

Hawkinge Primary School



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Friday 1st March

Dear Parents,

How can it be the 1st March already? Those daffodils on the Hawkinge Hill will soon be in full bloom! The weather has been wonderful this week (remembering that this time last year we had lots of snow in Hawkinge!) It feels like summer will soon be here.

As always the first week of term has been busy in school – trying to fit 5 days into for to start with is not easy!! Most classes have launched their new themes this week. The reception classes were very excited to get a visit on Tuesday from the Owl Academy to launch their theme of ‘What happens when we fall asleep?’ The children saw the owls fly across the hall and eat a meal! An owl visited each of the reception classrooms with their keepers. The teachers reported that the children kept nice and still so as not to scare the owls – I am sure they have told you all about it!

The theme for Year 1 and 2 this term is ‘How were houses different in Victorian times?’ The children experienced a Grand Designs Activity morning to launch their theme turning a show box into a Victorian front room – they printed and measured for wallpaper, measured for the carpet and made accessories to go in the room too!

‘What has been the greatest Ancient Egyptian Discovery?’ is the theme for Year 3 and 4 pupils and they launched their theme with a visit from ‘Professor Potts’ who took the pupils on a journey to the Ancient Egyptian underworld! The children cracked hieroglyphic codes and learnt about some of the most famous pharaohs. They learnt about the mummification process and met Osiris the God of the Underworld. Finally the children met Isis an Egyptian Goddess who told them an ancient story.

Year 5 and 6 pupils will be launching their theme next week with a visit from a samba music workshop for their theme ‘How would our lives be different if we lived in Rio de Janiro?’

The Herald Cup Season has started for us this week. We played our first match against St Nicholas Primary School yesterday. Hawkinge fell behind early in the first half but responded well with goals from Ryan Smith and Louis Jordan to lead 2-1 at half-time. With about five minutes remaining St Nicholas equalised to share the points. Team: Samuel Golding, Oliver Barnes, Kira Necker, Marcus Payne, Dylan Solomon, Elijah Murrock, Louis Jordan, Leo Williams, William Barnes, Alfie Hamilton, Ryan Smith, RJ Macleod and Jimmy Grindley.

Last half term we had a real focus on ensuring children were in class & ready to learn as the school day started at 8:45am. Thank you to the many parents who supported us with this. As you know school arrival time is between 8:30am and 8:45am and lessons start promptly at 8:45am. If your child arrives at school any time after that they have a more difficult start to the school day and it can also disrupt the learning of other children too. Please continue this term in supporting us to get the school day started promptly.

Diary Dates

March

- 5th – Treat morning for Green Team!
- 7th – Understanding Your Child's Anger workshop for parents (AM)
- 13th Cross Country Comps – Y34 / Y56
- 20th - E safety Workshop for parents (AM)
- 23rd - Easter Crafts day
- 26th – Y12 PE event with The Churchill Sch at The Community Centre
- 27th Y56 Hockey competition

April

- 1st – EYFS Landing pad (2:15pm)
- 2nd – Y1& 2 Landing pad (2:15pm)
- 3rd – Y3&4 Landing pad (2:15pm)
- 4th – Y5&6 Landing pad (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 1 next week
The lunch menu is on the school website.

Easter holidays 6 -22nd
April

Red Nose Day

On Friday 15th March we will be joining in the celebrations for Red Nose Day. For £1 we are inviting children to come to school wearing red clothes. They could wear red socks or red trousers for example. Mr O'Brien is looking forwards to seeing lots of children arrive in Liverpool Kits!!!!

Have you got a child with ASD?

Are you worried about their transition to secondary school / into their new class next year?

If so....

We have found out there is a half day training session for parents at The Beacon School on March 19th (9:30am-12:30pm) at a cost of £10 per person. There will be opportunities to discuss your worries and find out about practical ways of supporting your child through their transition. There will also be resources available to look at and some to take away.

If you would like to book a place e mail

Gemma.geddes@thebeacon.kent.sch.uk or telephone 01303 847555 (option 3)

Hawkinge Primary School - 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.

Understanding Your Child's Anger

Thursday 7th March 9.00am – 10.30am

A workshop run by Niki Green (The Contented Child) with Aneeka Tappenden (Family Support Worker)
- Suitable for parents of all ages –

- Does your child seem to get angry over the smallest thing?
- Does your child's anger get so big it can be scary for them?
- Does your child struggle to calm down after they get angry?

Join us for this evening workshop where we will explore what is happening for children (& adults!) when they become angry. Share your experiences with other parents, find out about how you can support your child & access resources to help you at home.

- Understanding why they behave the way they do & how to anticipate their triggers
- Strategies to help your child manage difficult feelings that can lead to anger
- Supporting your child to work through their anger & diffuse angry outbursts
- Helping your child to develop self-control & respond differently

I/we would like to attend the Understanding Your Child's Anger workshop on Thursday 7th March, 9.00-10.30am

Name/s:

Child/ren at Hawkinge Primary School: