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Dear Parents,

Next Friday, 25th September, Hawkinge Primary School will once again be supporting the Jeans for Genes charity helping raise money for children with genetic disorders. On Friday the children need not wear school uniform instead we hope they will wear as much denim as possible. In return for this we would like the children to bring a donation of £1. We are hoping the local newspaper may come into school to take some photographs too!

On Monday the PTFA are holding their AGM meeting in school. If you are interested in finding out more about the PTFA please do come along - everyone is welcome. If you park in the school car park and use the doors you usually enter the school by in the morning someone will be there to greet you and point you in the right direction for a coffee and to the meeting room!

Can I mention parking etiquette at the end of the school day? I hate to moan so early in the school year, however there have been several problems at home times (especially on rainy days) when the car park has been blocked by cars being left whilst collecting a child. The concern I have is on those occasions that other children are being put at risk. In addition to the risk that children can be subject too, cars queuing to get into the school car park then block the move of traffic in Mill Lane causing again more risk to children leaving the school premises. The general rule of thumb should be that the car park has moving traffic from 3pm. So if you have to leave your car please park in the Community Centre Car Park / Village Hall Car Park to allow for free flow of traffic in the school car park. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

By now you should have received your child's homework for the term. If you have not please do mention this to your child's class teacher - it may have got lost on the way home! The homework will be added to the school website as soon as we sort out a few 'ICT issues' that have occurred over the summer. Thank you for your patience with the website being out of use at the moment!

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Diary Dates – Term 1

21 Sept – PTFA AGM 7pm at school
25th Sept – Jeans for Genes day
30th Sept – Class photographs day
14th Oct – Kent Test Results Day
19th Oct – Y1 & 2 landing pad assembly (2:15-2:45pm)
20th Oct – Y5 & 6 landing pad assembly (2:15-2:45pm)
21st Oct - Y 3 & 4 landing pad assembly (2:15-2:45pm)
22nd Oct – Reception landing pad (2:15-4:5pm)
23rd Oct – Last day of term!

Extreme Reading’ challenge

Thank you to everyone who has taken part in the ‘Extreme Reading’ challenge over the summer holidays! Please come and have a look at the brilliant photos on display just inside the main double doors.

Winners are:

Geckos – Katie Jackson
Coffee Beans – Isabelle Newton
Rio – Nathan Harre-Young
Rainforest – Jessie-May Arnold
Flamingos – Ellis Bailey
Armadillos – Charlotte Selby
The Jaguars – Izzy Janser
Alpacas – James Watson
de Morais – Isabel Garlinge

Food Technology

To ensure that we are making the most of our amazing new cookery facilities, we have devised a whole school plan to teach pupils how to grow, cook and apply the principles of nutrition and healthy eating.

Learning how to cook is a crucial life skill that enables pupils to feed themselves and others affordably and well, now and in later life.

We think that pupils should be taught to:

- Understand where food comes from.
- Understand and apply the principles of a healthy and varied diet.
- Prepare and cook a variety of predominantly savoury dishes using a range of cooking techniques.
- Understand seasonality and know how a variety of ingredients are grown, reared, caught and processed.
- We also aim to instil a love of cooking.

The scheme of work is as follows:

	Dishes children will be learning to cook	Vegetables children will be growing
Early Years	1. Fairy cakes their initials 2. Bread 3. Potato salad	Potatoes
Year 1/2	1. Apple turnovers 2. Vegetable soup 3. Tartiflette	Potatoes, garlic and onions.
Year 3/4	1. Pizzas 2. Tacos/Fajitas 3. Moussaka	Onions and tomatoes.
Year 5/6	1. WW2 meal 2. Stir Fry 3. Bake off (Cakes) 4. Feijoada (Brazilian Stew)	Onions and herbs.

Of course, lots of other cookery lessons will also take place throughout the year.

N.B Please ensure your child’s food allergy form is up-to-date, so that your child’s class teacher is aware of any foodstuffs your child is unable to have.

Advance dates for your diary!

3rd & 4th Nov – Parents evening
15th December – Nativity
4th Jan –staff training day
24th & 25th Feb - Parents evening
24th March –staff training
1st July –staff training
24TH June – Sports Day

CHANGES TO PERSISTENT ABSENCE

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From September 2015 the Department for Education is raising the persistent absence figure from 85% to 90%.

Children who have anymore than 10% absence a year are identified as a ‘concern’. Please work with us to ensure your child’s attendance is above 95%.

If your son / daughter is ill please contact the school on 01303-892224 before 8:30am on the morning of their absence and each day they are absent from school. Thank you

Attendance

The Amazon and Pico Da Neblina classes both had 100% attendance last week – what a good start to the year. Well done!

Attendance / holidays

Please do remember that we are not in a position to be able to authorise holidays for children during school time. If there is a reason your son / daughter needs time out of school for an **exceptional circumstance** please complete the exceptional circumstance form that can be found in the school office or on the school website – About Us / Policy link / Attendance Policy.