

Hawkinge Primary School

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Dear Parents,

I am a very proud head teacher!

As you know the school had its Ofsted inspection on Monday and Tuesday of this week. We had 3 inspectors visiting the school who were very thorough in the work they undertook; looking at documents, watching lessons, speaking to pupils, reading parent's views, speaking to staff and analysing data. By the end of the day on Tuesday they had made their preliminary judgements about the school which they now have to submit to Ofsted for verification, before the report they have written about the school is published. The staff and I are sworn to confidentiality about the final judgement, but I can tell you that we are very pleased with the result. The Ofsted team will be writing a letter to you all over the Easter break and the letter and report will be ready for distribution when we start back at school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all their support during the inspection and since my appointment. The man who came in to school to go through parent questionnaires could not believe how many had been returned - so thank you for that. I would also like to thank all staff - they were in most of the weekend completing last minute tweaks!

If the beginning of the week had not been exciting enough, on Thursday we had notification from the assessment team that have been judging our financial systems - Financial Management Standards in Schools (FMSiS), they have said our systems in place are very good and financial standards are high. You will see we get a special logo for this (another one to add to the paper!!!!) which is on the bottom left hand side of the letter, and will be added to the school website this weekend. Many thanks to Jo Hughes who has led this work in school, and worked with the Financial Sub Committee of the Governing body to ensure systems are robust and that the school ensures good value for money in all areas of school life.

This weekend sees the start of our Easter Events! On Saturday it is the now annual Easter Family Crafts Day - please come along and join in with Easter card making, Easter chick making, Make some Easter decorations - all these are free - Helen from Amazing Glaze in Hythe will be coming with her pottery painting - these items can be painted at a small cost and fired, returned to school ready for the Easter holidays! Easter crafts starts at 10am and will end 12 noon.

On Sunday it is the PTFA Easter Egg Hunt. Please remember no tickets will be sold on Sunday, if you have not brought yours at the time of reading this letter please come into school and see me - I still have tickets to sell. KS1 Easter Egg Hunt will start at 10am this year, and KS2 shortly afterwards. There are a couple of new rules this year so please read the back of your tickets to be sure you know the rules before arriving. The usual bacon sandwiches, teas and coffees will be served!

Have a lovely weekend - I hope to see you at some stage during the weekend.

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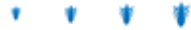
Diary Dates - February / March

- 29th March - Reception Height and Weight measuring
- 1st April - last day - break up for Easter
- Monday 19th April - School Closed - DEVELOPMENT DAY
- Tuesday 20th April - Children return to school

Remember:

Once a week, take a peek!

Actual size of headlice in stages of growth



Easter Holidays

If you are planning activities for your Easter holidays I have some vouchers in my office from Amazing Glaze (the ceramic painting shop in Hythe) The voucher is worth £5 and will cover the cost of the studio fee for anything you paint for the whole of April.

I will have them on the door next week in the mornings, please just ask for one.

Governor News

My name is George Hodgson and I have recently retired. I was born in Stirling (Scotland) and I have lived in or around Hawkinge for over thirty years. I have three grown up sons and seven grandchildren. I recently remarried. My wife's name is Tracy and I have become a stepdad to five more children.

I have been a Hawkinge Parish Councillor for over ten years and I have found that nothing happens very quickly.

I have been involved on and off with football in the village for over twenty five years, and recently have been helping the Hawkinge Youth Club with their successful bid to have new changing facilities.

I have been a governor at the school for over ten years and I have found that everyone involved with the school has ensured that every child who comes to the school has the best education possible.

Development Day - Monday 19th April

Monday 19th April will be a staff and governors training day in school, so the school will be closed to pupils. There is a possibility that the After School Club will be open that day - please speak to Amanda at After School Club if you are interested in using this facility, it will be dependent on enough pupils being interested. If you don't know how to contact Amanda please leave a message with Mrs Crook in the school office.

Money Saving tip of the week

Sainsbury's have medium sized Cadbury Easter Eggs on offer for 95p!!!!!! Offer started Wed this week and is set to continue for a short while so hurry and buy them before prices go back up!!

Also for anyone who needs a good 3 in 1 printer, I purchased an HP one on offer in Tesco this week for £49.00 (normally around £80), it works really well and I feel it is very good value for a scanner, copier and printer



PTFA NEWS

Easter Egg Hunt is on Sunday 28TH March.

It looks like there is a possibility of rain on Sunday. Remember the Easter Egg Hunt is on the field so please remember to bring Wellingtons, coats and brolleys!

