

# Hawkinge Primary School



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**04/10/18**

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see so many of you on Wednesday and Thursday evening this week during Parents' Evening. It has been equally as wonderful to hear so many comments about how proud you have been of the work your children have produced this term so far - ranging from the standard of presentation and quantity of work to the interesting lessons the children have been having. Thank you for adding your 'Proud Parent Post-It note' on your favourite piece of work too – the children love to find these in their books, they do enjoy sharing them with staff and their friends.

It does feel like our new school members in Paris and London classes have settled into school life so easily this year and are certainly enjoying themselves at school. The local newspapers have been to visit this week to take photographs of the two classes to add to their 'First Class Supplements' that they will be publishing next week. Do keep an eye out for the photographs! I watched one of the photographers taking a class photograph – it is quite a skill to get 30 reception pupils to look at the camera at the same time, whilst sitting with their hands on their knees smiling!

Mr O' Brien has asked me to remind Year 6 parents that he is holding a meeting on Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the school hall about the Year 6 residential. Please do come along to the meeting – he will be telling you all about the plans for the pupils during the residential, discussing payment plans and items you may want to pack! He will also be letting the children know that they need to start practising making their bed in the morning in preparation for the residential – a meeting you certainly don't want to miss!

During the last week of term we have 'Landing Pads' for parents of pupils in Year 1 – Year 6. For Parents new to the school, throughout the year 'Landing Pad Assemblies' mark the end of a term. These events are celebrations of the hard work the children have put into their theme work during the half-term and an opportunity for them to share with you all the new learning that has taken place (often a song is thrown into the assembly to entertain you too!) We do not hold a Landing Pad Assembly for pupils in the Reception classes in term 1 or term 2. Instead in Term 2 the children in Reception will be part of the Christmas Nativity performance. The Landing Pads are a lovely time in school – the children get so excited to present their new learning to parents. Sometimes it is a bit of a squash for all the parents to fit into the classroom – but thank you for your commitment to these events.

Have a good weekend,

**Diary dates – term 1**

**October**

15<sup>th</sup> October – Year 1 & 2 Landing Pad 2:15pm

16<sup>th</sup> October – Year 3 & 4 Landing Pad 2:15pm

17<sup>th</sup> October – Year 5 & 6 Landing Pad 2:15pm

**HALF TERM – 21<sup>ST</sup> – 25<sup>TH</sup> October**

**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 2 next week.

The lunch menu is on the school website.

**Year 6 Applications to secondary school for September 2020**

Please complete the LA Secondary Common Application Form (Kent SCAF) online indicating up to 4 schools, in order of preference. This must be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019. The website address is: [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola)

**OPEN MORNING FOR CHILDREN DUE TO START SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2020**

Have you got a child / do you know a child who is due to start school September 2020?

We will be holding our Open Morning for parents to find out more about our school on November 12th. Feel free to drop in between 9:30am – 11:30am. Our Y6 pupils will give you a tour of the school and answer all of your questions.

Myself, Mr O'Brien, Miss Hanner and Ms Tappenden will also be available to answer any questions you have!

**Flu Vaccination**

You will have received a letter this week about the flu vaccine. Please remember to complete the online consent form by 23/10/2019

**Maths Workshop for parents of pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6**

Mr O'Brien will be running a maths workshop for parents of children in KS2 (pupils in years 3, 4, 5 & 6) on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October from 1:40 – 2:45pm. The session will give you more information about the Key Stage 2 Maths curriculum and how you can best support your child at home with their homework or maths learning in general. If you would like to come, please complete the slip below and pass onto Miss Ward / Mr O'Brien.

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If you would like to attend the Maths workshop on 9<sup>th</sup> October please complete the slip below and pass onto Miss Ward / Mr O'Brien.

My child's name: .....

**Phonics Workshop for parents of pupils in Reception**

I will be running a phonics workshop for parents of children in the Reception classes. The session will explain how we teach phonics through 'Letters and Sounds' and will give you an understanding of what happens in a phonics lesson - as well as unpicking some of the terminology used. The session will be on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October from 1:30-2:45 and will be in Miss Hanner's classroom - this is the last classroom in the Year 5/6 corridor but we will direct you!

If you would like to come, please complete the slip below and pass onto me / Miss Ward / Mr O'Brien by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

I look forward to seeing you there! *Miss Milborrow*

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My child's name: .....

Class name .....