



# HERNE BAY JUNIOR SCHOOL

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For safeguarding, the school office will be closed from 8.35am-8.50am and 3.15pm-3.25pm daily. This is to allow the children to enter and exit the site safely. Please call or use the intercom during these times for assistance.

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*Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023*

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## TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Next week:

- 8<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 Eat Well talk (linking to Science/DT)
  - 10<sup>th</sup> November – Jemison & Hawking Swimming
  - 16<sup>th</sup> November – Kent Fire Safety Talks
  - 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children's Flu Immunisation
  - 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need Non-Uniform for £1 (donations will be given to Herne Bay High School Dance Dash)
  - 17<sup>th</sup> November – Understanding your Child's Behaviour Workshop
  - 17<sup>th</sup> November - Jemison & Hawking Swimming
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> November – 8:50am Johnson Class assembly – parents invited
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> November – 9am Year 3 parents invited to AR session
  - 24<sup>th</sup> November – School Council members to CACOT Pupil and Parents forum
  - 24<sup>th</sup> November - Jemison & Hawking Swimming
  - 29<sup>th</sup> November – Year 2 Parents Open Morning – 9:30am
  - 29<sup>th</sup> November – Year 2 Parents Open Evening – 6:30pm
  - 29<sup>th</sup> November – 8:50am Dali Class assembly – parents invited
  - 1<sup>st</sup> December – Jemison & Hawking Swimming
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> December (Saturday) – Year 2 Parents Open Morning – 9:30am
  - 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Christmas Shop
  - 4<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3 & 4 home-learning projects due in
  - 5<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3 parents invited in to see projects - 9am
  - 6<sup>th</sup> December – 8:50am Banneker Class assembly – parents invited
  - 6<sup>th</sup> December – Years 3 & 4 Christmas Dinner (and Christmas jumper day)
  - 7<sup>th</sup> December – Year 4 parents invited in to see projects – 9am
  - 7<sup>th</sup> December – Years 5 & 6 Christmas Dinner (and Christmas jumper day)
  - 13<sup>th</sup> December – Years 3 & 4 Christmas service at Christ Church, Herne Bay – parents invited
  - 14<sup>th</sup> December – Years 5 & 6 Christmas service at Christ Church, Herne Bay – parents invited
- Term 2 ends – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December (1:15pm finish)**

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**Staff Development Day – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024**

**Term 3 begins – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024**

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Welcome back to term 2. I hope that you all had a happy and restful half term.

As you will see from the list of dates, this is set to be a busy term with lots planned. We will add to the list as more activities or events are arranged. Please also follow our Instagram account @hernebayjuniorschool where timely reminders of specific events will be added to our daily stories.

On Wednesday, we had the first of our class assemblies. Kahlo Class presented to the school along with their invited parents sharing all that they have learnt about their class name influence: Frida Kahlo. It was an informative and lively presentation including some beautiful art work that they had created. Every class will be presenting an assembly this academic year; please keep an eye on the dates for your child's class. Unfortunately, if there are children in the class who cannot be photographed or videoed, we will not be able to share these on our social media platforms.

Thank you for all the pumpkin donations. We have more than enough for Peggy and Stacey to munch through over the coming few days so will no longer be able to take any more.

This weekend is Firework Night and the children were reminded in assembly this morning of the importance of keeping safe. We also talked to them about the consideration of pets and other animals who may be frightened or harmed by them. I hope that you all have a happy and safe firework weekend.

## ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 89.87%.  
Overall attendance this year to date 93.81%.

No classes achieved 97+% attendance this week.

184 children remain in the 100 club with 100% attendance.  
184 pupils currently have attendance of 98% or above.

96 late codes have been recorded this week:

Year 3 - 21  
Year 4 - 34  
Year 5 - 36  
Year 6 - 23

All children must arrive at school **by 8:45am** each day to avoid being coded as 'late'. A late arrival results in a disrupted start to the day. Learning begins at 8:45am: a child arriving late will find it difficult to join in a lesson that has already started.

**Early Morning Sports Club** is **free of charge** and open for all children to attend. It starts promptly at **8:20am** each day. Please consider this if your child is held up by you dropping siblings to other schools.

## HOUSE POINTS

**Kestrels** are the winners this week with 175 house points – well done!

**Hawks** – 170 house points

**Falcons** – 167 house points

**Eagles** – 145 house points

## FLU IMMUNISATION

On Friday 17th November, the Kent Community Health Immunisation Team will be in school to administer the Flu Vaccine to the children. A letter had been emailed to you today asking that you consent or decline for your child to receive the vaccine. You are asked to complete the online form by midnight on 13/11/23 - <https://family.kentcht.nhs.uk/>

## TEACHING & LEARNING NEWS

### Year 6 secondary school applications

The application process for secondary school places has now closed. If you have not applied and are a Kent resident email [kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk) with your child's name, date of birth, full address and current school. They will then advise you of the next steps. If you have applied but your circumstances have changed and you need to amend your application email [kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk) so they can assist you.

### Termly home projects and homework

Each term we ask that the children complete a home learning project linked to the learning they have been doing in school. It is a wonderful opportunity to work alongside your child to produce a project driven by their curiosity, questions or knowledge about the term's learning. The first of this year's home learning projects are due in at the end of this term, so now is the time to encourage and support them in coming up with a project idea. Class teachers have sent home possible suggestions for you to explore and develop further. Taking a little time each week to work on the project will help to consolidate their learning and ensure that there is not a rush to get it completed in the last week of term. We have seen some fantastic projects come in over the years and we look forward to celebrating the children's efforts together when we invite parents in at the end of the term to share in your children's work and see the work of the other children in their classes.

Alongside the termly home learning projects, we continue to set weekly spellings, reading and times tables tasks. Finding a little bit of time each day to complete these tasks will be more beneficial than one longer session once a week for both retention and minimising anxiety that can come with homework. If homework is an issue or you would like help in supporting your child to complete their homework, please get in contact with your child's class teacher via the office or by speaking with them at the end of the school day.

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## SEN NEWS

You may remember a month ago that I informed you of the benefits of DEKS, Dyslexia East Kent Support group? Tomorrow they are open again for the drop in session in Beltinge. This is an informal event that you can take your family to find out more about Dyslexia, Dyspraxia and more. Use this link for further information: [Dyslexia East Kent Support \(dyslexia-east-kent.org.uk\)](http://Dyslexia East Kent Support (dyslexia-east-kent.org.uk))

## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING NEWS

### Understanding your Child's Behaviour workshop

On 17th November (1-3pm), Mrs Edwards and Clare Ahari, our Emotional Wellbeing Practitioner, will host a workshop in school to support parents/carers in understanding behaviour. The workshop will also give those attending, strategies to support children in different, and often tricky, situations. We will focus on parent/carer-child interactions, increasing positive interactions and discuss strategies to support with setting clear expectations and boundaries for behaviour difficulties. This workshop will also include self-regulation strategies for children, discuss parental self-care and will recommend helpful books and resources.

To sign up to this workshop, please inform the school office or Mrs Edwards.

### Strode Park Shoe Box Appeal

Strode Park are hoping to fill 165 Christmas shoe boxes for their residents in care homes across Kent as not everyone has friends and family. If you would be willing to fill a shoe box for them, please see the leaflet attached for more details.

### Winter Pop Up Shop

As winter approaches and the cost of living crisis continues there is a need for the community to support each other. There will be a 'Pop Up' shop event at the Umbrella Centre in Whitstable to help with the cost of clothes & shoes for men, women and children. It will be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 10am - 3pm, and most items will be only £1 For more details, please see the leaflet attached.

## #WAKEUPWEDNEDAY

### How to clean your devices

This week's free online safety guide focuses on how to clean devices. Our electronic devices can be a breeding ground for germs and bacteria. The guide takes a look at a few tips such as not rubbing too hard when cleaning, how often to clean your devices and to keep your hands and faces as clean as possible.

## E-SCOOTERS

Kent Police are advising the public to ensure they understand the laws around E-Scooters use before purchasing. E-Scooters are classed as motor vehicles and are required to be taxed and

insured. It is not possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it is illegal to use them on the road or in public spaces, such as pavements.

### **Enforcement**

The police are obliged to take action against anyone who is caught repeatedly using an e-scooter illegally or in a way that causes a nuisance to others. In these circumstances, the police have the power to seize the e-scooter under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act/165 of the Road Traffic Act.

You risk a £300 fine, six penalty points endorsed on your driving licence and the E-Scooter being seized. If you do not currently hold a driving licence at the time of the offence, you may be prosecuted and may have to go to court, whereby the fine can increase and your ability to obtain a driving licence in the future may be affected.

If you purchase an E-Scooter, it can only be used on private land with the landowner's consent.

Please find the Kent Police poster attached.

## FIRE SAFETY

Kent Fire and Rescue Service have issued a safety warning on the use of lithium-ion batteries following several battery related fires across the county.

Lithium-ion batteries, or li-ion batteries (sometimes called LIBs) are commonly found in many items including mobile phones, laptops, e-bikes, hover boards and e-scooters.

Firefighters are urging the public to take care when storing and using these types of batteries, and to think twice before purchasing items from non-reputable suppliers. You can find out more about this via KFRS website here: KFRS issues battery safety warning | Kent Fire and Rescue Service (fire-uk.org)

## INCLUSION BEAR

### **Awarded:**

Mrs Smith nominated Mrs McKee for Patch. She said, "Mrs McKee, during these darker days, has brought positivity to Curie Class. Not only has she shown such patience and respect towards our children, building positive relationships, she also makes sure to look after the class adults by bringing us a little chocolate treat every Friday! We'd just like to say thank you and we appreciate you."

### **Nominated:**

Mrs Kingsland nominated Ernie, in Curie class, for Patch. She said, "Ernie is always a very caring and compassionate person but in the final week of term, when I was in the dining hall, I witnessed him speaking to Mr Hobbs. Ernie was concerned for Mr Hobbs as he was unusually sitting by himself eating. Ernie checked that Mr Hobbs was ok and not lonely and to see if he needed a friend. Ernie, you are superstar."

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Jaylen, from Kahlo class, would like to nominate Gianluca, in Curie class. Jaylen said “When I am sad or mad at lunch, he always cheers me up. If I am alone, he plays with me.”

Melissa nominated Ivy, in Tolkien class. Melissa said Ivy is always really kind to her and is always happy to share her things.

Mrs Edwards nominated Noah, in Anning class. When another child was struggling with their learning and had become dysregulated in class, Noah checked in with him and asked if he was okay.

Well done Noah for being so caring to another member of your class, even though you weren't feeling your best.

## ROCKING READERS

This week's Rocking Readers are Nightingale Class. After a shaky start in Term 1, they have now found their groove and achieved an average of 93% in their quizzing this week – keep it up!

Can we please ask that you support your child to ensure that they have returned any outstanding library books.

## TT ROCK STARS

This week's winning class is Turing who were chosen for increased participation and improvement in the number of questions answered.

Joseph Papademetrie received accolade for achieving 'Rock Hero' status on TT Rock Stars; on average he is answering questions in 0.96 seconds!

## SPORTS AWARD

Evie Turner in Shakespeare class was awarded the Sports Cup this week. She was recognised for her excellent focus in Sports lessons and her ability to 'read the room' in her participation. She is helpful with organisational tasks and is a great asset to her class. Well done, Evie 😊

## MR FOREMAN'S ECO CORNER

### Solar Panel Update

We've had our solar panels up for a whole year now. Lots of people have commented on them, lots of other schools have asked about them. It's great that people are interested and hear how successful they have been so I thought I'd give you an update and share how they have performed over the last 12 months.



So far, we have generated 79,458 kWh. Now that figure may mean nothing to you, but to put it in perspective that's enough power to make around 110,000 cups of tea, almost as many as the teachers drink in a week!!!

Overall, they have produced around 40% of the school's total electricity use. As you are aware, with the cost of living crisis and energy costs spiralling, the panels have also saved us a considerable amount of money as well, which we have been able to put back into the school, rather than spend on bills.



Not only this but we have saved over 18t of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions going into the atmosphere. Again, a figure that cannot really be grasped, so that's approximately 19,600 Mars Bars or 1217 miles of Mars Bars if you put them in a row. If we carry on like this then can you imagine how many Mars Bars worth of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions we could save over 25 years? Nearly half a million! That's almost as many as the teachers eat in a week! 🍫

All that is not bad for our first year and, coupled with our other eco projects, we are well on our way to being net zero.

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## STAR OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children for being identified by their class teachers as this week's Stars of the Week. Certificates will be emailed to parents/carers.

Parks	Freya Crosby
Shakespeare	Betsy Cowling
Tolkien	Frankie Tutt

Da Vinci	Lily Kershaw
Dali	Elsie Kehoe
Kahlo	Juann Jinto
Picasso	Deborah Gomez

Anning	Lily Wheeler
Curie	Ziyad Barakat
Hawking	Rafael Chipisinov
Jemison	Henry Hughes

Banneker	Erin Dew
Johnson	Jewel Jijo
Nightingale	Ava-Rose Draper
Turing	Eva Clark

## TA RECOGNITION AWARD

Each week, our TAs recognise those children who consistently shine as positive role models to others during break and lunch times. Certificates will be emailed to parents/carers.

This week's awards go to:

Year 3	Evie Mears
Year 4	Sonnie O'Shea
Year 5	Logan Beard
Year 6	Solomon McKenzie

With my best wishes,



Melody Kingman  
Headteacher

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