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Dear Parents,

This term has absolutely flown by! It really does not seem two minutes ago since we were all starting our 'launch pad' events! The end of the school year will be here before we know it!!

This week a group of 9 children from Year 5 and 6 took part in a Key Stage Two netball competition at Three Hills Sports Park. Representing Hawkinge Primary School were: Alice, Eva, Holly, Minnie, Ebony, Poppie, Cameron, Ryan and Isaac. The children started with a quick training session and then played a series of matches. Overall our team finished with two wins, three draws and one loss; placing our team 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. They played exceptionally well, showing sportsmanship, great resilience and concise netball skills. Thank you to the parents that came to support us and to Mr Bamford for taking them.

As I am writing this newsletter Miss Tappenden, Mrs Rand and Miss Milborrow are hosting an 'induction meeting' for our new Reception parents – it is the second one of the day and they have both been really well attended. It is always so nice to welcome new parents to our school. I love meeting the new children as they hand in their paperwork – always so excited to be starting school. It also makes me think about our Year 6 children who will be entering their final term of their primary school life. They really are a lovely bunch of children. I was lucky enough to be able to take a small group to the theatre this week to watch a performance based on a book they have been studying. Not only did they love the opportunity but represented our school so well!

Our children in Year 3 and 4 have been taking part in local area studies this week (you may have seen them whilst you have been out and about). They have been investigating how the local area is used at different times of the day.

Likewise, our Year 1 children have been thinking about ways they could improve our local area to make Hawkinge more environmentally aware and sustainable. They have come up with some great ideas and have this week, sent a letter to the Mayor with their suggestions!

This week we have also had three ex-pupils return to our school for work experience. It has been lovely to have them back in the school – thank you Chloe, Izzy and Hollie for all your help this week!

Finally, a half-term task for everyone (sorry!) There seems to be a bit of an outbreak of head lice at school. Over half-term, please have a check of your child's hair to help us arrest this outbreak before our return to school. See over for some useful hints and tips.

Have a lovely week – we are back to school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. I will keep my fingers crossed that the sun will shine on us all week! ☺