

Hawkinge Primary School

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Dear Parents,

It has been so nice to see so many of you at Parents Evenings this week. It is always a great opportunity for you to be able to have a look at the work your child has been doing at school this term and a great opportunity to catch up with their teachers as to how your son / daughter is doing in terms of progress towards their targets. I know the children love to share their work and learning with you from the previous term too! It was wonderful to hear some of the children talking with so much pride about their work.

Next week the school photographer is here for the day on Wednesday to take individual photos of the children. If they have a sibling in school they will also be photographed together. If you have a pre-school pupil and would like them to have a photograph with their brother / sister the school photographer has agreed to 'open his doors' to you at 8:15am that morning. The photographs will be taken in the cookery room - please walk around to the back of the school to the cookery room to have your photos taken. If it gets to 8:40am and your child is still waiting to have their photo taken please ask them to go along to their teacher to register themselves. It is imperative we know that they are in school.

Overleaf are the key diary dates for this term. You will see that we have cancelled Landing Pad Assemblies in the last week of term; instead the children are working towards putting on a whole school show to celebrate Mr Wright's retirement from Hawkinge Primary School. The event will be held at The Community Centre on the afternoon of 30th March. All children will be performing one of Mr Wright's favourite songs in his honour. If you would like to come along too you are more than welcome. I predict we will start at 1:30pm and it will last an hour.

On the reverse of the newsletter there is also a flyer for a Sleep Workshop Miss Tappenden is running later on this term. She will be tackling all aspects of difficult sleep - please see over leaf. If you are interested in attending please complete the slip below and return it to her, myself or Mr O'Brien .

Have a nice weekend

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Diary Dates – Term 4

March

- 7th – Y56 to Astor
- 8th – Individual photographs
- 10th – Hawkinge V St Marys (Football)
- 13th – Governors meeting – Pupil Premium
- 15th – Science Boffins are visiting
- 17th – Sleep Course (9 -11am)
 - Pupil Voice (PM)
- 20th – Y1/2 Country Dancing at Community Centre
- 21st – Y5/6 visiting Astor
- 23rd – Y1/ 2 trip – Elham Valley Line Trust
- 24th - Red Nose Day
 - Christchurch school v Hawkinge (football)
- 30th – Community Centre Show for Mr Wright (PM)
- 31st - March – Last day of term 4
- 18th April – Staff training day
- 19th April – Children back at 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.

Attendance news!

The class with the best attendance last week was Tower Bridge
- **99.29%**

Head lice

We seem to have had an outbreak of head lice at school since half term. 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 caught them again.

'Every week- take a peek'

Did you see a programme on BBC1 a couple of weeks ago that tested various head lice products? **Headrin Once Spray Gel** was the best product on the market costing approximately £5. It performed far better than many other products costing a great deal more!

Better Sleep Workshop - Friday 17th March 2017 - 9.00 – 11.00 am



Does your child struggle to fall asleep or stay asleep through the night?

Is your household disrupted by poor sleep routines?

This 2-hour workshop will explore the following areas -

- The importance of sleep – Why we need sleep & average sleep needs for children
- The Sleep Cycle
- Sleep Hygiene – The healthy habits that promote a good nights sleep
- Common problems & strategies to manage – Reluctance or refusal at bedtime, shared sibling bedrooms, disrupted routines, nightmares, children sharing your bed, etc.
- Creating a sleep management plan to support your child to develop healthier sleep patterns
- Further resources & where to go for more help



Come along for an opportunity to share your experiences with other parents & to access resources & advice to help your family towards better sleep.

I look forward to seeing you there! Miss Tappenden – Family Support Worker & Learning Mentor

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I/we would like to attend the Better Sleep Workshop on Friday 17th March, 9.00-11.00am

Parent Name/s:

Child/ren at Hawkinge Primary School:

Please pass to Miss Ward / Mr O'Brien / Miss Tappenden on the door in the morning or drop into the school office