

# Hawkinge Primary School

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Dear Parents,

I have some very exciting news to share with you this week....

Mrs Maitland is expecting her second baby! Some of you may have noticed that her usually very slim figure has started to change! The baby is due to arrive in June, so she will continue to be the class teacher for Alpaca Class and Year 3 and 4 pupils until the May half term. I am sure you would like to join me in congratulating Mrs Maitland on her very exciting news.

There seems to be a lot of sickness about this week - from sickness bugs to cold / flu type of ailments. Can I remind you to telephone the school if your son / daughter are absent from school? The telephone lines are manned from 7:15am in the morning, prior to that you can leave a message.

On the reverse of the newsletter I have put a plea to ask that you park with consideration down Mill Lane at the end of the school day. There are parking restrictions showing that you should not park down Mill Lane from 2:45pm, but some people are and are blocking neighbours drive ways. I have noticed recently an increase in inconsiderate parking in the school car park too - causing problems on Mill Lane and putting the children in danger. If you have to leave your car unattended please park to the left hand side of the car park so that other cars can pass by on the right hand side - it is not fair that one car can grind traffic in Hawkinge to a complete standstill. I appreciate your support with this.

Next week the children will be taking part in a Story Swap on Thursday and a Pupil Voice Session on Friday when the children will be exploring Internet Safety Issues. Please do ask them who read them a story on Thursday afternoon - and which story did they read, and find out more about the pupil voice session on Friday (more information on the school website)

Have a nice weekend,

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### Diary Dates – Term 3

8<sup>th</sup> February – E-safety week

12<sup>th</sup> February – last day of term 3.

### Absence

If your son / daughter is ill please contact the school on 01303-892224 before 8:30am on the morning of their absence and each day they are absent from school.

### Keeping safe on the internet

This week's conversation starter is:

How could the internet be made safer for everyone to use?

### 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 1 next week.

*The new menu is available on the school website*

*Go to About Us – Documents*

*This article was in the Daily Mirror this week – interesting facts! It might be worth checking the age rating on your son / daughters 'games'*

### Primary children at risk from video games

A survey has revealed that many primary school children are playing games meant for older children. Despite having an age rating of 13, 26% of primary school children played Clash of Clans. Some 9% of primary and 11% of secondary school children admitted communicating with strangers on Clash of Clans, according to findings by online safety group Internet Matters. Children spend an average three hours a day online playing games and are vulnerable to grooming, says Internet Matters, which has launched a TV ad campaign with Disney highlighting the dangers.

### Attendance

Rio class had the best attendance -18th -  
22nd January **99.35%**

### Advance dates for your diary!

24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Feb - Parents evening

24<sup>th</sup> March –staff training

1<sup>st</sup> July –staff training

24<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day

6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> July – Parents evening

### Please park with consideration

Our neighbours from Mill Lane have been in touch with me because they often cannot enter or exit from their drive ways at 3pm. Please adhere to the parking regulations and do not block the neighbours drive ways whilst waiting for your son / daughter to be collected from school.

### Attendance

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.

### Active Kids vouchers

It is that time of year again.... Sainsbury's have started handing out Active Kids vouchers with your receipts. Please do collect them for the school – we have brought lots of PE resources and playground resources over the years with them. Please hand them into Miss Dae / Miss Stagg. Thank you for your support.

Look out on Monday for Parent Evening letters coming home.

Parents evening is the first week back after half term.

### Headlice

There have been several outbreaks of head lice this week at school. Please do check your son / daughters hair on a regular basis to try and prevent the spread. One parent told me this week that she has been washing her children's hair in Vosene for the last couple of years as a preventative measure and since she has been doing that her children have not had head lice! It's worth sharing these tips. If you have any more let me know!