

# Hawkinge Primary School

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Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful to get back into school this week. The children have all been looking so smart and keen to get on with making new friends in their new classes and learning more about the theme for the term ahead. Each class has been finding out more about their new class names and the reasons for them – please do ask them over the weekend!

The summer is always a good time to review what we have been doing in school, especially the effectiveness of systems that have been in place for a few years. One of the systems we have been reviewing and will change from Monday is lunchtime first aid!

By the nature of the playground children do get into different scrapes some requiring minor first aid, some need more first aid and on some very rare occasions needing lots of plasters! You know that the safety of your children is always our priority. All our Dinner Supervisors are First Aid Trained. So any incident is carried out by them in the first instance. What has happened after that is Miss Campbell has visited all the children in their classrooms in the afternoons to check in on them and then to text you to let you know about their injury.

From Monday this aspect will change slightly.

If a child has a minor First Aid Treatment in the playground – a wipe of the knee because they have taken a small fall or have a plaster because of a small graze to their knee or have been hit by a ball when they are playing football. This will be treated by the Midday Supervisors as usual, and recorded in the usual way, the children will be given a sticker to say **'I have received minor first aid at school'**. When they return to class the TAs (who are also first aid trained) will keep an eye on the children. If we have no further concerns we will not be texting/calling you.

However, if children have a bump to their head or a more serious injury Miss Campbell will visit them in class in the afternoon to check in on them and will give you a call/text to let you know.

Another system we are tightening up on is how the children arrive at school in the morning. Some children have been entering school by the doors near the kitchen. Mr O'Brien and I enjoy seeing the children each morning and would like the opportunity to say good morning to them all. This year we have asked the children all to walk up the school car park and onto the playground, before entering school using their designated doors.

Thank you for all the donations of school uniform, Mrs Epsley's 'shop' is looking very well stocked this week. She will have the shop open each Monday, Thursday and Friday morning weather permitting. Don't forget we are hoping to also stock a Secondary School Uniform shop!

Just a reminder to parents of children in Years 3 – 6, school meals are now charged at £2.41 a day (£12.05 a week). In a previous letter I had not noticed a typo and had said it was £2:31 per day. Sorry for any confusion caused!

At the time of writing this newsletter the Year 3 and 4 classes are in the middle of their launch pad events – making a Greek Feast! The classrooms smell delicious of feta cheese, onion and olives! It is making me quite hungry!

Next week Years 1 and 2 will be having their Launchpad about mini-beasts - they will be going on bug hunts around the school site to see what they can find!

Years 5 and 6 will be having their launch pad event at Kearsney Abbey – they will be doing a range of field work whilst they are there! More info in next week's newsletter!

As many of you will know, our school works to support speech, language and communication with support from our NHS link speech & language therapist, Emma Jones, as well as specialist teachers. Your child may come into contact with Emma, within their classroom or around school. Our SENCo, Miss Hanner, will have regular meetings with Emma, along with Mrs Iles, to discuss our school's provision.

If you have any concerns about your child's speech, language or communication skills, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. If we have discussed a specific concern with you about your child's speech, language or communication, or you have raised a concern, we will decide together whether to discuss this with our link therapist. You will be kept informed of any plans to support your child.

Have a lovely weekend, fingers crossed the sunshine will hang around for a bit longer!