

Hawkinge Primary School

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Dear Parents,

We seem to have survived the first week closure of the Hawkinge Hill this week - well done to parents who are coming up to Hawkinge from the Folkestone area many of you are getting here before we close the car park gates! We close the school car park gates at 8:45am because that is the time lessons start in school, so if your child arrives after that time it means they are arriving late. To ensure we know where the children are at all times, if you arrive and the gates are closed please take your son / daughter to the school office where Mrs Crook will register them. Obviously we realise that sometimes events happen that make you run late in the morning, but if your son / daughter arrives at school late regularly it will have an impact on their learning, and ability to settle down to work that other children in their classroom have started.

Next week is SATs week for pupils in Year 6. The SATs tests are tests taken by all pupils in Year 6 across England. The tests assess the pupil's levels of attainment in reading, spelling, grammar, and maths. If you have a child in Year 6 it is important they are as prepared as possible for the tests - things like a good night's sleep the night before, a healthy breakfast and arriving at school on time all help the children achieve well!

The walking bus is proving to be a great success for the children and parents already involved. The Walking Bus is in operation every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. Next week a letter will be going home inviting other children to join the Walking Bus on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday....however we will need some parent volunteers if we increase the number of children using the Walking Bus. On the letter that will be going home next week it does ask you to indicate if you would be willing to help - if you are please return the letter to Ms Nicholson Taylor.

If you have no plans on Sunday it is the Hythe Round The Houses Run - it starts at 10am and is fun to watch (some say more fun to take part in, but I cannot comment on that!)

Have a good 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 4

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.

Dogs!

Over the last couple of weeks it has come to my attention that there have been dogs brought on to the school site, or are tethered near to the school gate. Please do not bring dogs onto the site – it is against our rules. I would also ask that if you bring your dog to school when collecting your child you wait on the opposite side of the road so that children / adults do not have to pass by you.

We have several children in school who have been bitten by dogs in the past and are scared of them.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

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

Think before you send – whatever you send can be made public very quickly and could stay online forever.

Have you read at home 200 times?

Keep your eyes open for a new display board in school that will show all the children who have read at home 200 times this year!

Building Update

It's been a bit of a wet week this week so the guttering and roof has been tested well! So far so good I'm pleased to report! The pipework is in for the heating, plumbing for sinks and toilets too. Walls have had their first coats of paint and are looking great! The toilets have been painted too - I think the children will love the colour in there! Outside, we are having work done on the field to make a path onto it which will make such a difference to the access down there and we have a super new sign at the front of the school replacing the one that was almost falling apart! Next week I'm hoping I can say that the sun is shining, the new path is complete and children are playing on the field in the sunshine!

Mrs Hughes

Attendance of the week

The class with the best attendance this week (28th April - 2nd May 2014) was Dumbledore class with 98.87%.

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