## **Hawkinge Primary School**

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#### Dear Parents,

I cannot wait for the sunnier days to come, this week has not been the best weather wise has it?! This morning was especially cold and wet! Thank you to everyone who made it into school. The day has started with several power failures, but at the time of writing this the electricity seems to have been restored! A special thank you to Heidi who has been out in the worst weather at the start and end of the school day this week on the crossing!

We have had some more lovely baby news this week.... Mrs Groombridge has had her baby. Ryden arrived safely on Monday weighing 8lbs 6oz – everyone is doing well. I will be sending Mrs G a copy of this letter and I know everyone will want to join with me in congratulating her. We are looking forward to seeing them both soon.

Alongside the newsletter this week you will receive a second letter from Miss Pearson about The RSPB Big Bird Watch 2025. The RSPB ask that people spend one hour over the weekend looking out for birds in their garden, at the park, in an outdoor space and record the number and type of birds they spot. We thought it would be good to take part as a school this year – I will certainly take part – let us know how you get on! See Miss Pearson's letter for more details.

Next week we will be sending out letters for Parents' Evenings on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February. This term the meetings will be with your child's class teacher as a check in to find out how they ae getting on in class and with their theme lessons.

The school has smelt lovely this week as the Year 1 and 2 classes have been busy cooking various foods to support their theme 'How is India different?' I am sure if you have a child in Year 1 or 2 they will have told you all about their vegetable preparation and curry recipes. If they haven't please check in with them – I have been feeling hungry as a result all week! The Year 1 and 2 pupils also had the 'Fun Factory' visiting them this week – which they really did enjoy taking part in, so it has been a very busy week for them!

On the reverse of this newsletter is a flyer to invite you to Miss Hanner's workshop she is holding on 6th February entitled 'Supporting your Child with Special Educational Needs.' She will be discussing how we support children with SEND needs at Hawkinge Primary School, and share strategies that support children with a range of SEND needs. See over for more details. If you are interested in coming along please complete the slip and return it to Miss Hanner, myself, Mr O'Brien or the school office.

Have a lovely weekend

# Hawkinge Primary School Parent Workshops

Come along to one of our Parent Workshops for an opportunity to share your experiences with other parents, to access resources & advice to help your family towards improved wellbeing.

Complete the reply slip below & return to school to book your place.

# "Supporting Your Child with Special Educational Needs (SEN)"

### Parent Workshop

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Does your child have special educational needs or have difficulties in any areas of development?

Would you like to have a better understanding of these needs and how they are being met in school?

Do you have questions about where to go next for support?

For parents and families of children with special educational needs, disabilities and other additional needs it can feel overwhelming trying to ensure your child's needs are being met and navigating the different referral pathways, as well as trying to understand the current climate of SEN in Kent. This workshop will help you feel more confident in how Hawkinge Primary School is meeting children's needs and also help give a better understanding of SEN in general and how you can best support your child now and in the future.

Join us for this workshop where we will explore...

- What is meant by SEND Support and when might a child need an Educational Healthcare Plan (EHCP)
- How SEND needs are met at Hawking Primary School
- A range of SEND including Autism, ADHD and Dyslexia
- Seeking further support for you and your child and ensuring their 'life success'

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I/we would like to attend the <u>Supporting Your Child with Special Educational Needs</u> workshop on Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February, 1.00-3.00pm
Name/s:
Child/ren at Hawkinge Primary School: