

# Hawkinge Primary School



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Dear Parents,

*Can you believe at the start of the week we had so much snow?! The snow fall was a shock for many of us who don't live in Hawkinge! I am pleased to report attendance at school was good on Monday with 91% of children in school. The children did have time to go out and play in the snow, and make snowmen which is always an exciting event. Thank you for sending your son / daughter in!*

*This week has been a 'Landing Pad Assembly Week'. It has been great to see so many parents and grandparents attending the assemblies, they feel like a real celebration of the learning that has taken place this half term. This children (and teachers) have worked hard to put on their assemblies it is great to see the children speaking on a stage in such a confident way. It is also pleasing that despite the stories in the news this week about PE not being taught well in primary schools that we have seen a show case of dancing and gymnastics in the assemblies of such a high quality. It is good to see that we are proving the media wrong!*

*It was also wonderful to hear the 'raps' the children had written and performed about internet safety. It makes me feel so proud to hear the children delivering messages about how to stay safe on line. We are hoping to add the raps to the school website over the half term holiday - so keep your eyes peeled for them!*

*Can I remind you that the school will be closed on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February to children for a teachers training day. School will re open on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February.*

*On the 26<sup>th</sup> February pupils in Years 5 and 6 will be going on a visit to the science museum in London to launch their new theme 'The Final Frontier'. They must be at school at 8am, as the coach will leave shortly after that. They will be returning to school at approx 4:30pm. We will update you on the day via the text message service if there are any changes to this.*

*Have a good half term week.*



### Diary dates

25<sup>th</sup> February - Staff Development Day

26<sup>th</sup> February - Children back to school

28<sup>th</sup> February - individual photographs

Has anyone got any odds or ends of wool going spare?

Mrs Featherstone would really appreciate any wool donations that she can use with children when teaching them how to weave after half term!

### Operation Sunshine

On Sunday 28th April at 1pm at Hawkinge Community Centre there will be a fancy dress sponsored walk/jog around the Green at Hawkinge Community Centre to raise money for Operation Sunshine.

The walk/jog would entail 5 laps of the Green. After the main event, we will have fun events for the children inside the Community Centre such as bouncy castle, face painter, pocket money stalls at low costs to be donated to Operation Sunshine.

If you would like to take part please collect a sponsor form from the school office.

### School photographs

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February (first week back) the school photographer will be in to take individual photographs!

### Free App of the Week

'Maths Bee for Kids'

This App is aimed at KS1 and is called Maths Bee for Kids. Maths Bee for Kids is an educational game which helps children to learn basic maths skills. The words and numbers in the game are recorded by native speakers in 3 different languages - English, Mandarin and Cantonese!

### Mrs Hughes Money Saving tip of the week Half term activities at a good price!

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February - Roller Disco**

From 2:30 – 4pm, for children of all ages (£4)

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Inflatable fun!**

From 10am- 12noon or 1pm-3pm. For children up to 11yrs old (£3)

### School Lunches!

Don't forget school meals cost £2:20 a day / £11 a week.

After half term the kitchen will be serving from week 2

### Statement from Whole School Meals

In response to some parents concerns about horse meat found in foods in the local supermarkets

I would like to reassure you that we do not use any type of ready meal in our school dinners and the only pre-processed meat product we currently serve is pork sausages. Our meat suppliers are local butchers JC Rooks and, for the secondary schools and Shepway area primary schools, Salvatori. Both these suppliers have assured us that all their meat comes from UK farms and is fully traceable.

I hope this helps but if there are further questions please let us know. We will put a statement on our Facebook page and on our website, too.

### Every week - take a peek!

Please check your child's hair for head lice this weekend, there seems to be an outbreak of headlice in school at the moment.

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



### Advance Warning February Development Day

We have scheduled a Development Day for Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February. It is the first Monday after half term, so the school will be closed to pupils, but open to teachers!

A reminder that Tuesday Games Club has now finished and will NOT continue after half term.

Thank you,  
Miss Costin.