

# Hawkinge Primary School

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Dear Parents,

*On Wednesday we were all very excited to hear that Mrs Rand had her baby! Jessie Rand was born at 11:12am, weighing 7lbs exactly! We have seen some photographs of Jessie who looks absolutely beautiful; she has a full head of really dark hair, just like Mrs Rand. Both Jessie and Mrs Rand are doing well. I am sure you would like to join me in congratulating Mr and Mrs. Rand on the birth of their first baby! We cannot wait for Jessie's first visit to school!*

*As you know we take bullying very seriously at school. At the start of the year all teachers and children spent considerable time discussing what bullying is, and agreed the definition which we use in our school policy: Behaviour by an individual or group, usually repeated over time, that intentionally hurts another individual or group, either physically or emotionally. We have spent a lot of time talking to the children about the difference between unkind behaviour and bullying and what we will do if there are incidents of bullying at school. Each incident is formally recorded by staff and Mr O'Brien or I deal with each issue. We expect every child to have the right to come to school and feel safe. We do understand that it is part of growing up to have arguments with friends, but unkind behaviour towards other children that is repeated is not acceptable. If you would like to have a look at our Anti Bullying Policy it will be on the school website by the end of next week.*

*As some parents may have noticed the website has not been updated since we came back to school, that is because Mr Rogers has been busy working behind the scenes to produce a new, better website, which hopefully will be ready to go next week - I will keep you updated!*

*Although half term is several weeks off, after the half term holiday the school will be closed on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November for a staff training day, so children will start back at school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November.*

*Have a nice weekend!*



### Diary dates

1<sup>st</sup> October - Class photographs  
5<sup>th</sup> October - Jeans for Genes day  
24<sup>th</sup> October - Y5/ 6 Landing Pad assembly (2:15pm)  
25<sup>th</sup> October - Year 3/ 4 Landing Pad assembly (2:15pm)  
26<sup>th</sup> October - Year 1/ 2 Landing pad assembly (2:15pm)  
26<sup>th</sup> October - last day of term!  
5<sup>th</sup> November - Development day

### School Lunches!

Don't forget school meals have increased in price to £2:20 a day / £11 a week.

Next week we will be on the week 1 menu



### Nail Varnish

Since the summer holidays we seem to have had an outbreak of nail varnish! Can I remind you that nail varnish should not be worn at school? We do keep a pot of nail varnish remover in the school office if you have run out at home!

### Class names

At the beginning of the school year all class names are changed, so that each class starts as a new team. Each year we have a theme for class names and this year it has been 'children's authors'

It is handy to know the class names (they are listed below). Your child's class teacher will be encouraging them to read books by the author, so maybe Father Christmas would like to find out who your child's class is named after too!

Ms Thompson - Inkpen

Mrs Wookey - Creswell

Miss Milborrow - Donaldson

Miss Dawe - Kipling

Miss Foster - Waddell

Mrs Maitland - Walliam

Miss Walker - Eric Hill

Ms Nicholson Taylor - Anthony Browne

Miss Costin - Dr Zeus

Miss Sotiriou - Emily Gravett

Miss Hanner - Malorie Blackman



### Wellies!

Ms Thompson and Miss Milborrow are desperate for spare wellies for some of the children who have just started school this year. If you are having a clear out, they would appreciate any donations of wellies sizes 9 – 12.

Thank you

### The Olympic Reading Challenge

At the end of the summer term Miss Walker set a reading challenge to all pupils in the school. Over the last few weeks she has been gathering in the challenges and during our Monday morning assembly presented children with their 'Olympic Reading Challenge Certificates'. The children who took part were – Kaylee Jones, William Macleod, Jessica Nash, Hadley Thomas, Poppy Harris, Katie Williams, Tillie Roberts, Louie Roberts, Alicia Smith, Harry Elson, Harvey O'Grady, Charlotte North, Eve Nash, Jake Braithwaite and Matthew Hawman. Two children were presented with a £5 gift voucher – Harvey O'Grady and William Macleod.

Well done to them all!

### Mrs Hughes Money saving tip of the week

Go along to the PTFA Fashion Show this weekend in the Community Centre. Tickets are £4 on the door (which includes a welcome drink)

Doors open at 7pm, show will start at 7:30pm

### Every week - take a peek!

Please check your child's hair for head lice this weekend!



*These are the actual size of head lice in different stages of growth*