

# Hawkinge Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Pupils in Years 5 and 6 have had an especially busy week this week! On Tuesday they had a visit from Dog Handlers who work for Kent Police (and their dog). Some pupils have completed a write up of the event of the reverse of the newsletter - please have a read for more information - this was a great visit to enhance their Crime and Punishment unit of work!

On Thursday the pupils in Years 5 and 6 were visited by 'lights, Camera, Action' (a drama / IT group) The children were split into three groups and worked together to create an interactive DVD about staying safe online. The children were filmed throughout the process and this interactive DVD will be created by the company in the next week or so.

This was a visit prior to Internet Safety Week later on this term. The children in the Year 5 & 6 classes will be sharing the work with you from the two visits in their landing pad assemblies in the final week of term.

On that note the Year 5 & 6 landing pad was planned for Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Due to unforeseen circumstances the Landing Pad has had to be rescheduled to Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 2:15pm, sorry for any inconvenience caused!

On Monday we had a fire alarm practice. We schedule one in for every half term. I am very pleased to be able to tell you that all the 365 children and staff evacuated the building and were accounted for in 2 minutes. The 'fire' was located within the 2 minutes too! Great news!

There has been a lot of talk about snow this week. If we ever do have so much snow that we have to close the school we would use our text message service to inform you, we would also make announcements on Kent FM / Academy FM. The text message service would be our main route of contacting you. If your number is not up to date please contact us and we can update your number.

Finally, I am absolutely thrilled to be able to share the exciting news that Miss Costin is expecting her first baby later on this year. Another Hawkinge baby! We will keep you updated on plans for her class, as and when they are confirmed. Her baby is due in June so we have lots of time to plan! I am sure you would like to join with me in congratulating her and Phil on their good news!

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### Diary Dates – Term 3

16<sup>th</sup> Jan – Governing Body Meeting  
18<sup>th</sup> Jan – Road Safety Show  
19<sup>th</sup> Jan – Free lunch for everyone today!  
20<sup>th</sup> Jan – ‘Helping Anxious Children Cope’ course for parents AM – lead by Niki Contented Child  
2<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Pupil Voice  
3<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Story Swap  
6<sup>th</sup> Feb – Year 5 / 6 landing pad – 2:15pm  
7<sup>th</sup> Feb – EYFS landing pad – 2:15pm  
8<sup>th</sup> Feb – Year 1 / 2 landing pad – 2:15pm  
9<sup>th</sup> Feb - Year 3 / 4 landing pad – 2:15pm  
10<sup>th</sup> Feb- last day of term  
20<sup>th</sup> Feb – start back to 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 3 next week.  
*The new menu is available on the school website*  
*Go to About Us – Documents*

### 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.

### Year 5/6 Launchpad

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017, Year 5/6 had an exciting visit from Kent police and two police dogs .One sniffer spaniel and a chase German Shepherd. At first we were spoken to about what the dogs do. Then they gave us an example out on the school field. The police woman, Jenny, pretended to be a local drug dealer and hid her illegal drugs near where she was ‘selling’. She used Mr Cinelli as her customer. But she was ‘caught’ by police man Ed, then chased by the German Shepherd who jumped up and bit her arm because she didn't stop (she was wearing an arm protector) . After that Jenny went back to her police car to get her spaniel JJ who sniffed out the hidden drugs in seconds. Later we got to ask Ed and Jenny some questions. To end the brilliant afternoon Jenny kindly brought in JJ for all of us to stroke him. (He clearly loved it.)

Written by Poppy, Molly and Maddie

### Attendance news!

The best attendance from September to December was Maiwand Lions class! Well done!

### Guided reading in KS2

- \* Children are organised into small groups of similar reading and comprehension ability
- \* Guided Reading is a carefully planned for lesson that happens every day for half an hour
- \* The lesson works as a carousel activity so each day, each group is at a different ‘station’
- \* These stations vary from year group to year group but will always include reading with the Class Teacher, reading with the Teaching Assistant and completing a reading journal task about their book
- \* The Class Teacher hears half the group read each week and the Teaching Assistant hears the other half of the group, before swapping for the next week
- \* The focus is very much on the children's understanding of the book, not just being able to read the words
- \* Adults ask questions about the book from 3 different categories: simple recall from the text, inference & deduction and authorial viewpoint
- \* If children are reading books from stage 11- 14 these books will typically last for two weeks. Within these two weeks the children will have 2 guided reading lessons taught by their teacher, 2 guided reading lessons taught by their TA and will be expected to read some of their book independently at home.
- \* If children are reading books from stage 15+ these books will typically last for three weeks. During these three weeks the children will have 3 guided reading lessons taught by their teacher, 3 guided reading lessons taught by their TA and will be expected to read some of their book independently at home each week.
- \* Even if your child is in Year 6 we encourage you to read with your child at home and record this in their white reading record book (Y3-5)
- \* We will count a maximum of 1 read at home per day and award the child this many stickers for the reading at home chart (Y3-5)
- \* Pupils in Year 6 have a list of recommended reads – they will be awarded with a book token for reading each set of 5 books.

### Head lice

We seem to have had an outbreak of head lice at school over the last few weeks. Please can I ask you to have a regular check of your son / daughters hair? There is nothing more frustrating if you treat your child's hair for head lice and they reappear within days because they have