

# Hawkinge Primary School

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Dear Parents,

*It has been a busy first week back to school - as it always is at Hawkinge Primary School. The week started off with a Staff Development Day. We spent time starting to plan the curriculum for 2013-2014, analyse the strengths of our current curriculum to build upon and looking for 'gaps' that we can improve again next year.*

*The classes have been busy launching their new themes. Year 5 & 6 have the theme of Stars and Stripes and launched their theme by having a morning of carousel activities including learning how to line dance and tasting 'American traditional food' Pupils in Years 3 and 4 have started their 'Commotion in the Ocean' theme this week, and are looking forward to their trip to the Blue Reef Aquarium next week.*

*As I am writing this letter the pupils in Years one and two have just boarded the Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway as their launch pad activity. There was great excitement as the children left school earlier this morning, I am keeping my fingers crossed that the rain stays away!*

*The children in Donaldson and Inkpen classes theme this term is entitled 'What Shall we do with the Lazy Pirate?' As I look out of my office window I can see the pirate ship that Mr Wright has been busy making! The children will be having a Pirate theme day next week.*

*This week the children in Inkpen and Donaldson classes have also been welcoming some of the new children who are due to start school in September. They have been in for a couple of sessions this week, several even cried as they left (always a good sign!)*

*The Year 6 pupils have been on their residential trip this week too. Mr O'Brien, Miss Dawe, Miss Hanner and Mrs Maitland have taken all the Y6 pupils to Kingswood in Ashford for an action packed few days - they have been very busy, and after the first night of very little sleep last night the children slept exceptionally well, and had to be woken up this morning! I am sure they will sleep well tonight too!*

*Don't forget it is the PTFA Garage Sale on the 15<sup>th</sup> June. If you are interested in having a pitch please contact Makala Thomas on 07540654727 or Mrs Crook in the school office.*

*Have a good weekend,*

