

Hawkinge Primary School



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Dear Parents,

We have welcomed our new Reception children to school full time this week. Many have taken to school life like ducks to water - some even walking down to class by themselves from day one! Such confidence is fantastic to see! I bet they will be absolutely shattered this weekend (I know Miss Milborrow and Ms Thompson will be!!!)

Thank you to everyone who joined in with our Jeans for Genes day today. It is funny to see children coming to school in their jeans! We have not finished counting all the money we raised yet - but will publish the figure in next week's newsletter.

Ms Tappenden and Niki led a Parent Workshop this morning about 'Helping to manage your child's anxiety'. It was good to see parents enjoying the workshop (and chocolate biscuits!) Niki and Ms Tappenden really do deliver some superb training please have a look on the school website for a full breakdown of parent workshops we will be delivering this year. If there are any that we have not thought of please let Ms Tappenden know. To find the list of workshops go to www.hawkingeprimaryschool.co.uk and click on the tab that is entitled 'parent support' and you will find more information there. On the reverse of this newsletter you will find an advert for a Maths Workshop for [parents of pupils in Year 3,4,5 and 6. The curriculum has changed so much for children in Key Stage Two that many parents say they could do with support in helping their child with their maths homework, Mr O'Brien will be running a workshop to show you how we teach maths in school. He promises not to give anyone a maths test (!) but will show you the sorts of calculations the children will learn by the end of Year 6 and the problems they have to solve. This workshop was really well received last year. If you would like to come along complete the form and hand it to me or Mr O'Brien in the mornings.

A few jumpers / cardigans have been lost already this term (!) Over the weekend please can I ask you to check that uniform is clearly labelled - that way the lost items usually find their way back to their owner. It is far more difficult with unnamed uniform. If you do not have any name labels you can buy them easily from a local company based in Hawkinge www.ideaarc.co.uk

Have a great weekend,

Diary dates – term 1

- 26th Sept – Residential meeting for Y6 parents
- 27th Sept – Y3/ 4 trip
- 10th & 11th October – Parents Evening (Y1-6)
- 3rd – Maths workshop for parents (info to follow)
- 11th October – Class photographs
- 16th October – Landing Pad Y12 (2:15pm)
- 17th October – Landing Pad Y34 (2:15pm)
- 18th October – Landing Pad Y56 (2:15pm)
- 12th December – Landing Pad Y34 (2:15pm)
- 14th December – Nativity (Year 1,2 and Reception – AM)
- 14th December – Landing Pad Y56 (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 1 next week.
The lunch menu is on the school website.

FREE LUNCH – 4th October!

On the 4th October we will be offering all children a free school meal.
The meal will consist of: A hot dog (or veggie dog!) with chips and salad followed by a cookie / fruit / yoghurt.
If you would like your child to have a free meal there is nothing more you need to do!

Who said there is no such thing as a free lunch?!?!

Online safety

This week Mr O'Brien and I attended an online safety course. It was great to be reminded of the many resources there are available for us and you to use to support your child on line. I thought you might like to be reminded about the many documents that we have on our school website that are guides for parents on keeping children safe on social media – from facebook and Instagram to X Box and You tube.

To find these please go to www.Hawkingeprimaryschool.co.uk and click on the 'Curriculum' tab and then On line Safety in the drop down menu.

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Parent Workshops

Mr O'Brien will be running a Key Stage 2 Maths workshop for parents on Wednesday 3rd October from 1:45 - 2:45.

The session will be based around the Key stage 2 maths curriculum and ways you can support your child at home. Please complete and return the slip below if you would like to attend.

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Name of parent:

I would like to attend the maths workshop for parents on Wednesday 3rd October (1:45 -2:45).

My child is in (class)

Signed: