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Dear Parents,

This week has seen the children in our two Reception Classes starting school full time! They started their full time school life on Wednesday morning. The children looked so smart in their school uniform and I am pleased to report the vast majority came in on their first day full of smiles and were excited to be here! I did notice a few parents leaving school that morning with dark glasses on (!!)

For the remainder of this week they have settled in well - I am just keeping my fingers crossed that they want to come back on Monday morning!

Last week was proud to be able to tell you that our geography curriculum had been awarded a silver accreditation by the Geographical Association and we had attained 90% in our Safety Mark assessment. This week we have heard from 'School Games' who have audited our PE provision and have awarded us a Bronze Award for that too. I am proud that we offer a quality wider curriculum to all our children. There is much in the press recently about schools delivering a narrow curriculum. This is something we have always worked hard not to do. We believe The Arts, PE and Humanities play a crucial role in the education of our children at Hawkinge Primary School and are pleased to see that the quality of our curriculum has been recognised by national bodies.

On Monday 2nd October the school photographer is coming into school to take photographs of all our new classes. At this stage they do not come in to take individual photographs that takes place later on in the school year. I will keep you updated with the date for the individual photographs when it is confirmed with us.

Thank you to everyone who has returned the coloured forms this week- I know I have been a bit of a nag! We now have comprehensive lists of your child's medical needs, health needs and I am confident we can keep them safe. If any medical needs change as the year goes on please do update us so that we can update our records accordingly. Can I remind you that if your child needs to take medication during the school day this must be handed in by an adult at the school office and a form completed giving details of what the medicine is and when it needs to be administered. Without your signature we cannot administer medication. Thank you for your support with this policy.

Have a lovely weekend,

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Diary Dates – Term 1

27th September – Y6 going to War Horse
2nd October – Class photographs
2nd October – 7PM PTFA AGM – all welcome
6th October – Kent Messenger in to take photographs of Reception classes ‘Starting School’
16th October – Y5/ 6 Landing Pad (2:15pm)
17th October – Y3/ 4 Landing Pad (2:15pm)
- Y6 Height and Weight measuring (NHS)
18th October – Y1/ 2 Landing Pad (2:15pm)
19th October – EYFS Landing Pad (2:15pm)
20th October – School Closed – Staff Training Day

Advance dates for your diary!

29th September – Jeans for Genes Day
20th October – School Closed for Staff Training Day
15th December 9:30am – Nativity for EYFS / Y1 and 2 pupils
19th December – Christmas Lunch

Jeans for Genes Day

On Friday 29th September please join with the rest of the school in raising money for a charity that helps children with genetic disorders. All you have to do is come to school wearing denim in exchange for £1!

Message from Miss Walker....



Christmas Cakes

I am now taking orders for Christmas cakes for delivery the last week of term. Please order by 5th December. For prices and any other queries please find and message me on Facebook @ The Flour Jar.

Extreme Reading’ challenge

Extreme Reading Summer Challenge 2017

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Extreme Reading Challenge! Please take a look at all the fantastic photos on display near the hall! Winners are as follows:

- Yellowstone – Madeline Price
- Dragon Bridge – Bethany Giles
- Little Mermaids – Conor Sheridan
- Eiffel Tower – James McGlone-Williams
- Terracotta Warriors – Harry Wilkinson
- Matterhorn – Maisie Jones
- Niagara Falls – Keira Waite
- Hollywood – Emily Kane
- Great Barrier Reef – Callum Rynne
- Colosseum – Thomas Reed-Cook & Lola Harris
- Notre Dame – Luke Barnatt

(Miss Milborrow)

Reminder...

Just wanted to remind everyone that although it is a nice thought to bring sweets / cakes into school to celebrate your child’s birthday – this is something we do not do at Hawkinge Primary School for a wide variety of reasons. Thank you for respecting this rule.

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.

PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN IN RECEPTION:

We would like to invite you to two workshops about how we teach phonics and Guided Reading in Reception.

- Phonics: Thursday 12th October 1:30-3:00
- Guided Reading: Thursday 2nd November 1:30-3:00
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These will be held in the cookery room in the link.

If you would like to attend one or both of these, please complete this slip and hand to your child’s class teacher.

I look forward to seeing you there! Miss Milborrow

I will be coming to the phonics workshop on Thursday 12th October.

I will be coming to the Guided Reading workshop on Thursday 2nd November.

Parent/Carer of _____ in _____ class.