

# Hawkinge Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Thank you to the many parents who e mailed in photographs of children next to the 'Banksy' in Folkestone or pictures of various Triennial pieces of art. Mrs Bull has been busy printing them out and has made a lovely display of them all in the corridor at the front of the hall. Please pop in to see the display. If you are visiting Folkestone this weekend it is not too late to send in your photographs - e mail them to [website@hawkinge.kent.sch.uk](mailto:website@hawkinge.kent.sch.uk) or print one off and give it to Mr O'Brien or myself in the morning. If you are unable to get into school to see the display have a look on the school website over the weekend - the photographs will be uploaded to the gallery there.

I am sure you have heard in the news over the last few months about the many changes going on in the world of education at the moment - the new curriculum, new ways of assessing children and measuring the progress they are making, Universal Free School Meals for children up to Y2 and the list goes on! One of the changes that have not been as widely discussed is the changes in guidance in meeting the needs of children who require additional support - sometimes referred to as children with Special Needs. We have dedicated a page on our school website to the new guidelines with a (hopefully) clear Question and Answer section towards the bottom of the page that explains how we support children's learning and their other various needs at school. We would welcome your feedback on the information given to you on this page - especially the Question and Answer section. On the reverse of this newsletter I have designed a response slip that we would really appreciate you filling in with either comments or questions, and returning it to Miss Hanner or Mr O'Brien and myself in the mornings. To find the correct page on the website go to [www.hawkingeprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.hawkingeprimaryschool.co.uk) - About Us - SEND. Thank you in advance for your responses.

Next Wednesday we will be sending your child's targets home (Y1-Y6) - keep an eye out for a white A5 envelope!

Have a good weekend

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## **Dates for your diary**

### **October**

15<sup>th</sup> - Kent Test Results sent to parents

21<sup>st</sup> – Year 5/6 landing pad assembly 2:15-3pm

22<sup>nd</sup> – Year 3/4 landing pad assembly 2:15-3pm

23<sup>rd</sup> – Year 1/ 2 landing pad assembly 2:15-3pm

### **Change of date – Nativity Play**

**Wednesday 17th December 9:30 – 10:30am**

### **Every week – take a peek!**

Please check your child's hair for head lice this weekend.  
Regular checks prevent the spread of head lice in school.

### **School Lunches!**

Don't forget school meals cost £2:30 a day if your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6.

School meals will be served from the week 3 menu next week

*Menus are available on the school website  
Go to About Us – Documents*

### **Parents Evening**

Parent's Evenings will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Letters to follow.

### **October half term drama school**

Showcase Creations are running a drama school for children aged 9 – 12 years at Brockhill Performing Arts College from Mon 27th to Fri 31st October.

Please contact Leanne for further information and prices on showcasecreations@gmail.com or 07811 761131

### **Starting school in September 2015?**

If your child was born between 01.9.2010 – 31.8.2011, you can apply online at:

[www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola), from 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014 the closing date is 15th January 2015.

Our open morning is November 11<sup>th</sup> 9:30-11:30am

### **Harvest**

This year we will be supporting the Rainbow Centre in Folkestone again. If you are happy to make a donation they have requested the following:

UHT milk / powdered milk, sugar, cartons of fruit juice, soup, pasta sauces, sponge pudding (tinned), tinned tomatoes, cereals, tea bags, instant coffee, tinned rice pudding, instant mashed potato, rice, pasta, tinned meat, fish, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, jam, biscuits / snack bars

Please send any donations in on the morning of your child's class assembly. Thank you!

### **For parents of children in Year 6**

Online applications to transfer to Secondary school in Sept 2015 are now open. The national closing date for applications is 31st October 2014 but Kent will accept applications from Kent parents until midnight on Wednesday 5th November to allow parents extra time to consider their school options following the Kent Test results which will be sent out on the 15th October.

To apply on line go to [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola) If you need any help applying on line please contact either myself or Mr O'Brien. Many of the Secondary Schools are having Open Evenings at the moment – have a look on their school websites for more information.

### **Attendance of the week**

Well done Van Gogh class for having 100% attendance last week

Dear Miss Hanner,

I have read the information on the SEND link on the school website and would like to make the following comments / ask the following questions:

From

Parent of

Class