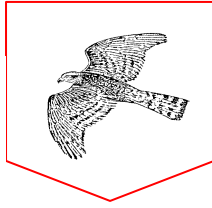


# Hawkinge Primary School

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Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Dear Parents,

As usual the first week of term has been a very busy one! You may have seen many of the children in Years 5 and 6 at school with their bikes this week. They have been taking part in the bikeability scheme (many of us would know it better by 'cycling proficiency'). Each group first of all spends a morning practicing their skills in the playground and then one day honing their skills on the road! Once the children have passed the 'bikeability' they are then allowed to cycle to school as a Y5/6 privilege.

The children have all taken part in their Launch Pad activities this week.

On Tuesday pupils in Years 5 & 6 launched their theme **How has life in China changed over time?** by cooking Chicken Chow Mein from scratch. I am exceptionally proud to be able to tell you that 100 meals of chicken chow mein were cooked in 3 hours!!! Quite some achievement I think you will agree! I am sure there will be some children over the weekend that might try and cook chicken chow mein for their family too!

Pupils in Years 3&4 launched their theme of **What is beyond the North Sea?** by attending art workshops. The children learnt about the flags of the Nordic countries, music produced by Scandinavian countries (including Abba!!) They used the Northern Lights as inspiration for some art work too.

Year 1 and 2 pupils launched their theme of **Why did the fire of London spread?** on Wednesday by having a fire talk from a fire officer. The children learnt about how fire fighters keep themselves safe when they are putting fires out, and how to keep themselves safe if they ever encounter a fire using the stop, drop and roll method. On Thursday the children had their own 'Great Fire of London' by setting light to the Tudor houses they had previously made to help them understand how the fire spread. I am sure they will enjoy telling you all about it!

Pupils in Reception launched their theme of **What Happens to a Chicken's Egg?** With a egg-craft carousel. The children made chick magnets & models of chicks. Next week there will be a special arrival in the Reception classes - I will tell you more about it next week!

On Wednesday all the pupils in Years 3,4,5 & 6 also attended a Fire Safety workshop. The fireman talked to the children about various aspects of fire safety, how to keep safe in emergency situations.

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### **Diary Dates – Term 4**

28<sup>th</sup> Feb – PTFA meeting – Easter Fair  
7<sup>th</sup> March – School Photographer in (individual photographs)  
7<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening  
8<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening  
13<sup>th</sup> March – KS1 Maths workshop for parents (PM)  
15<sup>th</sup> March – Y12 Country Dancing at the Community Centre (1:30pm)  
16<sup>th</sup> March – Emotional Regulation Workshop for parents (PM)  
22<sup>nd</sup> March – Story Swap  
23<sup>rd</sup> March – Pupil Voice  
26<sup>th</sup> March – Reception Landing Pad 2:15pm  
27<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1& 2 Landing Pad 2:15pm  
28<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3& 4 Landing Pad 2:15pm  
29<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 & 6 Landing Pad 2:15pm  
29<sup>th</sup> March – last day of term  
  
16<sup>th</sup> April – start 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 1 next week.

### **SNOW!**

Everyone seems to be panicking about the potential now that is forecast next week and the week after.

We will endeavour to open the school (as long as we can get up the hill) come wind, rain or shine!

If on a very rare occasion the school may have to close we will inform you by sending a text message. If you do not get our text messages please hand a slip of paper to Mr O'Brien or myself in the morning next week so we can update your number.

### **Science Fact of the Week**

This term, years 1 and 2 are learning about materials!

Fun fact!

Did you know that it takes 450 years for plastic to begin to decompose and then up to another 80 for it to disappear completely?

This means that every piece of plastic ever made, ever, has still not even begun to decompose.

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

- If you were the teacher tomorrow what would you do differently?
- What made you feel happy today?

Parents Evening this term –  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> & Thursday  
8<sup>th</sup> March.  
Letters to follow.

Reminder – Y5 pupils will be going swimming this term on a Friday PM. We endeavour to get back by 3pm however some weeks due to traffic we arrive back at school 3:05pm (ish) we will always try to keep you informed by text message when we are running late.

## **Keep Your Cool – A Behaviour Management Workshop Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – 9am – 10:30am**

*This two hour workshop will introduce the theory behind children's behaviour, look at ways to analyse the possible root causes and explore potential strategies and programmes to turn the child's behaviour around.*

*The workshop style of presentation is designed to increase awareness of behaviour, encourage peer support, sharing of strategies and equip parents with an action plan to address issues within the home.*

*Niki & Aneeka will also be available to answer specific issues that may arise.*

*Please hand the slip to Miss Ward / Mr O'Brien in the mornings.*

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I/We will be attending the 'Keep Your Cool – A Behaviour Management Workshop' on 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Name of Parent/s  
Name of Child/ren  
Class/es