

Hawkinge Primary School



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Dear Parents,

It has been such a busy week back!

The children have been up to all sorts. This week the focus of all our work has been 'Team Building' because, as a staff, we think it is important that the children have time to re-group after the holidays, get used to the children who are in their class and learn the important skills of being a good team member – such as co-operation, listening, turn taking etc. All these skills will be important throughout the rest of the year too.

Each class have been working as a team to create a Class Crest, write a class jingle and a class motto. All being well Mr Rogers will have some time over the next week to put these all onto the school website so that you can see them for yourselves. The children have enjoyed writing and designing logos for their classrooms and the work is of a very good standard.

On Wednesday, as many of you will know, we had a visit from The Happy Puzzle Company. They worked with children in groups to solve problems from making a Domino Rally to balancing penguins on an iceberg. The children I spoke to at the end of the day said that the day had been good fun!

On Wednesday it was the 9th of September 2009 (09/09/09) so to celebrate such an exciting day pupils in Years 3,4,5 and 6 stopped what they were doing at 9:09am and practiced their 9 times tables!

In addition to all of the above, most classes have had the opportunity to use the new laptops. There were a few teething problems at the beginning of the week (typical technical hitches!!) but by the end of the day yesterday I am assured they were all resolved. The children have really enjoyed using the laptops, and so far there have been no accidents transporting them to classrooms!

All pupils who are due to start in Reception full time next week have been in for afternoons to visit and have been getting used to their new surroundings.

Have a good weekend,

Aly Ward

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Diary Dates:

September

- 14th – Drumming workshops for Y56
- 15th – Y34 trip to Dover Painted House
- 15th & 16th – PESE tests
- 16th – English as a Second Language lessons start (1pm)
- 18th – Targets will be coming home
- 25th – European Day of Languages (details to follow)

October

- 2nd – Jeans 4 Genes day
- 15th – Year R open Day
- 22nd – Harvest Festival – performed by Y34
- 23rd (Friday) Development Day
- 24th – 1st November – Half Term!

Letters sent home this week

If you have not received any of the following letters please contact the School Office:

- Internet permission
- Use of photographs
- First Aid permission
- Y34 school trip



Clubs at Hawkinge Primary School.

At Hawkinge Primary School we are very lucky that teachers give their time freely to run after school clubs. Clubs to be running this term will be notified by letter next week.



Jumble Sale!

If you have any old School Uniform you would like to sell you might like to know that The Children's Centre are holding a Second Hand School Clothes Bring and Buy on Wednesdays. If you would like more information please call 01303-853056 or call into the Children's Centre next to Tesco's

HEADLICE.....!

Already I have had a couple of teachers who have been to see me because they have seen headlice moving in children's hair. PLEASE check your child's hair this weekend. If adults can see the head lice, so can other children too. This is not pleasant for the children or other members of their class.

Remember – Once a week – take a peek!

Lost Property!

You may have noticed the big pile of lost property outside the school this week. It is all school uniform / school bags that were left over the summer holiday.

If this is not claimed by Monday evening I will donate it to The Children's Centre Bring and Buy.

Mrs Hughes Money Saving Tip of the Week Check your tyre pressure

You can save money on fuel with a quick tyre check.

Driving with under-inflated tyres can reduce your fuel economy by up to ten per cent.

Check the pressure in your tyres at least once a week, and before every long journey. If the pressure seems low, check it immediately with a tyre gauge.



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