

# Hawkinge Primary School



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another school year at Hawkinge Primary School. It has been wonderful to be back over the last week and a half. The children have been excited to tell us all of their news from over the summer holidays and I think we have all enjoyed getting back into a routine! Over the last week and a half the new children who are joining our school in the Reception classes have been getting used to our school. This week they have been coming to school every morning and today have even stayed for lunch! Next week they are in full time education (until their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday!) so it will be a big week for them!

As always at our school we have 'hit the ground running' since being back. The children have participated in team building activities in the first few days of school. We have had visits from Anti -Bullying workshops for each year group from Y1 - Y6 (if your son / daughter has not told you all about the workshops please do ask them!)

Pupils in Years 3 and 4 left school on Monday after having a 'Living History Workshop' to launch their theme of 'What evidence did the first civilisations leave behind'. The children learnt about the Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age. There were many, many children walking around the school with their faces painted looking rather gruesome! Pupils in Years 5 and 6 launched their theme of 'How did the sinking of the Titanic impact on safety at sea' by attending a 'History Detective Workshop' where the children had to research a maritime disaster (from a choice of 6) using articles, images, eyewitness accounts etc and then present their findings to the rest of the class.

Year 1 and 2 pupils launched their theme of 'How does the weather change throughout the year' by spending a morning exploring the weather through The Arts. Activities included: dance, 'Big Art' on the playground and creating collages.

The pupils in Year 6 were invited to spend a day at The Astor School in Dover on Thursday. The children returned to school very excited! They had a super day cooking, working in the science labs and attending drama workshops. I am sure if you have a Y6 child they would have told you all about it. I would like to thank Mr Kane (Head teacher of Astor School) for providing the transport for our children at no cost - and for all the hard work his staff put into the day.

Thank you to the many parents who have returned all the many forms at the beginning of term - I know it is a pain, but your prompt response really helps me! Thank you!

Have a great weekend,

### Diary dates – term 1

- 21<sup>ST</sup> September - Jeans for Genes (more info below)
- 26<sup>TH</sup> Sept – Residential meeting for Y6 parents
- 27<sup>th</sup> Sept – Y3/ 4 trip
- 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evening (Y1-6)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Maths workshop for parents (info to follow)
- 11<sup>th</sup> October – Class photographs
- 16<sup>th</sup> October – Landing Pad Y12 (2:15pm)
- 17<sup>th</sup> October – Landing Pad Y34 (2:15pm)
- 18<sup>th</sup> October – Landing Pad Y56 (2:15pm)
- 12<sup>th</sup> December – Landing Pad Y34 (2:15pm)
- 14<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity (Year 1,2 and Reception – AM)
- 14<sup>th</sup> December – Landing Pad Y34 (2:15pm)

### 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 3 next week.  
The lunch menu is on the school website.

### Home time!

Thank you for your patience over the last couple of weeks at home time whilst teachers are dismissing the children. It is always really hard in the first few weeks to match children with their parents and it does just take a little time. We obviously are very careful to give the children to the correct adult! All the teachers will speed up over the next couple of weeks as you become more familiar to them! The safety of your child is our prime concern. Please never panic if you have a couple of children to collect we will always keep hold of your child!

### Jeans for Genes Day

Each year we support Jeans for Genes day at Hawkinge Primary School to raise money.

Jeans for Genes Day is all about raising money to help some of the most vulnerable children in the UK who are affected by a genetic disorder.

We ask that your child comes into school on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September wearing jeans / denim items of clothing in return for a donation of £1.

If you have any questions about this please see Ms Thompson

## **Hawkinge Primary School Parent Workshops**

Come along to one of our Parent Workshops for an opportunity to share your experiences with other parents, to access resources & advice to help your family towards improved wellbeing. Complete the reply slip below to book your place on either or both of the workshops we are running this term.

### **"Anxiety – Helping Children To Cope" Workshop**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018**

**9.00 – 10.30 am**

Does your child worry a lot about day to day events?

Does your child find it hard to cope when trying something new?

For many of our children the world, or certain aspects of it, is overwhelming, complex and scary. From separation and social anxiety to performance anxiety, an increasing number of children now benefit from support to manage their anxieties. This workshop will introduce you to the current thinking around children's anxiety and ideas to support young people to manage their anxiety more effectively.

I/we would like to attend the Anxiety: Helping Children To Cope on Friday 21st September, 9.00-10.30am  
Name/s:

Child/ren at Hawkinge Primary School: .....