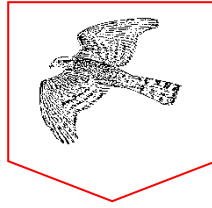


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Dear Parents,

We have been SO lucky with the weather this week haven't we? It is my favourite type of weather! Let's hope it lasts through the Bank Holiday Weekend (do not look at your weather apps!!)

If we are lucky enough for this not to have been our summer and the weather continues can I ask that you purchase some all-day sun cream for your children at school? Staff are not available over the lunchtime period to apply cream to children, children notoriously struggle to apply it themselves (getting in eyes etc) and really there are complications about having creams in school/creams being shared etc. The situation is far smoother to manage if you can apply cream to your child in the morning and it lasts for the day until home time. I would really appreciate your support with this. Thank you!

On one of the warmer evenings this week Mr Cinelli took our Cross Country runners to The Marsh Academy to enter a Cross Country competition. 40 children took part from Years 3,4,5 and 6. In glorious sunshine everyone performed superbly and enjoyed great success across each year group. The Year 3/4 team came third and the Year 5/6 team came first! Individual medallists in Year 3/4 were: Eloise (1st place) Franco (1st place) Teddy (3rd place) and in Year 5/6 – Molly (1st place) Grace (2nd place) Darcy (1st place) Hayet (2nd place) Lewis (1st place) Josh (2nd place) Charlie (3rd place) Micah (3rd place). Well done to all who took part and thank you to Mr Cinelli for organising the event.

Just a reminder that next Thursday is VE Day and we are inviting the children to wear red, white and/or blue to school on that day. If children would prefer to wear school uniform that is fine. If they are wearing red, white or blue we would ask for a donation of between 50p - £1, the money will be collected for The Royal British Legion. At school the children will be learning more about VE Day and why it is something we celebrate.

Miss Tappenden ran a Parents Learning Course this week about 'Understanding and Empowering your Anxious Child' and the feedback has been exceptional! She is a very talented and knowledgeable person! Her courses are fabulous – with this in mind I thought I would also advertise her next one called 'Friendship First Aid' which she will be running on Friday 16th May, 9:00am – 11:00am. The focus of the workshop will be to go through the changing face of friendships as children get older and how you can help them navigate the trickier times, knowing how to respond in the first instance can really make a difference to how resilient your child is in their friendships so their confidence is not knocked by social shifts. See overleaf for more details.

I hope you have a lovely weekend (*and the sun continues to shine!!*)

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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 to book your place.

Friendship First Aid

Friday 16th May 2025

9:00am – 11:00am

All friendships have occasional fall outs but it can be hard to watch your child go through these ups and downs when it can be so heart-breaking for them.

Maybe your child says they don't have any friends or they did not get invited to a birthday party like everyone else. Perhaps your child has been accused of bullying or the friends they usually play with are now leaving them out. All our pupils will be finding out their new classes for September soon and may feel anxious about not being with all of their friends.

Friendships naturally get more complex as children get older and because they all develop at different rates, not every child is ready for the changes that happen in their friendships, leaving them feeling confused and rejected. With the addition of social media at a younger age, things can feel complicated and overwhelming for your child. Knowing how to respond in the first instance can really make a difference to how resilient your child is in their friendships so their confidence is not knocked by social shifts.

Join us for this workshop where we will look at:

-Creating social opportunities & building social skills

-Strategies to support new friendships

-Spotting problem behaviours & coping with friendship fall outs

-Resisting the urge to rescue & when to intervene

-The importance of role-modelling healthy relationships & practicing social skills at home

PLEASE



☐ I/we would like to attend the **Friendship First Aid** Parent Workshop on **Friday 16th May, 9:00am – 11:00am**

Name/s:

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Child/ren at Hawkinge Primary School:

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