

Hawkinge Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you to everyone who supported the Enterprise Afternoon at school on Thursday. It makes me very proud to see how entrepreneurial the children can be, and how hard they have worked to make sure they were ready for this afternoon. Obviously there are many skills that they use in preparation for the 'finale' of the afternoon, they learn how to work as a member of a group, take turns in talking, delegate work to each other, and take on responsibilities independently. They have to learn to work as an organised team, which can be a challenge for even the best of us! They also needed to use their skills of numeracy to price items to ensure a profit, and literacy to create some persuasive posters.... So as you can see it's much, much more than just a 'sale'!

I have also got to mention how proud I was to hear about the high quality performance the dancers from Y3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in at Folkestone School For Girls last Friday at the Dance Extravaganza. Many dance groups from all around Shepway attended and performed in the evening after an afternoon of rehearsals. Parents who went to watch the show have said how well our children performed (most have said we were the best school there by far...!) and how professional they looked. Thank you's must go out to the children for all of their hard work, but the hard work from Mrs Webb and Mrs Honzik made it possible, but without a shadow of a doubt, the talent and endless work that Mrs Chown puts in week on week, to ensure that the children who attend the dance club can perform at such a high level is the reason they are so good. Big thanks go to Mrs Chown.

It was the Hythe Round The Houses Run at the weekend, Miss Varnals entered a team of 15 children who all ran in the race. They all did well, it was quite exhausting watching them all!!!

If you have a child in Y3/4 please remember it is their test week next week – they should be in school promptly ready to start their tests, having had a calm morning and a good breakfast to ensure they perform their best.

It's a busy school isn't it? No wonder we are all ready for another holiday!!!
Have a good weekend

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Diary Dates

18th – 22nd May – Test week Y34
18th – 22nd May – Science week
19th May – Meeting for parents of children joining the school in September
20th May – Governors meeting
22nd May – Half term begins! ☺

Remember:

Once a week, take a peek!

*Actual size of headlice
in stages of growth*



Well Done!

Amy Paterson has achieved her silver level for Highland Dance!



Next PTFA meeting – June 3rd at 7pm – to discuss the Summer Fair

Think about / talk about....

How many children would it take to hug the school?

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who brought tickets, donated Eggs and enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt. We made a total profit of £248.65!

A special thank you to Jill from Serendipity, who donated some lovely prizes for the Easter Raffle and cellophane, ribbons etc. It's really nice that local businesses can support the school – and we appreciate how difficult this can be in these hard financial times.



Saturday school at Hawkinge Primary School

Letters will be coming home shortly for children in Y3, 4, 5 & 6 to let you know that we will be running some FUN Saturday schools during the next half term. They are all free, but places are limited.

Children could come and work with:

- Miss Clancy and Miss Godden to write, compose and perform an opera (Y3-6)
- Miss Ward – to develop their skills of philosophy, thinking and questioning (Y5&6)
- Mr O'Briens wife – to participate in dance lessons (Y5&6)
- Miss Dawe – to learn some French for their summer holidays / in preparation for secondary school (Y5&6)

The courses run from 10 – 12 most Saturdays, they will not be like school, but a fun way to spend your Saturday mornings. If you are interested and have not received a letter please ask me for one!

Thanks to Brockhill who have provided the funding!

Basket Ball Club.

Do you enjoy playing basket Ball? Are you in Y6? If so there is a Basket Ball Club at The Churchill School starting this Friday from 5 – 6:15pm.

The cost is only £1 per session – open to all Y6s.

Improve your writing

As many of you will know we have had a 'test week' this year for Y5&6 pupils and one of the new initiatives we have introduced this year to help children improve their work is 'Green Pen Work'. This means that when the children from Y1 – Y6 have completed a piece of written work they are given a green pen to make improvements in their choice of vocabulary or connectives and make sure they have used a wide range of punctuation correctly. We know through looking at the work the children do in their books this has contributed to an improvement of writing levels across the school, and it has been nice to see that children have used the same strategy in their tests to make improvements. It is nice to see them transferring the skills they have learnt in class to their tests!