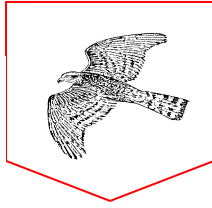


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Friday 12th January

Dear Parents,

We have had another busy week in school this week. The children have all started their new themes and are busy with their first maths and English units of the term. This is such a short half term that there is no time to waste (obviously there never is at Hawkinge Primary School!)

Monday is the deadline day for people to apply for spaces for their children who will be starting school in September. There is a lot of competition for places at our school and late applications are often unlucky. If you have a child who is due to start school in September, or you know of anyone who has, please do make sure you apply by 15th January / you remind them to apply by the 15th January. To apply on line you just need to complete a form - if you go to www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions you will find all of the information you need.

There has been a strong response to the two parent workshops we are having this term (see the reverse of the letter for more information) if you are interested in attending please complete the slip below and return it to myself or Mr O'Brien when you next see us.

A group of pupils in Year 5& 6 have started a new project in school that they would love your support with. They are collecting empty aluminium cans (such as coke cans / any drink cans) and will be sending them to a charity that use them to raise funds to help homeless people with pets in the cold weather. There are 4 bins around the school to deposit the cans in (all clearly marked for can recycling) - please do support them in their new project. They will really appreciate it.

On the reverse of the newsletter are the dates for the Landing Pad assemblies for this half term - we look forwards to seeing you there.

Have a good weekend,

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Diary Dates – Term 3

19th January – Y6 swimming
26th January – Comfy clothes for Cambodia day
26th January – Helping children with anxiety parent workshop
30th January – ‘Help your child to get a better night’s sleep’ workshop
2nd February – Y6 swimming & story swap
6th February – Year 1/ 2 landing pad assembly 2:15pm
7th February – Reception classes landing pad assembly 2:15pm
8th February – Year 3/ 4 landing pad assembly 2:15pm
9th February - Year 5/ 6 landing pad assembly 2:15pm

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.

Advance notice – staff training day 19th February (After the half term holidays)

Spectacular Science at Home

How to make a Tornado in a Bottle!

You will need: a plastic bottle, water, dish washing liquid and glitter!

1. Fill the plastic bottle with water until it reaches around three quarters full.
2. Add a few drops of dish washing liquid.
3. Sprinkle in a couple of pinches of glitter (this will make your tornado easier to see).
4. Put the lid on tightly.
5. Turn the bottle upside down and hold it by the neck. Quickly spin the bottle in a circular motion for a few seconds, stop and look inside to see if you can see a mini tornado forming in the water. You might need to try it a few times before you get it working properly. Can you work out what is happening?

Don't forget to bring any photos of you doing the experiment to Miss Sotiriou!

Parent Workshops

Come along to one of our Parent Workshops for an opportunity to share your experiences with other parents, to access resources & advice to help your family towards improved wellbeing. Complete the reply slip below to book your place on either or both of the workshops we are running this term.

"Anxiety – Helping Children To Cope" Workshop

Friday 26th January 2018 - 9.00 – 10.30 am

Does your child worry a lot about day to day events? Does your child find it hard to cope when trying something new?

For many of our children the world, or certain aspects of it, is overwhelming, complex and scary. From separation and social anxiety to performance anxiety, an increasing number of children now benefit from support to manage their anxieties. This workshop will introduce you to the current thinking around children's anxiety and ideas to support young people to manage their anxiety more effectively.

"Better Sleep" Workshop

Tuesday 30th January 2018 - 9.00 – 10.30 am

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

Is your household disrupted by poor sleep routines?

This workshop will explore the following areas -

- The importance of sleep – Why we need sleep & average sleep needs for children
- 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

I/we would like to attend the Anxiety: Helping Children To Cope on Friday 26th January, 9.00-10.30am

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