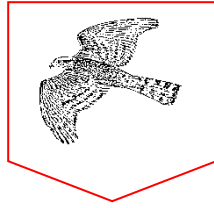


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Dear Parents,

Thank you to the people who have visited our World Book Day Exhibition this week – I am sure you will agree that there has been an overwhelming response and some excellent, creative book characters made from a simple paper plate!

On Monday we had a visit from our School Improvement Partner who is employed by KCC. She visits us twice a year to gain an understanding of our school, she speaks to staff, visits classrooms, looks at children's books and this time also spoke to some of our governors. During this visit she visited almost every classroom and was impressed to see a wide range of lessons being taught on a Monday morning – Design and Technology, Science, PE, English, Maths and PHSE. She commented on the exemplary behaviour she saw in all classrooms, how engaged the children were in their learning, about the high standard of work of our TAs and when she met some of the governors she was really pleased to see how well they know our school. I am always exceptionally proud of our school community and how hard the children work, it is so lovely to hear that from a visitor too! I knew you would like to know!

Many parents commented this week on our large wood delivery in the car park on Thursday – Mr Bullard is going to be busy using it to make a new fence along our boundary on the field. Keep an eye on his progress over the next week!

Last Friday the girls played their second competitive match of the season against Harcourt in a tightly contested match. Hawkinge went ahead early in the game with a close range finish from Neave before Harcourt equalised just before half-time from a long range free-kick. Harcourt took the lead early in the second half before Lily equalised with 5 minutes to go with a good finish from a tight angle. A 2-2 draw was a fair reflection of the game and leaves Hawkinge unbeaten after two games.

The team that played was: Neave, Bella, Darcy, Frankie, Khloe, Lacey, Molly, Angel, Lily, Sophia and Grace.

Last night we played our third Herald Cup match of the season against a strong Sandgate team. In an evenly matched game, there were few chances for either team. Joseph had an excellent game in goal and the two centre backs, Ole and Carter, were equally impressive, keeping out the Sandgate forwards. The game eventually finished 0 - 0.

The team that played was: Joseph, Carter, Micah, Lewis, Lake, Reggie, Ole, Joshua, Charlie, Roman, Theo, Cameron and Lenny.

Look out for Parents' Evening letters next week – it will be held the following week.

Next Friday is Red Nose Day – it will be 40 years old next Friday! Who can remember the first one??!

Come to school on Friday wearing school uniform with something red – socks, hair accessories, a red nose, red hair (!) in exchange for £1!

Have a super weekend – fingers crossed for weather like last weekend!!!



17th – 21st March is Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week at Hawkinge Primary School.

The theme for 2025 is "**Know Yourself, Grow Yourself**" so we will be running activities for the children to participate in to help them reflect on their likes & dislikes, strengths & challenges & why having a sense of purpose is so important for our wellbeing.

We will also be asking our pupils to make a Grow Yourself Pledge, where they will come up with a goal to achieve between now & the end of the school year in July.

Adults in school will also be making self-improvement pledges & we invite you all to join us in thinking about something you could work on too - it could be learning a new skill, improving an existing talent or committing to a new healthy habit -

Anything that will help you to "Grow Yourself" as a person!

"Supporting Your Whole Family's Emotional Health" Parent Workshop

Thursday 20th March 2025 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Family life can be stressful sometimes and whether it starts with you or your children, one person's low mood, anger or anxiety can easily spread throughout the house.

All sorts of things impact on our emotional health and it can be hard to make time for self-care as a parent so we will be sharing advice, practical strategies and resources to help you promote your whole family's wellbeing.

Join us for this informal workshop where we will explore:

- The emotional needs of children and their carers
- How building strong relationships lays the foundation for family wellbeing
- Using routines and rituals to strengthen family bonds
- Encouraging teamwork & cooperation between family members
- Strategies to improve family dynamics and manage common experiences such as family conflict, bereavement, sibling rivalry, parental separation and blended families

Please return the slip below to book your place.

PLEASE -----

I/we would like to attend the **Supporting Your Whole Family's Emotional Health** workshop on Thursday 20th March, 1:00pm-3:00pm

Name/s:

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Child/ren at Hawkinge Primary School:

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