

# +Hawkinge Primary School

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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October

Dear Parents,

By now you will have received your invitation to a 'Landing Pad' assembly next week. I was reminded by a parent earlier in the week that not all of our parents know what a 'Landing Pad' Assembly is. At the beginning of each term the children 'launch' their theme in an exciting way - they have a visitor who comes into school to speak to them, they go on a visit, they might watch a film, complete a food tasting activity or cook food traditionally found in the county they are learning about. At the end of most of our terms we like to invite parents to come into school and find out what the children have learnt during the term. The children will present a short performance and then take you to show you their work. It is a wonderful time for children to really show you what they have been doing at school throughout the term (especially if your son / daughter respond with the word 'nothing' when asked what they have been doing at school all day!!!!)

The 'Landing Pad' assemblies start at just gone 2:15pm (The gates of the car park will be opened at 2:15pm by myself / Mr O'Brien) and a bell will ring at 2:45pm - at which time we would ask you to leave the classroom so that we can ensure all children get home safely at 3pm. Mr O'Brien and I will look forwards to seeing you at one of the assemblies.

As well as the landing pad assemblies this week the children will also be celebrating Folkestone Triennial by having our 'triennial Week'. At some stage of the week all of the children will be visiting part of the Triennial and then returning to school and completing work based on the art work they have seen. It is wonderful to have such a huge art exhibition on our door steps -we felt it was an opportunity we could not miss out on! I am sure your children will tell you all about it. This week they were visited by a lady who co-ordinates the Triennial, she came to one of their assemblies and told them all about some of the art installations. The children were very excited.

Tonight your son / daughter (Years 1-6) should have given you their targets for the term ahead. Please let their teacher know if you have not received them,

Have a lovely weekend,

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### Diary Dates – Term 1

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 54kg 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!

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.

### Put yourself in control

Install parental controls on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices. Set up a user account for your child on the main device they use and make sure other accounts in the household are password-protected so that younger children can't access them by accident.

### Attendance News

Colosseum had the best attendance last week - 99.29%

### **£1 coins**

Just a reminder that we will not be able to accept the 'old' £1 coins after today (Friday) as payment for anything in school. If you have any at home get them spent before Monday!!!!

### 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.

### Cross Country Running Report

On Wednesday some of our Key Stage 2 children represented Hawkinge Primary School at a cross country running competition in Dymchurch. All of our lunchtime training sessions had paid off as they did fantastically well. Our year 3/4 team came first and our year 5/6 team came third!! We are all very proud of them! There may be opportunities for more cross country running later in the academic year. I would like to thank Miss Stagg for all her hard work training the children and to all parents who transported children to and from the event.

Don't forget that the flu immunisations will take place for pupils in Years R-4 on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

To find out more about the Folkestone Triennial go to

[www.folkestonetriennial.co.uk](http://www.folkestonetriennial.co.uk)