

Hawkinge Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Has your son / daughter told you about the special visitor who came to school this week? Chris Cook is an Olympic and Commonwealth Games swimmer. In 2008 he was the first British male to break the 60 second barrier for the 100m breaststroke, and was an Olympic Finalist in The Beijing Olympic Games achieving 6th Position in the 4x100m medley relay which was a British Record. He has been a Double Commonwealth Champion, British Record holder, Commonwealth Record holder, World Medallist, European Medallist & Olympic Finalist!

Chris came into assembly and spoke to children in Years 1-6 discussing his motivation behind the many hours of training he had to do and telling them all about his achievements. He then went to visit the pupils in Years 3,4 and 6 in their classrooms to talk in more details about his swimming history. He then went to visit pupils in Corduroy and Paddington classes to answer any questions they had too! There will be a write up of the day by some of our older pupils on the school website if you would like to find out more about the visit. Many thanks to Miss Dawe for organising the visit!

Chris has e mailed Miss Dawe to say what a lovely morning he had and that the school was 'a glowing school'!

Have you noticed that the Hawkinge Hill will be closed from Monday for the next 6 weeks? I am also am reliably informed that one lane of Spitfire Hill will also be closed! This will no doubt cause chaos dropping children of at school in the morning and collecting in the evenings. If you do travel from the Cheriton / Folkestone area please do allow extra time for your journeys to school. There is nothing worse for children arriving at school once the class have started their work. Fingers crossed for a smooth journey to school for everyone on Tuesday!

Enjoy the Bank Holiday Weekend!

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Diary Dates

Week Beginning 12th May - Y6 SATs week
19th May - Governors Meeting
23rd May - Be Bright Be Seen Day (more info to follow)
23rd May - Last day of term 5
2nd June - Staff Training Day
4th June - Y6 residential
4th June - PTFA meeting - Summer Fair
6th June - Paralympics Roadshow
17th June - Bags to Schools collection day
21st June - Summer Fair
24th June - Staff Training Day

School Lunches!

Don't forget school meals cost £2:20 a day / £11 a week.
Next week school meals will be served from week 2

Menus are available on the school website

Hythe Round The Houses Run

On Sunday 12th May, children from Year 5 and 6 will be representing Hawkinge Primary School at the Hythe Round The Houses event. This is not just an event for Year 5/6 and if you would like to enter your child privately, Miss Dawe has plenty of entry forms. Postal entry closes on 6th May or you can just turn up and enter on the day. The race categories are: Pre-school and Year R, Year 1 and 2 boys, Year 1 and 2 girls, Year 3 and 4 boys, Year 3 and 4 girls. Please see Miss Dawe for more information.

Buildings update

Another week has flown by and we are another week nearer to our classrooms being completed. Bit by bit, what was a building site is becoming our school again!
Inside this week, butler style sinks have been fitted to the classrooms and the lights have gone in. Our toilets now have toilets and hand basins and even the flooring has been laid in them!
Our corridor has finally had new carpet laid and Eco matting made from recycled tyres! Watch for the pictures going up in there in the next few days!
Footpaths are being made good and walls built alongside to stop the mud sliding. Today I confirmed delivery dates for the furniture to arrive! It's hard to believe that within a month our new classrooms should be finished!

Mrs Hughes

Advance Warning:

There will be 2 Staff Training Days in June – June 2nd and June 24th

If you would like to book your son / daughter in to the After School Club for the day please contact them on 079 09 935 821.

E safety tip of the week

Does your child use 'Snap Chat' on his / her phone? Do you know how it works? Can you be sure that they are not sharing inappropriate pictures with others, or others are not sharing inappropriate pictures with your child? Have a look on the school website www.hawkingeprimaryschool.co.uk
Curriculum
E safety
Parents Guide to SnapChat
for more information

News report in The Times this week

Research from the University of London's Institute for Education has found that children whose parents read to them every night when they were five and who went on to develop a passion for reading did better in tests at 16, even in maths, than peers who had similar academic ability when younger. They found that reading for pleasure was more important for cognitive development between the ages of ten and 16 than parents' education.

Attendance of the week

The class with the best attendance in term 5 week 1 was Cheshire Cats

(100% attendance for the four days at school last week).

Attendance / holidays

Please do remember that we are not in a position to be able to authorise holidays for children during school time. If there is a reason your son / daughter needs time out of school for an exceptional circumstance please complete the exceptional circumstance form that can be found in the school office or on the school website – About Us / Policy link / Attendance Policy.

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