

# Hawkinge Primary School

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Dear Parents,

It seems as if we have a letter of good news each week at the moment (obviously I am not complaining!) this week we received the results of our Health and Safety Audit. Hawkinge Primary School has been recognised by The National Safety Certification Scheme for Schools, known as SafetyMARK, as having 'excellent' safety standards.

Stuart Letley of SafetyMARK stated in his correspondence that "Hawkinge School has a really positive attitude with regard to health and safety and it is clear to see that safety is taken extremely seriously and that it is very well managed. The staff have established a robust health and safety system and culture that is amongst the best in the country and we are delighted to recognise that fact with this prestigious award".

This award also gives us a new logo to add to our letters and website! It is the one on the far right hand side of the logos on the bottom of this letter. We will be running out of space soon!

Science week started today. We celebrated the start of Science Week by employing a theatre group called 'Science Boffins' to present a wow-factor science performance to the children in the school. The children really enjoyed it - please ask them about it over the weekend. In classes next week children will be marking science week in different ways. Next Friday, a total solar eclipse will occur across the far Northern regions of Europe and the Arctic, we are hoping that the partial eclipse will also be visible from Hawkinge Primary School playground! The PTFA have very kindly purchased 'Eclipse Glasses' for each pupil and adult who work in the school so that we can view the eclipse safely! The whole school will assemble to watch the eclipse from approximately 9am. It is exciting to be able to participate in viewing the eclipse as it will not happen again until August 2026 (when the children in Y6 will be 23 years old!) Many thanks to the PTFA for the glasses and making the viewing possible!

There seems to be a bit of a mix up about when children break up for the Easter holidays. The last school day is on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The first day of the holiday is April 2<sup>nd</sup>. We start back at school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April. The Kent Play Clubs holiday club will be open between 13-17<sup>th</sup> April from 8am - 6pm. If you would like to enrol your child please contact Tracey on 07909 935 821. The children will be having a 'Superheroes' week! The fees are £20 per day / £10 per half day.

Have a great weekend

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### **Dates for your diary**

20<sup>th</sup> March – Football match after school Hawkinge v Primary Academy  
23<sup>rd</sup> March – Van Gogh and Kandinsky classes going to Brockhill  
27<sup>th</sup> March - Football match after school Hawkinge v Christchurch  
28<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Craft morning  
29<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Egg Hunt  
1<sup>st</sup> April – last day of 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 4  
*The new menu is available on the school website*

### **Lost Scooter**

Has anyone seen a Black Razor Scooter with green writing? The scooter went missing last week. The handle bar is a non-adjustable solid bar. The scooter is approx. 1.5 years old, so some of the writing has worn off and it is slightly rusting.

If you have seen it please let Miss Ward / Mr O'Brien know

*If you do scoot to school there is a facility on the new bike racks to secure your scooter if you have a chain / bike lock. You are more than welcome to do so.*

### **Attendance**

The class with the best attendance from the 2nd - 6th March was Dali class with **99.31%**

### **Can you help the PTFA?**

The PTFA would welcome any donations of:

- Second hand school uniform
- Clean, empty jam jars (with lids)

If you can donate any of the above please pass them on to Miss Ward / Mr O'Brien in the mornings – or a PTFA member.

Thank you!

### **Attendance / holidays**

Please do remember that we are not in a position to be able to authorise holidays for children during school time. If there is a reason your son / daughter needs time out of school for an exceptional circumstance please complete the exceptional circumstance form that can be found in the school office or on the school website – About Us / Policy link / Attendance Policy.

**It might be useful to know that the children will not return to school in September until Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Teachers will be back in school on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> September. I expect if you are looking to book a week away leaving on the 31<sup>st</sup> August – 4<sup>th</sup> September would be cheaper!**

I do consider it to be vitally important that children return to school in September as the term starts and not come back to school later. In the first few days classes complete team building activities, bond as a team and set the rules and routines for the classroom.

If children miss this time they often find it harder to settle back into school life.

**The school will be closed for a staff training day July 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Every week – take a peek!** Please check your child's hair for head lice this weekend, there seems to be an outbreak of head lice in school

**Don't forget we are collecting Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers – If you have any please hand them to Miss Stagg!  
Thank you !**

### **EASTER EGG HUNT**

**SUNDAY 29TH MARCH 2015 - 10AM TILL 12PM**

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Sunday 29th March 15 at the school from 10am till 12pm. It is one of the main events in the PTFA's calendar and one of the children's favourites.

#### **Easter Egg Donations**

We would be very grateful if you could donate Easter Eggs, of any kind, for the event. Please drop them into the school office or give them to Miss Ward or Mr O'Brien in the mornings/afternoons. Look out for the special offers at the supermarkets.

#### **On the Day**

The Easter Egg Hunt will start just after 10am. KS1 and KS2 will be split into two different sections of the field/playground. These areas will be indicated to you on the day. The KS1 children will go first with the KS2 children following on five minutes later. The rules of the Easter Egg Hunt will be communicated before it commences. Please remember that this is a fun event for the children. The adults will also be able to hunt for their own treasure!