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Dear Parents,

By the time you read this letter the whole school will have participated in celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday! This week in school the children have been learning all about the personal history of the Queen and why her 90th birthday is being celebrated in the UK this week. The children have also been busy preparing food for the birthday celebrations from making sandwiches to baking and decorating cakes for the party. Pupils in Year 5 have had a three day project this week and have been cooking on a great scale! I was exceptionally impressed when I walked into the cookery room earlier this week (the smell led me to it - which was wonderful) to see children in Year 5 baking Victoria sponges, scones (some were even coloured red!) making sausage rolls from scratch, quiches, mini pizzas and popcorn chicken! I was so proud of their skills in the kitchen! It is wonderful to know children at Hawkinge Primary School at the age of 9 can bake a Victoria sponge with confidence! I am sure you will agree. The week ended with a whole school picnic on the field and a competition to judge the best party hat! The winners will be listed in next week's newsletter!

As always in the first week of term we have been busy in school with launch pad events. As you know our curriculum is reflective of world events and relevant to children. As a result this term all classes have a theme linked to the Olympics in Rio. Many launch pads have had an Olympic themed link. The children in Year 5 had a great afternoon of Olympic activities (see the reverse of the newsletter for an article written by Harry Elson - *thanks Harry!*). Children in the two reception classes went to The Churchill School for a morning of Olympic activities. The children had a great time - one pupil told me that it had been 'the best day of his life'!! High praise indeed I think you will agree!

Pupils in Years 3 and 4 started the week on Monday with an afternoon of Olympic events - many children supported Gold medals by the end of the afternoon! The children in Years 1 and 2 had a visitor who led a music workshop for the children. He taught the children about traditional Brazilian music - how to play with a samba rhythm - even taught them how to play the steel drums! It was a very noisy session but was enjoyed by all.

This week the Year 6 children have been on their residential trip. They left school after lunch on Wednesday and returned for the party at school on Friday afternoon. They have had a great time on the residential trip - they have been kept busy with climbing activities, abseiling, team challenges, field games, an aerial runway activity, archery lessons, fencing lessons a cinema night and lots of lovely food! I am sure all the parents of the Y6 pupils would like to join with me in thanking Mr O'Brien, Miss Dawe, Miss Hanner and Miss Stagg for taking the children away for a couple of days and for keeping going despite the lack of sleep! I am quite sure that photographs of the days away will be added to the school website as soon as everyone recovers!

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Diary Dates – Term 5

24TH June – Sports Day
24th June – Non- uniform day (tombola items for summer fair in return please)
25th June – Summer fair
6th & 7th July – Parents evening
1st July –staff training
9th July – Charivari
22nd July – last day
22nd July – leavers assembly

Several people have asked me about news on Mrs Maitland's baby. At the time of writing this the baby has not arrived yet!! I will keep you updated!

Attendance

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.

School Lunches!

Don't forget school meals cost £2:30 a day if your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 &6. School meals will be served from week 2 next week. *The new menu is available on the school website*
Go to About Us – Documents

New member of our team

Have you noticed a new face around school this week? We have a new member of staff – Mrs Tappenden. She has been appointed as our Family Support Worker and Learning Mentor! This term she will be working on a Monday / Tuesday and Wednesday. In September she will be working full time at Hawkinge Primary School.

Miss Tappenden will be writing to you all in the next week or so to introduce herself and tell you more about the type of work she will be doing in school. After three days at school she has said that she has been made to feel very welcome by everyone and is really enjoying her new job. If you see her about please do say hello and introduce yourselves.

Scooters!

As the weather is getting nicer it is lovely to see so many children scooting to school. If you are parking your scooter at school for the day can I ask you to secure it to the scooter racks with a lock please.

Hawkinge Coding Club

Are You interested in computer coding? Learning how to make computer programmes/games etc?

Are you 7 years or older?

Are you and your guardian free on Saturday mornings from 11.00 to 12.30?

Then come along to Hawkinge Community Hall on Saturday at 11.00 with your parent or guardian.

Limited spaces available

We do ask for a donation of £5 per family per week to cover the cost of the hall and other resources for the club.

(Parents or guardians must also attend and be prepared to learn/help with the child/children).

If you want to talk to someone then ring PATRICK RYNNE on 07776 184745

THE OLYMPICS ARRIVE AT HAWKINGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

During this term years 5 and 6 will be learning about Brazil and the Olympics. For our launch-pad we had to participate in a variety of different sports. We were split into 4 teams. Each team were given a different country to represent them, Brazil /Japan /Jamaica and Great Britain were the team names.

Boxing, Rugby, Cricket and Basketball were the chosen sports and there was a challenge at the end of each event. Each Coach gave 1 point to who they thought was the best team during their event and at the end it was a draw. Everyone received a special keyring at the end. Elliott Braithwaite was awarded a medal for being a good athlete and for his sportsmanship. We thoroughly enjoyed the launch pad, and at the end the Coaches from the Shepway Sports Trust asked if anyone wanted to join any clubs. Most of us were inspired to join.

Report written by Harry Elson Yr 5 student – Miss Stagg class