

Hawkinge Primary School



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Dear Parents,

I cannot believe we are in November already! The weather is certainly more Autumnal! It has been lovely to get back to school this week after a nice week over half term. The children have returned looking refreshed and ready to start an eight week term! I think it is going to feel like a long term!

Today we temporarily say good-bye to Miss Sotiriou who begins her maternity leave. Her baby is due shortly – I think she is hoping for a few days of rest before the baby makes his / her arrival in the world! We will really miss her. I am quite sure you would want to join with us wishing her the best. We will keep you informed about the new arrival when he / she arrives!

The launch pad events have been a success this week. Pupils in London and Paris classes launched their theme of ‘How do we celebrate?’ by attending a music and dance workshop to learn more about how people celebrate the festival of Diwali. In Year 3 & 4 the theme for this term is ‘What was life like in Ancient Benin?’ Ancient Benin was situated in the South East Coast of West Africa. The children launched the theme this term by attending an African Drumming workshop. I could clearly hear all the drumming practice from my office! It was wonderful to see the children enjoying themselves so much. Year 5 & 6 launched their theme entitled ‘What has been the impact of theatre throughout history?’ by watching a musical film – the children were able to choose to watch The Sound of Music, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Singin’ in the Rain or Hairspray. The children had a wonderful launch to their theme! Unfortunately the children in years 1 and 2 did not have their launch pad as planned. A fireman was going to come and visit and talk to the children about fire safety as their Launchpad linked to the theme ‘Why did London burn down?’ The fire service had to cancel at the last minute so Miss Madden is working hard to rearrange the visit.

On 15th November we have the school photographer in to take individual photographs of the children. More information about this will follow. However, it is also Children In Need Day. This is a charity we always support at school. As it is school photograph day I am suggesting that children can come into school wearing FULL UNIFORM but wear crazy socks! This will mean we can take part but school photographs would not be spoilt. It would be great if the children can make a donation of 50p for coming to school in crazy socks.

Have a great weekend,

Hawkinge Primary School - Parent Workshops – KS1 Maths

Mr O’Brien will be running a Key Stage 1 Maths workshop for parents on Wednesday 13th November from 1:45 - 2:45.

The session will be based around the Key stage 1 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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I would like to attend the maths workshop for parents on Wednesday 13th November (1:45 -2:45)

My child is in (class) Signed:

Diary dates – term 2

November

- 4th – Guided reading workshop PM
- 12th EYFS Open Morning
- 13th – KS1 Maths workshop PM
- 15th – Individual photographs
- 30th Christmas Crafts (more info to follow)

December

- 4th – Relationships & Sex Education workshop for parents PM
- 10th – Y34 Landing pad 2:15pm
- 11th Nativity – R, Y1, Y2 – 9:30am
- 12th – Y56 Landing pad 2:15pm
- 17th – Christmas Lunch
- 18th – Last school day of 2019!!

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.

Class photographs

Children were given the information about how to order the class photographs yesterday – please return any orders by Friday 8th November – we will be sending them off on that day. Many thanks

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 & return to school to book your place.

"Anxiety – Helping Children To Cope"

Thursday 14th November 2019 9.00 – 11.00 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 worries. This workshop will introduce you to the current thinking around children's anxiety and ideas to support young people to manage their worries more effectively.

Join us for this workshop where we will explore –

- Common triggers and what happens in the brain when children are anxious
- Physical signs of anxiety as well as the less obvious symptoms to look out for
- Age appropriate anxiety & how to support your child to manage this
- Managing your own anxieties about your child's experience
- Building your child's resilience to anxious thoughts

I/we would like to attend the Anxiety: Helping Children To Cope workshop on Thursday 14th November, 9.00-11.00am

Name/s:.....

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Child/ren at Hawkinge Primary School: