

# Hawkinge Primary School



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Dear Parents,

We are almost at the end of January already, this month has absolutely flown by! This time last month it was Christmas Eve!

We have had another busy week at school this week – it has been lovely to see so many parents attending parent workshops this week. Ms Tappenden, Miss Dawe and Miss Hanner held a workshop on Wednesday night for parents of Year 6 pupils with the focus of transition to secondary school. This is such a big step in a child's life (and that of their parents!!) If you have a child who is in Year 6 and you could not make it, please do catch up with Ms Tappenden at parents' evening next week. The parents I spoke to said that the workshop was a really valuable time to reflect and plan ahead on how best to support their child in preparing for the next stage in their educational journey. On Thursday Ms Tappenden and Niki Green hosted a workshop about managing challenging behaviour. The workshop was full of tips and strategies to use to manage those 'flash points' and how to best prevent them from happening. Once more if you could not make it please catch up with Ms Tappenden at parents' evening.

Later on this year pupils in year 4 will take a new government test assessing their timetables knowledge. Many of the pupils in our school have a very good recall of multiplication facts, helped by the time they spend on Time Tables Rock Stars (once they are in the junior classes). This is a fun way for children to practise their rapid recall of multiplication facts. If you have lost the password for your child to log on to this programme please see Mr O'Brien or their maths teacher at parents' evening. I would encourage you to support them in practising their 'timetables' regularly throughout their time in school. A good knowledge and rapid recall of the multiplication facts help pupils in many different areas of maths lessons, not just lessons about multiplication. By the end of Year 2 it is expected pupils have a rapid recall of the 2,5 and 10 x tables, by the end of Year 3 the 2,5,10, 3,4 & 8 and by the end of Year 4 all multiplication and division facts to 12x12. If you would like further advice about how to best support your child with this please do ask at Parents' Evening next week.

Have a lovely weekend,

### Diary dates – term 3

#### January

29<sup>th</sup> – Parents' Evening

30<sup>th</sup> – Parents' Evening

- Story swap

31<sup>st</sup> – Pupil Voice

#### February

5<sup>th</sup> – Y3/ 4 pupils dance performance at The Community Centre (children only)

10<sup>th</sup> – EYFS Landing Pad assembly – 2:15pm

11<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 & 2 Landing Pad assembly – 2:15pm

12<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 & 6 Landing Pad assembly – 2:15pm

13<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 & 4 Landing Pad assembly – 2:15pm

14<sup>th</sup> – last day of term 3

### 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.

### CHANGE OF DATES

Please note the change of dates for Landing Pad Assemblies this term. The dates on the website were recorded incorrectly – the Landing Pad dates are as follows:

- 10<sup>th</sup> February for EYFS classes
- 11<sup>th</sup> February for Y1 and 2
- 12<sup>th</sup> February for Y5 and Y6
- 13<sup>th</sup> February for Y3 and Y4

Assemblies will start at 2:15pm (car park gates open at 2:10pm) and will be held in the classrooms.

### Staff Training Days

As you know the school closes to pupils for 5 days each year for Teacher Training Days. We have held back 2 days this year to ensure we are able to be responsive to our school needs. We have now booked these training days. Teacher Training Days will be as follows:

- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June (this date was already booked)

### Food Bank

Our food bank has been emptied this week – The Rainbow Centre were really appreciative of all the food donated.

Please feel free to get it filled up again!!

### Parents' Evening

I hope that everyone has received their Parents' Evening invitation by now. If you have not please have a look in the book bag and if there is no letter there let your child's class teacher know. Parents' Evening will be held next Wednesday and Thursday. For KS2 pupils you will have appointments with the class teacher – not set teachers this term. If you have a child with SEND targets these will be reviewed at this meeting and new targets for the term ahead shared.

### Lost property

Mr Bullard and Mrs Epsley have organised a Lost Property table this week – I hope you have found some of your lost items. There were so many items! Can I please take this opportunity to ask you to put names in all school uniform if you have not done so already to ensure we can reunite lost items with their owners with ease? Thank you!

### FOUND!



A pair of dark brown / tortoiseshell glasses have been found. They look like they would fit a child in year 1 or perhaps in Reception.

If they belong to you please go and see Mr O'Brien!

### Head lice - 'Every week- take a peek'

Please do have a check of your child's hair on a regular basis for 'visitors'. Headlice are often rife at this time of year with children sharing hats etc. Regular checks and spotting them early makes the treatment far easier. Thank you for your support with this!

Below is a picture of the actual size of head lice in different stages of growth!!!!!!

