

Hawkinge Primary School

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Dear Parents,

This week we have had an invasion of 'fidget spinners' coming in to school. The number I see on a daily basis seems to double in size! For the record – I am quite happy for pupils to continue to bring them into school at the moment (although I know of many schools who have banned them) however I have spoken to the children and have made the rules quite clear that if they are fiddling with them during lessons the teachers will take them off the children, I have also made it clear that the 'Fidget Spinners' are brought into school at your own risk – as so many are the same, staff will not spend time looking for lost ones and certainly will not get involved with 'swapped' ones either!!

As part of a new Geography display in school, Mrs Janman would like to invite children to bring in a photograph of themselves on holiday in another country around the world. These photos will then be collated and displayed alongside a map of the world and photographs of different landscapes to create an 'Around the World' display which can be seen outside the hall near the school office. If your child would like to take part in the display please send a photograph into your child's class teacher with their name, class name and country visited clearly marked on the back by Thursday 5th May. Thank you.

The week commencing 8th May will see the start of the KS2 SATs test. If you have a child in Year 6 the test timetable is below for your information. Please do ensure that your son / daughter arrive at school promptly on the morning of the tests so that we can ensure they have a calm start to the school day. An early night the day before and a good breakfast will all help your child to perform to their best ability in the tests. If you have a child in Y2 they will complete their Y2 SATs assessments throughout May. The teachers will use the results of these assessments along with the work your child has done throughout the year to help them to reach judgements about how your child is progressing at the end of KS1. In your end of year school report we will report on both the progress your child has made this year and their level of attainment for pupils in EYFS to Y6

Have a lovely long weekend,

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Y6 test timetable

Date	Subject	Test
Monday 8 th May	Reading	1 paper
Tuesday 9 th May	Grammar, Punctuation, spelling	2 papers
Wednesday 10 th May	Maths	2 papers – arithmetic & reasoning
Thursday 11 th May	Maths	1 paper – reasoning



Diary Dates – Term 4

1st May – Bank Holiday
5th May – Behaviour Workshop
8th – 12th May – KS2 SATs week
8th May – PTFA meeting
12th May – Y56 to Astor School PM
16th May – Y56 to Astor School PM
18th May – Targets out
18th May –Pupil Voice
19th May – Story Swap
23rd May - Y56 to Astor School PM
23RD May – EYFS landing pad – 2:15pm
24th May – Y1/2 Landing Pad – 2:15pm
25th May – Y3/4 Landing Pad – 2:15pm
26th May – Y1/2 Landing Pad – 2:15pm
26th May – end of term

Recycling News

This week the recycling team have collected 97 kg of paper to be recycled

Attendance news!

Kelpies had the best attendance this week - 100%

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 3 next week.

*The new menu is available on the school website
Go to About Us – Documents*

In the news this week/ food for thought.....

On Thursday there was an article in The Times entitled '**Parents need to lay off homework**' The article is below.....

A parenting expert has warned that parents micromanaging homework can hurt children's prospects, as they grow up less resilient and do not learn from their mistakes. Speaking yesterday at the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference, Noushin Rahman-Blake, who runs parenting classes at schools, said: "Homework comes up all the time on our courses. Parents don't always realise that how you learn is through making mistakes. As a parent you should allow children to have a go." In the *Times*, Jenni Russell comments that while she sympathises with this view, the reality is that only the wealthy and well-connected can be relaxed about their children's education, as "only they have the social, intellectual and financial resources to cushion their children if this laidback approach doesn't work out." *The Times, Page: 22*

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

Keep Your Cool – A Behaviour Management Workshop

Venue:Hawkinge Primary School

Date:Friday 5th May 2017

Time:9 am – 11am

This two hour workshop will introduce the theory behind children's behaviour, look at ways to analyse the possible root causes and explore potential strategies and programmes to turn the child's behaviour around.

The workshop style of presentation is designed to increase awareness of behaviour, encourage peer support, sharing of strategies and equip parents with an action plan to address issues within the home.

Niki will also be available to answer specific issues that may arise.

I/We will be attending the 'Keep Your Cool – A Behaviour Management Workshop' on 5 May 2017

Name of Parent/s.....

Name of Child/ren.....

Class/es.....Please return this slip to Miss Ward / Mr O'Brien / the school office.