

# +Hawkinge Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Unbelievably we are over half way through this half term already! Time really does fly when you are having fun!

Our Y5 and 6 pupils have had a very busy week this week. On Monday they had a visitor who led workshops for them teaching the skills of self-defence, on Wednesday afternoon the Year 6 pupils went to The Marlowe Theatre to watch War Horse and on Thursday they had a sports coach in to teach them the skills of playing squash! What a varied week they have had!

Our Reception pupils are settling in well. Many are walking down to their classrooms all by themselves in the morning and enjoying being rewarded with a sticker when they have done so successfully! The children who are in Miss Milborrow's class invited their brothers and sisters (who attend our school) to spend the afternoon with them on Tuesday - they looked like they were having a great time! Next week the children in Ms Thompson's class will be inviting their siblings to spend an afternoon with them too!

On Monday of next week the school photographer is coming in to take class photographs - please make sure faces are clean and hair looks nice and neat and tidy!! The photographs will all be taken before lunch so no school dinner should be evident on the photographs!!

Can I remind you that on Monday night the PTFA will be hosting its AGM meeting in the staffroom from 7pm - everyone is welcome to attend. If you would like to come along come to the car park doors and someone will be there to show you to the staffroom.

On Thursday of next week the children from Year 1-6 will be having their first Pupil Voice meeting of the year (have a look at the school website to find out more about these meetings). The children will be completing a survey to audit their views about our school. We will share the results with you as soon as they are collated.

Have a lovely weekend,

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### Diary Dates – Term 1

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

### 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 week 1 next week.  
*The new menu is available on the school website*  
*Go to About Us – Documents*

### Recycling News

This week the recycling team have collected 77kg of paper to be recycled.

### Don't forget .....

20<sup>th</sup> October the school will be closed for a Staff Training Day

### Advance dates for your diary!

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

### Internet Safety Tips

Each week we will be publishing a different tip. We hope you find them useful.

#### Tip 1 - Check if it's suitable

The age ratings that come with games, apps, films and social networks are a good guide to whether they're suitable for your child. For example, the minimum age limit is 13 for several social networking sites, including Facebook and Instagram. Although sites aimed at under-10s like Moshi Monsters and Club Penguin also have social networking elements.

**On Monday look out for a letter coming home to tell you more about our Triennial Week!**

### 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.

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Parent/Carer of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ class.