

# Hawkinge Primary School



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Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful to see so many of you over this week attending Parents Evening appointments. It is so crucial that home and school work hand in hand for the best outcomes for our pupils. I know that the children have really enjoyed looking for their post-it notes you have left in their books praising them for good work. It is lovely to see them excitedly reading messages you have left for them. Thank you!

On Tuesday some of our Year 2 pupils represented Hawkinge Primary School at The Three Hills Sports Centre in an Infant Agility competition. They had a great time. Some of the activity leaders commented to Ms Cole (who took the children) about how well children from Hawkinge Primary School behave at these events – including the one on Tuesday, which is always a ‘proud head teacher moment’ for me. Thank you to Reggie, Thomas, Archie, William, Rhys, Isabel, Holly, Holly, Mia and Zara for representing our school, and to their parents who transported them to and from the event. The children came in at a very respectable 5<sup>th</sup> place out of 15 teams.

On a regular basis KCC visit our school to make sure Heidi (our Road Crossing Patrol lady) is doing all she can to make sure the children cross the road safely. Heidi’s assessment came back that she has ‘passed’ with flying colours! However, it was noted that pupils often scoot over the crossing which is not advised. Can I ask you to support Heidi by asking your son / daughter to dismount from their scooter before crossing the road for everyone’s safety please?

I have had a couple of parents ask about when children will be starting back at school in September. We will be having two teacher training days on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September so the children will return on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020. I thought you might like advance knowledge so that you can consider booking a holiday towards the end of the summer break. Please do ensure your children are back at school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. The first two days of the school year are crucial for the children to attend enabling them to re-establish life at school, make new friends and learn more about the school year. On the Thursday and Friday children will participate in team building activities and launch pad activities. From experience if children are not in school for the first few days of the school year when these things are established they do find it more difficult to settle into their new classes. Thanks for your support with this.

On the reverse of this week’s newsletter is a flyer for the next parent learning event that Ms Tappenden is hosting – E-safety and the impact of screen time on young minds. The session will run on Safer Internet Day. Social media / gaming is changing for children by the day and keeping up as adults is tricky. To ensure you can best keep your children safe on line I would strongly recommend this 2 hour session with Ms Tappenden. Please complete the slip and return to myself, Mr O’Brien or Ms Tappenden.