

Hawkinge Primary School

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Dear Parents,

I don't think a week goes by when I don't say 'it has been another busy week at school' but it really has again this week!

On Wednesday we had a special visitor who spent the day in school visiting classrooms and meeting with some of our staff and pupils. I absolutely love to show off our lovely school and it was wonderful to hear all the positive things our visitor said about Hawkinge Primary School. She told us the behaviour in lessons was excellent – children working hard, teachers and teaching assistants had high expectations of the children and in fact one pupil said that 'the work is hard but it is ok to make mistakes and learn from them'! The visitor saw how well the children were supported in their lesson with a variety of resources and adult support. She also commented on the level of expertise of all staff. The visitor commented on lots of things that are not 'measurable' such as a supportive happy atmosphere, a friendly culture of trust and authentic relationships. It was a real pleasure to have her in school and another 'proud head teacher moment' for me!

Mr O'Brien still has some spaces available on his Maths Workshop – just a quick reminder if you have not managed to book yourself in yet, they are on Tuesday 23rd January 6:00pm – 7:15pm and Thursday 25th January 1:40pm – 2:55pm

Next week will certainly be busy with Parents' Evenings. If you have not received a letter about these please let the class teacher know. If you are in KS2 this appointment will be with your child's class teacher not their English/Maths teachers.

Finally, I would like to say a belated welcome to two new members of the Hawkinge Primary School team – Mrs Skingle and Mrs Pearce. They were both appointed before the Christmas holidays began and started work as TAs in January. It feels like they have always been here already (*in a nice way of course!*) and have really settled into school life well.

Diary Dates

Just a reminder that next week is Parents' Evening week with Maths Workshops, the following week Miss Milborrow is running Phonics Workshops and on the final week of term we have Landing Pad Assemblies starting at 2:15pm (invitations to follow!) on:

Tuesday (Year 3 & 4) Wednesday (Year 5 & 6) Thursday (Year 1 & 2) Friday (Reception)

Staff Training Days left this year: Monday 19th February & Friday 21st June.

Have a super weekend

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Term Dates 2023/2024

Friday 1 st September 2023	INSET Day – School closed to children
Monday 4 th September 2023	INSET Day – School closed to children
Tuesday 5 th September 2023	First day of Term 1 for children
Friday 20 th October 2023	Last day of Term 1 for children
<i>Holiday – Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October 2023</i>	
Monday 30 th October 2023	First day of Term 2 for children
Friday 15 th December 2023	Last day of Term 2 for children
<i>Holiday - Monday 18th December 2023 – Monday 1st January 2024</i>	
Tuesday 2 nd January 2024	INSET Day – School closed to children
Wednesday 3 rd January 2024	First day of Term 3 for children
Friday 9 th February 2024	Last day of Term 3 for children
<i>Holiday – Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February 2024</i>	
Monday 19 th February 2024	INSET Day – School closed to children
Tuesday 20 th February 2024	First day of Term 4 for children
Thursday 28 th March 2024	Last day of Term 4 for children
<i>Holiday – Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April 2024</i>	
Monday 15 th April 2024	First day of Term 5 for children
Monday 6 th May 2024	Bank Holiday – School closed to children
Friday 24 th May 2024	Last day of Term 5 for children
<i>Holiday – Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2024</i>	
Monday 3 rd June 2024	First day of Term 6 for children
Friday 21 st June 2024	INSET Day – School closed to children
Tuesday 23 rd July 2024	Last day of Term 6 for children