

Hawkinge Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

It certainly feels like we have all got back into the swing of school life this week, the new pupils in Kangaroos and Penguins are now in school full time (until they are 18years old!!) and have settled in very well.

The pupils in Year 3 and 4 have been out on a trip this week to launch their theme of 'Ahoy there!' The children went to Smugglers Caves in Hastings and had a great time! The photographs of their trip will be on the school website shortly.

On the school website are photographs of the trip Year 1 and 2 pupils took last week to Wingham Bird Park to launch their theme of 'the Animal Fair'. There are some lovely pictures of children posing with snakes around their necks, or with very large spiders in their hands!

The new school meals are going down very well too - each day children come up to me to say how much they have enjoyed their lunch. I certainly do each day too. In fact Mr O'Brien is now eating all his vegetables at lunchtimes too! Thank you for everyone who is paying promptly, this is imperative to make the new system work well. If you are unsure of payments for lunch please pop in and see Mrs Webb - she is in the green room each day from 8:30am. Each meal costs £2:10 and must be paid either in advance or on the day your child eats their meal.

Next Wednesday we will be holding a drop in parents evening for parents in all year groups excluding parents of pupils in Kangaroos and Penguins. The teachers will give a short presentation about life in their year groups, what is expected of children in their classes, they will share with you important diary dates for the year, recommended reads, how we teach maths and much, much more. The presentations will last approx 15minutes and will start at 3:30pm, 4:40pm and 5:30pm. After each presentation there will be time to have a general chat with the class teacher and time to look around at the resources that the teachers think will be of interest to you. Parents who attend the Parent Forum meetings have also recommended things for teachers to present to parents.

On the reverse of the newsletter are key diary dates for this half term so that you can plan ahead!

Have a nice weekend

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Diary dates

- 19th September - PTFA meeting 7pm
- 21st September - parents evening
- 23rd September - Class photographs
- 7th October - Jeans for genes day
- 17th October -PTFA AGM
- 21st October - Half term begins at 3pm!

School lunches

Next week we are following WEEK 3 menu.

Don't forget the meals cost £2:10 a day

Remember

Keeping hydrated helps with learning. If you need to buy a new water bottle they are available from the office costing £1:50. Please remember your water bottle each day!

Hawkinge Primary School history - part 1

The school opened on 2nd June 1879 by Maud M. Jackson with only 19 children. In the school log book Miss Jackson's thoughts were recorded on various aspects of school life, including punctuality. 'To secure this,' she wrote, '...I have endeavoured to be in school a full five minutes before the appointed time for commencement, during which time the bell is rung as a reminder to the children. Late comers are reprimanded in the presence of the whole school and they are kept in afterwards.'

The school inspector's annual reports varied in the early years from warmly approving to sternly critical. In July 1881, for example, he wrote: 'This little school continues to make satisfactory progress. Reading, however, though accurate and fairly intelligent, is very monotonous.'

Information for parents of children in Y6

Open evening for The Harvey Grammar School is on Thursday 22nd September from 6pm - 8pm. The Principle will be speaking at 7pm and 8pm

The Open Evening for Folkestone School for Girls is on Thursday 29th September from 6pm - 8pm. The Executive Principle and Head of School will be giving a short talk at 6:15pm and 7:15pm

Brockhill Park Performing Arts College are holding an Open Evening on 20th September. The school will be open from 5.45pm onwards. No booking is necessary and all parents and students are most welcome to come along and view the school. Tours of the school will be available during the working day in October and parents are asked to phone the school and book if they would like to attend.

Letters

If you have not yet returned your permission letters for photograph use, internet use, first aid permissions and local trip permission please can I ask you to return them on Monday?

Money saving tip of the week

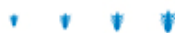
100 days left until Christmas!
Set up a Christmas cupboard. Set aside space for Xmas goodies now, and plan your shopping list. Then keep track of sales / special offers and be ready to pounce.

Head lice

Please get into the routine of checking your son / daughters hair for head lice. They are very active at this time of year. We would recommend you use the 'nitty gritty' products which seem to be the most effective - you can buy them on line at www.nittygritty.co.uk
The phrase 'once a week take a peek' is a good motto and I will add it to each newsletter as a weekly reminder.

What should I be looking for?

Check every week for live head lice, for tiny grey 'dots' attached to the hair close to the scalp ('live' eggs) and for white dots - hatched egg cases or 'nits' -which remain glued in place on each hair strand as it grows out.



These are the actual size of head lice in different stages of growth