

# Hawkinge Primary School

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Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January

Dear Parents,

This week started on Monday with an important visitor to our school. Our Local School Improvement Officer asked us whether she could come and visit for the day. She wanted to see what the children were learning about in lessons, talk to Mr O'Brien and I about the progress the children were making and to the school governors about our school. I was exceptionally proud (as I always am) when visiting the classrooms with her. We stayed for about 20 minutes in each classroom. The children were all working so hard. She commented on how involved the children were in their lessons, how well behaved they were, about how much work they completed in their lessons and enjoyed talking to the children about their learning. It was lovely to show Hawkinge Primary School off to a visitor and wonderful that she could see all the great things we do.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Casual Clothes for Cambodia day today. Non-school uniform days are always a funny thing! I am pleased to be able to report we have raised lots of money to use towards shipping the boxes to Cambodia. Ms Nicholson Taylor really appreciates all your support with this project. Thank you!

Next Thursday afternoon it is our termly Pupil Voice session. The focus of the Pupil Voice session will be 'safe internet use'. The children will be set a competition during the Pupil Voice session to Launch Safer Internet Day (I cannot disclose the content of the competition!) which will be the following week. During the Landing Pad Assemblies week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> February the children will be sharing with you things they have learnt during our Safer Internet Day.

This half term is flying by - over half way through it now!

Have a good weekend,

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### **Diary Dates – Term 3**

30<sup>th</sup> January – ‘Help your child to get a better night’s sleep’ workshop  
2<sup>nd</sup> February – Y6 swimming & story swap  
6<sup>th</sup> February – Year 1/ 2 landing pad assembly 2:15pm  
7<sup>th</sup> February – Reception classes landing pad assembly 2:15pm  
8<sup>th</sup> February – Year 3/ 4 landing pad assembly 2:15pm  
9<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Spectacular Science at Home**

#### **Rainbow Skittles!**

You will need: 1 packet of Skittles, ¼ cup of warm water and a white plate.

1. Arrange the Skittles in a single row coloured pattern around the edge of the plate.
2. Pour over enough warm water to cover all the Skittles and the plate itself.
3. Watch and wait as a rainbow appears on the plate, the colours will move towards the middle and create a whirl of colour.

Can you work out what is going on?

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

### **Advance notice – staff training day 19<sup>th</sup> February (After the half term holidays)**

#### **PTFA Dates**

Easter Egg-Stravaganza Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 3:15-5pm

If you would like to help at this event please fill the slip in on the PTFA letter also coming home tonight.



### **Questions of the week.....**

- What was the best part of lunch?
- Did you answer any questions in class today? What were they?

## **Parent Workshop - Next Week**

### **"Better Sleep" Workshop**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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
- 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

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I/we would like to attend the Better Sleep Workshop on Tuesday 30th January, 9.00-10.30am

Name/s: .....

Child/ren at Hawkinge Primary School: .....