

# Hawkinge Primary School



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Dear Parents,

I am thrilled to be able to tell you we have a new caretaker – Mr Bullard! I am sure you will have seen him this week hard at work! This week he has been busy getting all the over grown weeds sorted out around the school that have been enjoying the sunshine (and growing rapidly!) Having been without a caretaker for over a year he has his work cut out getting the school looking the way we want it! He has made super in-roads this week! Please say hello to him if you see him around the school.

It has been a busy sporting week at school this week – pupils in Year 5 and 6 have been learning to paddle board & kayak in Folkestone Harbour, the pupils in Years 3 and 4 have been to The Churchill School to compete in an Mini Olympics Games, this morning pupils in Year 1 were joined by Year 1 pupils from The Churchill School to compete in the Mini Olympics here too! Another busy week at our school!

This week you should have received your child's school report along with a letter inviting you to parents evening and a questionnaire to complete about life at Hawkinge primary School. If you have not received the above please do let us know. I do know a couple of children have 'found' their school reports in their bags this morning!!! Thank you to the many parents who have completed the questionnaires – we appreciate your feedback. There will be a box 'on the door' each morning next week to collect further questionnaires and one available in Mr O'Briens office during parents evenings next week.

Next week we are having a special week at school, led and organised by our Healthy Life Style Ambassadors. Please see the reverse of the newsletter for more information.

If you are a Year 6 parent I wanted you to know that Maria from Stagecoach came to speak to Year 6 last week and gave us some useful information for Year 6 children and their parents getting ready for Secondary School in September. A KCC Travel Saver (formally known as a Young Person's Travel Pass) costs £350 per year, which works out at £1.84 per return trip for every school day. **This needs to be applied for by Sunday 14th July and applications are open now.** Passes will be delivered to secondary schools not homes and, during the first week of term, children will be allowed to travel for free if their pass has not yet arrived. You can also pay for this by monthly Direct Debit but this will incur an additional £10 fee.

Have a nice weekend,

# Hawkinge Primary Health Week

Our new Healthy Lifestyle Ambassadors have come up with a week of events to promote health & wellbeing to our whole school community, starting on Monday.

We are hoping to raise £300 for Unicef's Soccer Aid with our "Sporty Dress" non-uniform day & "Playground Challenge" – The UK government has agreed to match all funds so whatever we raise will be doubled!

We are also aiming to collect 30kg of donations for the Shepway Food Banks who help hundreds of families in our district every year – our new orange Food Bank Bin will be outside at hometime every day – look out for posters about the type of food they are most in need of & contribute whatever you can.

Each day will be themed around the World Health Organisation's "5 Ways To Wellbeing" with activities to get children thinking about what they can do to look after their physical & emotional health. Our Sports Ambassadors will be running Lunchtime Sports Sessions on the field with the Healthy Lifestyle Ambassadors.

We will end the week with a special day of activities, including a "Sporty Dress Day" where children & staff will pay £1 to wear sports themed clothing – your child can wear their team's football kit, cricket or tennis whites, their karate gi, dress up as their favourite sporting celebrity or any other sporty ideas they have!

Even if they just put on their PE kit, encourage your child to get sporty & take part!

\*Children will be offered fruit on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – please ensure that all allergy information is up to date at the school office

## **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July**    TODAY'S THEME: BE ACTIVE & HEALTHY

- Launch of "Hawkinge Health Week" to the whole School in assembly
- Lunchtime Sports Session: "Mile Monday"

## **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July**    TODAY'S THEME: CONNECT

- We will be passing a greeting around our whole school today to connect us all
- Lunchtime Sports Session: "Teamwork Tuesday"

## **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July**    TODAY'S THEME: TAKE NOTICE

- Children will be reflecting on what they are grateful for today & can take a "Mindful Walk" at break
- Lunchtime Sports Session: "Whack-it Wednesday"

## **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July**    TODAY'S THEME: KEEP LEARNING

- "Moving Up" day – children will reflect on what they have learned this year then spend the afternoon with their new class, getting to know their teachers & the new children in their class. Our Year 6's will reflect on everything they learned about their new secondary schools at their taster days last week.
- Lunchtime Sports Session: "Throw-it Thursday"

## **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July**    TODAY'S THEME: GIVE TO YOUR COMMUNITY

- Sporty Dress Day! The Healthy Lifestyle Ambassadors will collect children's money to see how close we are to our fundraising goal & weigh up the Food Bank donations we have received so far
- Lunchtime Sports Session: "Frisbee Friday"
- Classes will attend the Hawkinge Health Week event where they will complete the Playground Challenge obstacle course, try some healthy snacks, learn about healthy habits & be reminded about how to look after their good mental health too.