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Dear Parents,

For the children who attend school at Hawkinge Primary School their time is certainly more exciting than when I went to primary school! This week the children in Year 5 & 6 have been video conferencing with a teacher in Beijing who is teaching them how to speak Chinese. This week they learnt some basic conversational Chinese and had a look around the streets of Beijing using our video conferencing facilities. Each week this term they will be video conferencing with the teacher for a 30 minute lesson on a Thursday morning! Technology is great isn't it?!

All the pupils in years 5 and 6 also spent time in the cookery room this week making their own Chicken Chow Mein. It smelt absolutely wonderful! A great way to launch their theme of 'What was it like to live in China during the Shang dynasty?'

The children who are in Years 3 and 4 were lucky enough to have a drumming workshop this week - they all had the opportunity to play musical instruments to complement their theme of 'Who were the Aztecs?'

Pupils in Year 1 had a sports coach visiting them this week. He taught them some skills that they could use to play golf! The children in years one and two wore their wellington boots on Tuesday and went on a bug hunt! It was a frosty damp day, so I expect they did not find too many bugs - but they certainly got muddy! I am sure it was a fun way to launch their theme of 'What is hiding under the rock?'

We have had a special visitor to our two reception classes this week too - a fireman! He told the children all about his job and gave them some tips of how to keep themselves safe. The children were really excited by the visit.

All this in one week! It hardly seems possible!!!!

Next week the school photographer is visiting on Tuesday to take individual pictures of children. The photographer will also take photographs of siblings in school. If you have a pre-school child you would like photographed with their sibling there is an opportunity for this between 8 - 8:30am. Please come to the link to have the photograph taken.

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Diary Dates – Term 4

29th Feb – PTFA meeting 7pm
1st March – Secondary School Offer Day
1st March – School photographer in
3rd March – Science Shows at school
19th March – Easter Crafts (*details to follow*)
19th – Sports Relief Mile (*details to follow*)
20th – Easter Egg Hunt (*details to follow*)
21st – Yr 1&2 landing pad (2:15pm)
22nd – Yr 3&4 landing pad (2:15pm)
22nd - Reception landing pad (2:15pm)
23rd – Yr 5&6 landing pad (2:15pm)
24th March – school closed for Teacher Training

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.

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 new menu is available on the school website

Go to About Us – Documents

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

Don't forget to hand your active Kids vouchers to Miss Dawe / Miss Staggs

Advance dates for your diary!

24th March –staff training

1st July –staff training

24th June – Sports Day

6th & 7th July – Parents evening

After School Club - From 11th April (after the Easter holidays) fees will be going up to £8:50 night.

Over the past few weeks, we have been experimenting with QR codes in school. You may have noticed some of these strange looking bar codes popping up on classroom windows and doors! So, what are they?

QR Codes:

A QR code is similar to a bar code.

You can scan it with your phone or tablet and it will take you directly to an internet address or any stored data.

How do I use it?

To use a QR code you need a phone/tablet with a camera.

You will also need to download a free app which can read QR Codes. There are lots of these available for you to choose! Open your app, center the camera over the QR code and you should be instantly taken straight to the website we have chosen!

In this newsletter, we have included the QR code for our school blog for you to practice with. In future, we are hoping to develop their use across the school to bring our displays of children's work to life and our landing pads more interactive!



Last chance to declare interest for KS2 pupils – please hand to Mr McCarvill

I would like to declare that (name): _____ would like to register interest for the futsal coaching sessions

Year of son/daughter: _____

Please circle your preferred day, either:

- Option 1 - Monday
- Option 2 – Wednesday

Parent/Guardian's signature: _____