## Hawkinge Primary School

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Dear Parents,

This term has absolutely flown by. I cannot believe we have arrived at the Easter holidays today! As I took a walk around the school yesterday to visit classrooms it was wonderful to see the children working so hard – many on their end of unit assessments – with such enthusiasm. It was certainly another proud head teacher moment!

This week the school has been filled with wonderful smells! Each Year 5 and 6 class have been hard at work in the cookery room making shepherd's pie. It is one of my favourite foods so I have felt hungry all week. I know that at home some families have made a second shepherd's pie because they enjoyed it so much! The children in Year 3 and 4 have also been cooking – they have been busy making vegetable stew that has smelt equally as nice!

Our football teams have been busy again this week – our boys team played their next Herald Cup Match and won 8 – 5 against Mundella School. The girls played at home against Castle Hill school and won 6 – 2. Poppie scored 5 of the goals! The girl's team are now through to the Quarter Final Round, their next match will be after the Easter holidays!!

Last night Miss Tappenden led a parent workshop for Year 6 parents to help them best prepare their children (and themselves) for their transition to secondary school in September. Parents who attended enjoyed the session and found it very useful. If you have a child in Year 6 and were unable to make it, please get in touch with Miss Tappenden who can give you more information.

As we all prepare for our Easter holidays I wanted to share with you about an exciting event that is going to take place over Easter. Miss Keen is getting married! We are all so excited about this news! We had a lunchtime celebration yesterday in the staffroom when we were able to present her with a wedding present whilst she was wearing a 'special' sash! It was a lovely chance to have a get together with teachers past and present! I am sure you would all want to join in with me keeping your fingers crossed for lovely weather and that she has a lovely day! On her return to school after Easter Miss Keen will not be changing her name!

If you are passing the school over the break you will see it is a very busy place! We have toilet renovations going on, converting rooms into offices for staff to work and having power put into them, our IT technicians will be hard at work installing new equipment, we are due a visit from our window cleaners and a deep clean from our cleaning team – all ready for the summer term!

Have a lovely Easter break, don't forget that we start back at school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.