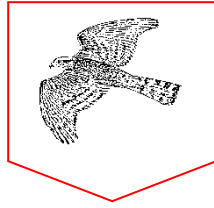


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Dear Parents

This week, as you know, has been a special week as we have joined with the NSPCC for their 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' week. It was wonderful in assembly on Monday morning to ask the children to think about adults they could talk to if they ever had a worry. Each child who could think of a different adult came to the front of the hall to allow us to see how many adults there were! The adults the children named ranged from their parents, older siblings, some children said grandparents, a range of staff at school were named from teachers and TAs, myself and Mr O'Brien, the lunchtime supervisors and Heidi who works on the crossing. The children felt really confident they could list at least 5, but on many occasions ten adults they could tell any worry to. Isn't that great? The start of our assembly caused much excitement as Ant and Dec introduced the children to the special week – there was so much excitement that I had to pause the clip!! There were so many fans in the hall! 😊

I am hoping that everyone has received a letter about Parents' Evening next week and appointments have been made. We really do value these evenings and enjoy catching up with you about what is going well for your son/daughter in school and if there is any further support that might be needed. This Parents' Evening marks the 'almost' half way point of the year, so it is a good one to take stock of the successes and next steps that are needed. English, Maths, Science and the theme book for this term will be available for you to have a look at during the evening along with a Proud Post It to add to your selected piece of work on the evening.

On Monday you will receive your invitation to the Landing Pad Assemblies for this term. These are always really popular events. The children love to see you at the assemblies, I do know sometimes it is a squeeze to fit everyone in the classrooms – but we hope you think it is worth the squeeze to see the enjoyment on the children's faces! As usual the car park gate will open to let you in at 2:15pm and will close at 2:25pm. The assembly will start at 2:20pm. A bell will ring at 2:45pm which is a signal for parents to leave the school so that the teachers can get the children ready safely for home time. We thank you for your support with this. The assemblies will be held on the following dates:

EYFS – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February  
Year 5 & 6 – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February  
Year 3 & 4 – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February  
Year 1 & 2 – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Finally, I am excited to be able to announce the third Hawkinge baby that has been born this week. Mrs Pearce - one of our TAs has had a baby boy – Albie James who was born yesterday at a great weight of 7lbs 7oz! Congratulations to the family for their new arrival – we are looking forward to meeting him soon!

Have a lovely weekend,

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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.

# E-Safety & Managing Screen Time

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025**      **9:00am – 11:00am**

- Suitable for parents of all ages –

Is your child spending longer than you would like playing computer games?

Does your child want their first mobile phone already?

Do you worry about keeping your child safe online?

Join us on Safer Internet Day when we will explore the emerging research around the impact of screen time for our children as well as building confidence in parents to champion the positives of computing while maintaining safe boundaries. We will discuss ideas of how we can best support our children to safely navigate the digital world including:

- The risks and rewards of computing & screen time
- Strategies for monitoring and managing screen time
- Understanding age restrictions on gaming & social media
- Supporting your child to manage the social pressures of being online
- Online safety

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I/we would like to attend E-Safety & Managing Screen Time on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 9:00am -11:00am

Name/s: .....

Child/ren at Hawkinge Primary School: .....