

Hawkinge Primary School



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Dear Parents,

We had a very exciting day here on Friday! As many of you will know there was a power cut in Hawkinge that started as the children came into school! We had a very busy hour trying to sort out arrangements so that we did not have to close the school. Kevin, Rachel and Hayley (who work in the kitchen) were absolute stars! Kevin drove to Whitstable to our meat supplier and brought a batch of burgers, whilst Rachel stayed at school and prepped the rest of the food. Mr Wright got the school and PTFA BBQs out and we were ready to use them to cook lunch for 125 pupils!! Luckily the electricity company were able to reconnect our power as we are a school as a priority, so we were relieved at just gone 11am that the power was re connected and the BBQs did not have to be used! The children ate on paper plates (which we found in the PTFA cupboard) because the water would not have been hot enough to sterilise the plates! The children thought it was great fun! I am sure they told you all about it!

A group of our pupils represented the school last week in the Walter Tull Football Tournament which is held annually at Mundella School in honour of Walter Tull (Walter Tull was born in Folkestone in April 1888 his father had arrived from Barbados in 1876. Walter Tull is famous because he was the first ever Black officer in the British Army, the first black officer to lead white men into battle and the first black outfield player to play professional football in Britain!) The team played exceptionally well winning their games: 3-1, 4-0, 4-0, 2-0. The semi-final match ended in a 0-0 draw, but Hawkinge Primary School won on penalties. They played St Martin's primary School which ended in a 1-1 draw, but once more they won the final on penalties! Photographs of the team (and the trophy) will be added to the school website this week. Mr O'Brien said that the team played exceptionally well! The team was made up of boys from years 5 & 6 - Tyler, Logan, Freddie, Charlie, Kain, Jack, Tegan & Josh! Well done!

In the school office Mrs Crook has a pile of cake tins that parents donated cake in for the PTFA Summer Fair. If one belongs to you please see Mrs Crook. We will dispose of them next week if they are not collected by Friday.

Hope to see you at Parents Evening this week.

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Diary Dates

8th July - Churchill / Hawkinge PE Event!
9th July - Parents Evening
10th July - Parents Evening
16th & 17th July - Y6 show
23rd July - Leavers / Prize Giving Assembly

LAST DAY OF TERM

School Lunches!

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

School meals will be served from the week 1 menu next week

Menus are available on the school website

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.

Advance Notice

Next year school meals will increase in price to £2:30

Term times for 2014-2015 are as follows:

October Half Term – 27/10/14-03/11//14
Christmas holidays – 22 / 12/2014 – 5/01/14
February Half Term - 16/02/15 – 23/02/15
Easter holidays – 02/04/15 – 20/04/15
May Half Term – 25/05/15 – 01/06/15
Summer holidays – 27th July

Buildings Update

The builders have had a holiday this week so building wise there is nothing to report!!

However, that has meant that inside school and in particular the new classrooms, teachers, myself and Mr Wright have been able to start getting the classrooms prepared for September. The display boards are up and ready for children's work to fill them, tables, chairs, pencils, books and everything needed in a busy classroom are in place and ready. Outside, we are about to have some work done by our grounds maintenance company, just a tidy up and make good after all the work that has taken place. The next few weeks will be a little quieter on the building front ready for the next big change in the summer holidays.

Summer Holiday Club

The Hawkinge / Kent Play Clubs Holiday Club will be open from 24th July until Friday 8th August.

A full day 8am – 6pm) costs £22 and half a day £10. If you are interested in booking your son / daughter in please contact Anika on 07909935821

Year 5 parents - Reminder

If you have registered children for the Kent Test then the test will be taken in school on Wednesday 10th September.

If you haven't done so already you can also register your child for the Shepway Test. The Harvey Grammar School require you to register for their test by the 16th July and The Folkestone School for Girls by the 23rd July.

If you register for these tests then your child will additionally take these tests on Saturday 13th September.

School starts back on Thursday 4th September

The Big Dance!

Over the past few weeks, children across the school have been learning the 'Big Dance'. This has been created by Scottish Ballet in order to celebrate the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, which start later this month. The dance lasts approximately 5 minutes and consists of a variety of steps and movements including a Bangra section and Highland dancing! The children all danced for 5 minutes, as did many of the teachers, and really enjoyed learning and performing the dance (although some of the teachers were quite exhausted by the end of it!).

Attendance

The class with the best attendance from the 23rd June to 27th June was Piglets with 99.11% attendance.