

# Hawkinge Primary School



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Dear Parents,

It is that time of year again when we offer children a free lunch! On Thursday your child is welcome to enjoy a chicken burger with cubed potatoes followed by jelly! There is no need to sign up for this – but just remember on Thursday, lunch for pupils in Years 3-6 won't cost you a penny!

Next week is SATs week for our Year 6 pupils – they know all about it and are well prepared for the challenges the week will bring. They will be given a breakfast snack each morning to ensure they have enough energy to get through the day! The timetable for the tests is on the reverse of the newsletter for your information. Please can I ask you to ensure that your son / daughter gets into school promptly in the morning. The tests will start after registration. I am sure they will tell you all about them each evening after school.

I am sad to let you know the news that Mr Fitch will not be returning to work at Hawkinge Primary School. Many of you ask after him on a regular basis and in a recent telephone call he was in agreement with me to let you know what is happening. As you know Mr Fitch has been struggling with a bad back for the last year and is unable to fulfil the role of caretaker any more. I am sure you will want to join with me in wishing him a speedy solution to managing the pain he is in.

Thank you to the many parents who came to a workshop on Tuesday evening entitled – Managing your child's anxiety. I have read the evaluations and I am so pleased to see what positive feedback you have given the session. As you know we are very lucky to have the special team of Aneeka Tappenden and Niki who put on so many workshops for parents. The next one they are running is on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 9am entitled 'Sibling Relationships' – more information on the reverse of this letter.

Last Friday our school football team played their semi- final match of the Herald Consolation Cup against Christ Church Primary School. The children performed exceptionally well and had plenty of chances but just couldn't put the ball in the back of the net. We eventually lost the game 3 – 0. Thank you to all the parents that have supported the team this year. Some friendly matches will be arranged in term 6.

### 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 1 next week.  
  
The new lunch menu is on the school website.

# LAST STAFF TRAINING DAY OF THE YEAR Friday June 28<sup>th</sup>

### Is your child starting at Hawkinge Primary School in September?

If you have a child who is due to start school in September and you have not yet returned your yellow / blue / green form and identification docs the deadline for doing so, to secure a place, is  
  
Monday

### Premier Sports Update

Dodgeball club on Mondays is now open to children in KS1. There are still lots of FREE spaces left on the lacrosse course on Fridays for years 5 and 6. If you would like to book a place please let the school office know.

Y6 SATs timetable for your information is below....

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	SPAG test (45mins)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Reading Test (1 hour)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Mental Arithmetic test (30mins) + Maths Reasoning 1 (40mins)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Maths Reasoning 2 (40mins)

## Sibling Relationships: Working Together

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 9.00am – 10.30am**

A workshop run by Aneeka Tappenden (Family Support Worker) with Niki Green (The Contented Child)  
- Suitable for parents of all ages –

While many children count their siblings among their very best friends, it is common for brothers & sisters to alternate between adoring & despising each other. From natural siblings to blended families - whether this is shown by constant bickering or a separation anxiety when they are apart - managing sibling relationships can be tricky.

Children with siblings can benefit from each other's attention, approval & support but can also be very reactive to each other's needs & expectations which can lead to negativity. Perhaps one child is overly reliant on their sibling & struggles to do anything without them. Or perhaps one sibling dotes on the other but faces constant rejection. Maybe an intense rivalry has developed between them & they compete for everything from toys to attention.

There may be times where you feel like a referee & get drawn into conflicts which have quickly escalated from something minor.

Join us for this workshop where we will explore:

- Developmental differences between siblings & how this can affect their relationship
- Understanding family dynamics & how this lays the foundation for sibling interactions
- Encouraging teamwork & cooperation between siblings
- Strategies to manage common issues such as sibling rivalry, over dependence on each other, dominant siblings & supporting a child to understand their sibling's disability

I /we would like to attend the Sibling Relationships workshop on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 9.00-10.30am

Name/s: .....

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

Please return to Miss Ward / Mr O'Brien / Ms Tappenden