

# Hawkinge Primary School



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Dear Parents,

It is funny to see a sea of yellow in school today- thank you to everyone who has made a contribution we will let you know how much we raised for Children In Need next week. Some children were dressed as Pudsey - that would be a great school uniform wouldn't it? However I think the Pudsey onesies were rather warm!!! It has been a fun way to end the week.

On Wednesday this week we held an open morning for parents and children who were looking around for places for a September start. It was a lovely opportunity to show off our school to a new group of parents and it was equally lovely to hear so many super comments back about our school. A really consistent comment was about the wonderful warm, friendly atmosphere our school has which I am sure you will agree is just so special to hear.

On the reverse of the newsletter is an advert for a Parent Workshop lead by Ms Tappenden and Niki Green next Tuesday in the evening. We are so lucky to have both Ms Tappenden and Niki working at our school leading so many parents' workshops. They are great presenters and their workshops are full of good ideas. Next week their workshop is about helping you to manage your child's anger. We often have conversations about this being a problem in many families. Please do come along on Tuesday night if it applies to you. I absolutely promise you will not be judged - but in fact will be given loads of good advice and many strategies will be shared that could change family life immediately. I cannot recommend these workshops enough. If you are interested please complete the slip on the reverse of the newsletter and either hand it to me or Mr O'Brien in the mornings or the school office (that way we know how many chocolate biscuits to get in!!!!)

If you have not returned your panto permission letter yet please do so - it would really help us to have them in advance. As you know the panto takes a lot of organising so the earlier we can get some jobs done the better!

The school photograph day went fairly smoothly yesterday you will be receiving your proofs on Monday. Please look out for them.

It was so nice to hear about the many events children participated in last weekend. It sounded a very busy weekend for many families - I hope you have a relaxing weekend this weekend

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## Diary dates – term 2

### November

20<sup>th</sup> – Understanding your child's anger – PM

Workshop for parents (more info to follow)

27<sup>th</sup> – PANTO!!!

28<sup>th</sup> – Parents Evening

29<sup>th</sup> – Parents Evening

### December

6<sup>th</sup> – Story Swap

7<sup>th</sup> – Pupil Voice

12<sup>th</sup> – Y34 landing pad (2:15pm in the school hall)

14<sup>th</sup> – Nativity (Year 1,2 and Reception –  
Community Centre 9:30-11am)

14<sup>th</sup> – Y56 landing pad (2:15pm in the school hall)

18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch

19<sup>th</sup> December last day of term

3<sup>rd</sup> January – back to school ☺

## 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.

## **In the news this week.....**

### **Compulsory times table test revealed**

The first mandatory times table tests for all nine-year-olds will be a quick-fire computer quiz, it has been revealed. Pupils will get the first electronic test of its kind starting in summer next year ahead of a national rollout in 2020. "Leaving primary school with a fundamental grasp of basic numeracy is as important as leaving being able to read," said Schools Minister Nick Gibb.

*This test will apply to pupils currently in Year 3.*

## Hawkinge Primary School - Parent Workshops

# Understanding Your Child's Anger

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 6.30pm – 8.00pm**

A workshop run by Niki Green (The Contented Child)

with Aneeka Tappenden (Family Support Worker)

- Suitable for parents of all ages –

Does your child seem to get angry over the smallest thing?

Does your child's anger get so big it can be scary for them?

Does your child struggle to calm down after they get angry?

Join us for this evening workshop where we will explore what is happening for children (& adults!) when they become angry. Share your experiences with other parents, find out about how you can support your child & access resources to help you at home.

- Understanding why they behave the way they do & how to anticipate their triggers
- Strategies to help your child manage difficult feelings that can lead to anger
- Supporting your child to work through their anger & diffuse angry outbursts
- Helping your child to develop self-control & respond differently

I /we would like to attend the Understanding Your Child's Anger on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 6.30-8.00pm

Name/s: .....

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