least, your son / daughter have their PE kit in school on the 2 days they have PE if not every day. If children are looking for spare PE kits they are wasting their valuable learning time and disturbing other children in the classes they disturb. That is not fair!

I plan to attend the following workshops:

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March - A workshop for parents 'Writing and Reading in KS2' by Miss Clancy (1:30pm - 3pm)

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Signed: ..... Parent of.....