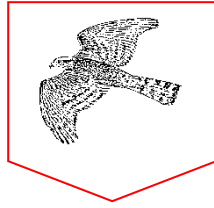


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Dear Parents,

Well, we survived the soaring temperatures this week and it looks as though the weekend will be filled with rain!

This week our Year 6s have been to visit their secondary schools and the younger children in the school have met with their new teacher and class mates. It has been a big week! The children will have two more opportunities to meet in their new class groups before the end of term and will bring home a Social Story over the summer holidays so they can remind themselves for their return in September. On this 'moving up visit', the children learnt what their new class names are going to be – all classes next year are named after World Cup Mascots to link into The World Cup Summer 2026. I hope they have told you about their mascot.

Sport plays an important part of our school curriculum. We use it as one of the 'vehicles' for developing team work, resilience, sportsmanship and a healthy lifestyle. We intentionally teach a wide range of sports during our PE lessons (especially in KS2) to promote enjoyment and hope that children will find a sport that they truly enjoy. When the Ofsted inspector visited in May she stopped in her tracks when we were walking around the school to watch a Year 5/6 class who were having a Curling lesson. She said that she had never seen Curling taught in school. Children learn how to play badminton, Lacrosse, tennis and a range of other sports. We also commit to children running (*mostly*) the Daily K, improving their times over the year – competing against themselves. These skills are all transferrable into daily life. This year children in Year 5 and 6 have also been able to attend 'Flight Club' at lunchtimes – a darts club (*with soft tipped darts obviously!*) led by Mr Bishop several times a week! On occasions we invite specialised Sports Coaches into school to add another layer of quality to our PE curriculum. This year a member of Folkestone Optimists is working with the children in Years 3 and 4 to coach them in the skills of hockey! As you know last week in Hawkinge Health Week there were a series of lunchtime clubs that ran across the week. In Monday morning assembly the children decided their favourite day last week was 'Foot Golf Friday'!

Our teachers also commit to training and preparing children for taking part in competitive events. I often report on our progress in the Herald Cup – we play the final at Lydd Football Club on Monday.

After school on Wednesday, 18 children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, attended the annual District Sports event at Three Hills. Athletes competed in a range of track and field activities across the course of the competition with scores awarded based on performance. We were placed in the 'Large Schools' category alongside seven other local schools, in events including: sprinting, 400m, relay, long jump and javelin. The children performed superbly and were rewarded for their efforts with a fabulous First Placed Finish overall, our first victory in over 25 years. Notable performances came from Lake who won Gold in the Boys' Year 5/6 400m race and Paloma who won Gold in the Girls' Year 5/6 Long Jump. Those who represented the school were: Erin, Eloise, Zoe R, Teddy T, Oscar C, Eden, Lewis, Myla, Lake, Darcy, Poppy W, Hayden A, Haydn B, Paloma, Grace, Imogen, Micah and Theo. Thank you to Mr Cinelli and Mr Bamford for being the staff in charge at the event.

On the reverse of the newsletter is a flyer for a workshop Miss Tappenden is running next week on the subject of Emotional Regulation – I have got to say I would highly recommend it!

Have a nice 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 on either or both of the workshops we are running this term.

"Emotional Regulation" Workshop

Thursday 10th July 2025 **9:00am – 11:00 am**

- Are you the parent/carer of a child who's emotions seem very "up & down"?
- Or a child who keeps their emotions in check during the school day only to have a meltdown on coming home?

This workshop is for parents of children with difficulties tolerating and expressing their feelings, leading to outbursts and other displays of overwhelming emotion.

Join us to learn about emotional dysregulation in children and the role of biological, developmental and environmental factors.

We will share practical strategies and resources to support children in understanding and managing their emotions and any resulting behaviours.

Please return the slip below to book your place.

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☐ I/we would like to attend the Emotional Regulation workshop on:
Thursday 10th July, 9:00am -11:00am

Name/s:

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Child/ren at Hawkinge Primary School:

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