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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! I cannot believe it is term 5 already!

We have had a very exciting start to term, a T-Rex has been to visit, the children have been busy cooking and tasting different sorts of food and visiting different museums! It is only week one!!!

Pupils in Miss Milborrow and Ms Thompsons class were lucky enough to attend a fossil workshop on Monday and met a T-Rex dinosaur in school! They were all very excited about it and I am quite sure they would have told you all about their day! Their theme this term asks the question '**Do dinosaurs live in Hawkinge?**'

Pupils in Year 1 & 2 are finding out - **What is life like on a Scottish island?** this term. They launched their theme by attending 4 different workshops. They participated in a tartan inspired weaving lesson, learnt to dance in a traditional Scottish way, found out about the Loch Ness monster and tasted 'haggis neeps and tatties' and traditional Scottish Shortbread. I was really surprised by how many children told me that they had enjoyed the haggis most of all!

In year 3 & 4 they launched their theme **What is life like in Italy?** By cooking and tasting some traditional Italian food. They cooked pizza, bruschetta and a pasta dish and tasted other food too. Such a great way to start their theme!

Pupils in Years 5 & 6 started their theme of '**Why do we remember World War Two?**' by visiting the Battle of Britain Museum at Hawkinge and the Battle of Britain Memorial in Capel -le- ferne. They children were excited to see all the aeroplanes that were used in the war and they were interested in the names on the memorial - also enjoyed dressing up in WW2 replica costumes! (photos to go on the website in the near future!)

All the pupils in 'red house' had their end of term 4 treat on Friday - they could sign up to participate in a range of sporty workshops / watch a DVD - the cheerleading looked particularly fun!

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend

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Diary Dates – Term 5

25th April & 26th April – Parents evening for pupils in Ms Nicholson Taylors class
29th April – Round The Houses (see below for more details)
4th May – Screen time workshop for parents
7th May – Bank holiday Monday
14-17th May – Y6 SATs week!
15th May – Starting School in September Workshop
21st May – Starting School in September Workshop
23rd / 24th May – Parents Evening
25th May – Last day of term
4th June – Back to school. Term 6 starts!

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.
You should have received a new menu this week for term 5 and 6. If you have not please pop into the school office and ask Mrs Crook for a spare one

Mr Fitch!

Many parents (and children) have been asking after Mr Fitch since Monday. I am pleased to report the William Harvey Hospital are looking after him well. He has had to have a procedure to sort out a disc that has popped out of his back. We are hoping he will be back home soon.

Whilst he is not at work we will have no 'lollypop man' to man the crossing. If your child walks to school by themselves and crosses the busy Canterbury Road please remind them that they must cross at the zebra crossing and that they must also wait until the cars have stopped before crossing.

Look out for more details about this workshop!

"E-Safety & The Impact Of Screen Time on Young Minds" Friday 4th May 2018 9.00 – 10.30 am

The average age for a child to get their first phone is now 8 yrs old. No amount of parental controls on your devices can substitute for ensuring both you and your children are well informed and understand the risks and benefits of using screens. This workshop will explore the emerging research around the negative impact of screen time for our young people as well as building confidence in parents to champion the positives of computing and ideas of how we can best support our children to navigate safely in the digital world. Find out about the risks and rewards of computing, monitoring and managing screen time, age restrictions on gaming & social media and access resources around keeping your children safe online.

Reminder

Friday 29th June – school is closed for a staff training day

Hythe Round The Houses Race!

For 28 years Hythe Rotary Club have hosted an annual race for local school children and adults. This year it is on Sunday 29th April. Races start at 10am – primary school races at 11:20am. For pupils in Years 1-6 the track is 922m long and for pupils in reception it is 300m! The adult distance is 6k.

If you, or your child, would like to take part please see Miss Stagg who has some spare entry forms. It is a really smashing morning out – great to see the children (and adults) competing at a well organised event. We have had many children over the years running in the event (and staff!) Mr O'Brien won the Veterans race several years ago!!!