

Hawkinge Primary School



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Dear Parents,

Our Year 6 pupils have done us proud this week during their SATs tests – they have tried their best, worked hard and taken it seriously without getting worried or panicking – we have all been so proud of them! Some of the questions were a bit tricky but they absolutely tried their best. So now the serious part of being in Year 6 starts! Transition programmes have been planned to best support the pupils on their move into Year 7, visits from secondary schools are in the diary for the children to meet staff from their new school and ask any questions they may have. Year 6 pupils from our school, The Churchill and Selsted School work together once a week during term 6 in their new school groups (so everyone who is going to The Harvey, for example, from the three schools will join together in a room at The Community Centre). Each group is led by a teacher from one of the three schools and a transition plan is worked through. What is especially nice about this project is that the children will know pupils from other schools before they even get started in Year 7 – they find this a really supportive process. During one of these sessions pupils who are in Year 7 / Year 8 from each of our local schools come along to speak to the children to tell them what it is really like to move into Year 7 – and give them many tips!

Transition plans for everyone else are in place but we will not be starting those yet – we have another term of hard work to get through first!

It was good to see so many children having their ‘freebie school lunch’ this week. There was much excitement in the school hall! If this has whet your child’s appetite to have school lunched the menu is on the school website for you to see the wide variety of meals that are served.

Can I give you a final reminder about the Sibling Workshop Aneeka and Niki are delivering next Thursday at 9am? More details are overleaf.

I am looking forwards to seeing lots of our school community at The Round The Houses run on Sunday morning in Hythe! Let’s hope the weather holds out – it is not much fun in the rain!

Have a good weekend,

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.

LAST STAFF TRAINING DAY OF THE YEAR - Friday June 28th

SPORTS DAY – 18TH June

Reserve sports day - 25th June

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.

I am very pleased to inform you that Hawkinge Primary School has been nominated for the Diabetes UK Good Diabetes Care in School Award by the Kent Diabetes Team.

The award celebrates and showcases schools that deliver good care and support to children and teenagers with Type 1 diabetes. As part of the nomination, Diabetes UK is inviting parents and carers to complete a brief online parent survey at www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/school-nomination Please follow the link to the survey if you would like to show your support or to oppose this nomination.

The survey should take no more than two minutes to complete. You can answer this survey anonymously if you want to. Please be advised that you have until 31st May to respond to this parent survey.

Responses to this parent survey will be used by Diabetes UK to assess our school's nomination for the award. You can find out more about the Good Diabetes Care in School Award at www.diabetes.org.uk/school-award

Sibling Relationships: Working Together

Thursday 23rd 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 23rd May, 9.00-10.30am

Name/s:

Child/ren at Hawkinge Primary School:

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