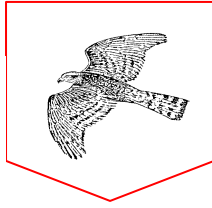


# Hawkinge Primary School

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Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April

Dear Parents,

The weather really has taken a turn this week hasn't it? It was wonderful to see the sunshine over the weekend. This weekend is the Round The Houses Race in Hythe on Sunday morning. If the weather is nice it is a great day out. The adult (6K) race starts at 10am & the primary pupil's races start at 11:20am. For pupils in Years 1-6 the track is 922m long and for pupils in reception it is 300m! You can enrol on the day if you have not done so already.

In preparation for the sun making another appearance this summer I have published our 'sun cream guide' on the reverse of the newsletter! Let's keep our fingers crossed!

It has been another sporty week at Hawkinge Primary School this week with mixed results! Our school football team had a match against Dymchurch Primary School on Monday afternoon and sadly lost 4-0. On Wednesday the netball team played in their tournament and came second! It is great to see children enjoying and participating in so much sport.

This morning we had our termly fire alarm practice. Again, the children were exceptionally good at exiting from the school. The evacuation took less than 3 minutes, the school building was checked and ready to be returned into within 4 minutes.

Next week we will be sadly saying good-bye to Mr Rawlins. Mr Rawlins has been a TA in Years 5 & 6 this year. It has been great to get to know him over the year. He is very popular with the children and will be missed. He has decided to take on a job in the emergency services, training to be an ambulance driver. His last day will be next Friday; he starts his training for the new job on Monday morning! I am sure you would want to join with me in wishing him well and thanking him for all his hard work at Hawkinge Primary School.

A couple of parents have mentioned to me that there are often dogs around the school gate as you come into school. Can I remind you that some of our children are fearful of dogs and walking past causes them to feel uncomfortable at best, very panicky at worst. Can I ask you to stand the other side of the gates - rather than the pedestrian entrance if you have a dog with you? Many thanks for your support with this.

Have a good weekend,

Aly

### **Diary Dates – Term 5**

29<sup>th</sup> April – Round The Houses (see below for more details)

4<sup>th</sup> May – Screen time workshop for parents

7<sup>th</sup> May – Bank holiday Monday

14-17<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATs week!

15<sup>th</sup> May – Starting School in September Workshop

21<sup>st</sup> May – Starting School in September Workshop

23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> May – Parents Evening

25<sup>th</sup> May – Last day of term

4<sup>th</sup> 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 3 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

### **Sun Cream!**

There was lots of talk about sun cream last week and then, since the weekend, we have not seen any sun! However I thought I would share our thoughts on sun cream!

It would be far easier for the children (and staff) if you were to apply the 8 hour lasting sun cream before school. This would mean if your son / daughter are outside over the lunch hour / for PE in the afternoon they will be protected. If you have not got any of the all-day cream and wish to send children into school with sun cream for them to apply at lunchtime this can be an alternative – the bottles must be named and cannot be shared with other pupils obviously!

The school will not provide sun cream for children as there are so many different types and allergies. If you have any questions please catch up with Miss Ward / Mr O'Brien

### **Mr Fitch!**

I often have people asking after Mr Fitch. His back is still delicate and he has had to have a return stay in hospital this week (although was happily out of hospital last weekend which coincided with his birthday!)

Mrs Southwick (Rachel) who works in the kitchen, and is also a 'Road Crossing Patrol Officer' has agreed to be our 'Lollypop lady' in his absence. She started to do that this week. Thank you!

**Reminder** - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June – school is closed for a staff training day

### **Parent Workshops**

**"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.

**"Growth Mindset: Building Resilience" Workshop -      Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018 9.00 – 10.30 am**

Resilience is the ability to 'bounce back' when things go wrong and to keep pushing for excellence when we are doing well. Children with good resilience levels are less likely to experience mental health issues like anxiety and depression. By changing the language we use with our children and encouraging them to regard "failures" as just a normal part of their development, we can encourage increased resilience, greater independence and a more positive self-image. Find out what a growth mindset really means and access resources you can use with your children to help them develop their resilience for life.

I/we would like to attend the E-Safety Workshop on Friday 4th May, 9.00-10.30am

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Name/s: .....

Child/ren at Hawkinge Primary School: .....