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FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY.
APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR AND RESPECT FOR OTHERS SHOULD BE UPHeld AT ALL
TIMES.**

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.

Friday 10th November 2023

TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

Next week:

- 13th November – Odd Sock Day to mark Anti Bullying Week (13th – 17th November)
- 16th November – Kent Fire Safety Talks (all year groups)
- 17th November – Children's Flu Immunisation
- 17th November – Non-Uniform day £1 donation for Children in Need (donations will be passed to Herne Bay High School-Dance Dash)
- 17th November – Understanding your Child's Behaviour Workshop
- 17th November - Jemison & Hawking Swimming

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- 20th November – 2:45pm Year 5 parents invited to AR session
 - 21st November – 9am Year 3 parents invited to AR session
 - 21st November – Year 3 Animal Aid workshops
 - 22nd November – 8:50am Johnson Class assembly – parents invited
 - 24th November – School Council members to CACOT Pupil and Parents forum
 - 24th November - Jemison & Hawking Swimming
 - 29th November – Year 2 Parents Open Morning – 9:30am
 - 29th November – Year 2 Parents Open Evening – 6:30pm
 - 29th November – 8:50am Dali Class assembly – parents invited
 - 1st December – Jemison & Hawking Swimming
 - 2nd December (Saturday) – Year 2 Parents Open Morning – 9:30am
 - 4th – 7th December – PTA Christmas Shop: Monday Year 5, Tuesday Year 4, Wednesday Year 6, Thursday Year 3
 - 4th December – Years 3,4 & 5 home-learning projects due in
 - 5th December – Year 3 parents invited in to see projects - 9am
 - 5th December – Years 3 & 4 Christmas Dinner (and Christmas jumper day)
 - 6th December – 8:50am Banneker Class assembly – parents invited
 - 6th December – Years 5 & 6 Christmas Dinner (and Christmas jumper day)
 - 7th December – Year 4 parents invited in to see projects – 9am
 - 11th December – Year 5 parents invited in to see projects – 9am
 - 11th December – Year 6 Christmas Party
 - 12th December – Year 3 Christmas Party
 - 13th December – Years 3 & 4 Christmas service at Christ Church, Herne Bay – parents invited
 - 13th December – Year 4 Christmas Party
 - 14th December – Years 5 & 6 Christmas service at Christ Church, Herne Bay – parents invited
 - 14th December – Year 5 Christmas Party
 - 14th December - PTA Disco: Lower School 3:30pm – 4:30pm; Upper School 5pm – 6pm
 - 15th December – Term 2 ends (1:15pm finish)**

Staff Development Day – Tuesday 2nd January 2024

TERM 3 BEGINS – WEDNESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2024

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Today, in assembly, the children joined with staff to observe a 1-minute silence in respect of Remembrance. The children were asked to consider all those who have fought or lost their lives in war or conflict.

Are you taking a moment to read Mr Foreman's Eco Corner each week? I look forward to receiving his addition and am learning some really interesting facts. This week's is all about the (seemingly) humble tea bag... but is it as unassuming as you think? Scroll to the bottom of the newsletter to learn more.

Today we said goodbye to Mrs King, TA in Shakespeare class. The children and staff will miss her but will continue to see her periodically through some volunteering activities. She has been a wonderful asset to the school during her time at HBJS and we thank her for the contribution that she has made over the last 5 years.

YEAR 2 PARENTS OPEN DAY EVENTS

Do you, your family or friends have a child in Year 2? Are you seeking to find the most suitable school placement for them next year?

Transition from infants to juniors can be an anxious time for children, even those who attend infant/junior primary schools. As a KS2 only environment, our staff are highly experienced in supporting children through this phase. In addition, they are expert practitioners within the KS2 curriculum and have a strong understanding of the skills and knowledge that children need to secure in order for them to reach their full potential.

At Herne Bay Junior School, we recognise the link between children's social and emotional development and academic achievement. While taking the journey through KS2, we strive to prepare them well for their secondary school experience so that longer term outcomes can be successful.

This year, we are offering additional opportunities for parents of Year 2 children to come and see what Herne Bay Junior School has to offer. The dates are:

Wednesday 29th November – 9:30am

Wednesday 29th November – 6:30pm

Saturday 2nd December – 9:30am

In a caring and nurturing environment with a friendly and approachable team, we also offer excellent facilities including an extensive outdoor space and forest area, extra-curricular opportunities and a wrap-around care service.

Please encourage others to come and see for themselves.

Additionally, take a look at our social media platforms:

Website: www.hernebay-jun.kent.sch.uk

Instagram: @hernebayjuniorschool

Facebook: Herne Bay Junior School

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 94.53%.
Overall attendance this year to date 93.81%.

Well done to Shakespeare, Parks and Da Vinci classes for achieving 97+% attendance this week.

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

109 late codes have been recorded this week:

Year 3 - 21

Year 4 - 48

Year 5 - 19

Year 6 - 21

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

Eagles are the winners this week with 263 house points – well done!

Kestrels – 258 house points

Hawks – 238 house points

Falcons – 213 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. Please ensure 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

Times Tables Rockstars – England Rocks

You may have seen this week, on our social media platforms, that as a school we will be taking part in 'England Rocks' – a country wide competition hosted by TT Rockstars. Between 14th and 16th November, children will be challenged to answer as many questions as they can correctly to score points for their class. This is limited to one hour per day and children can play any of the games on TT Rockstars to earn points.

Prizes include £100, £75 and £50 Amazon vouchers awarded to the classes with the highest average points across England.

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Whilst children do have opportunities to play on TT Rockstars in school, please encourage your children to log in and take part in the competition at home next week.

SEN NEWS

Emotional Based School Avoidance (EBSA)

For some children, coming into school can be emotionally demanding; so much so that they refuse and battles can occur at the threshold. If this sounds familiar to you, have you heard of Emotional Based School Avoidance?

Practice around supporting children who struggle with EBSA has been discussed for several years now and more resources are available to parents, schools and children to help them cope with this difficulty. Push and pull factors can be explored to better understand what is pulling the child to stay home and pushing them away from school. Then, using school pulling and home pushing factors, children are supported to engage and attend more smoothly.

The attached documents contain useful links for parents who are seeking further support.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING NEWS

Anti-Bullying Week



Next week is Anti-Bullying Week and the theme is 'Make a Noise about Bullying': [Anti-Bullying Week 2023: Make A Noise About Bullying \(anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk\)](https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk) In recognition of the week, we are taking part in Odd Sock Day on Monday 13th November. Odd Sock Day is a great way of celebrating our differences and our unique qualities. Children will still be expected to wear their school uniform with their bright and wacky odd socks.

Emotional Wellbeing Team Online Workshop: Understanding Resilience

Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers to reflect and generate ideas of how you can be a positive role model of resilience for your child?

The Emotional Wellbeing Team are hosting an online workshop on **Monday 13th November, 10.30am-12.30pm**, about understanding resilience and its importance in your child's development. It will help you to consider factors which can help to build your child's' resilience in the context of caring relationships.

If you would like to attend, click on the link in the poster attached to this newsletter.

#WAKEUPWEDNEDAY

Setting boundaries around gaming

Behind video-sharing platforms (like YouTube) and streaming TV shows and movies, gaming is the third most popular online activity for children in the UK. In fact, according to recent data from Ofcom, an overwhelming 89% of children aged 3 to 17 play video games. Of those, more than one in five (22%) talk to other players online who they don't know outside the game.

The risk of contact from strangers is just one of the reasons that many parents are concerned about their child's gaming: increased screen time, inappropriate content and in-game spending also figure among the most frequent fears. Agreeing on some rules around your child's gaming activities can certainly help, and the guide attached has some useful tips for establishing these boundaries.

INCLUSION BEAR

Awarded:

Effie nominated Jaylen, in Kahlo class, for Patch. Effie said that Jaylen always helps other children if they need it. Effie said that Jaylen helped her with a problem just the other day and it made a big difference to her. Thank you, Jaylen, for being such a supportive friend.

Nominated:

Mrs Hager nominated Mason in Turing class. She said, "I am nominating Mason because of an extremely heart-warming act of kindness. I came onto the playground during lunch time yesterday to find a child in Year 3 tearful and holding a £1. The Year 6 poppy sellers had gone for lunch and James had wanted to buy a wristband. I said I would go into class and get him one, but they had all been sold. I remembered that Mason had bought 3 and so I went to speak with him and explained the situation. Without even thinking, Mason said that James could have one of his. It was such a thoughtful gesture and James was over the moon."

Ella, in Picasso class, nominated Mrs Gower. Ella said that Mrs Gower is the sweetest teacher ever and she has a very important job.

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India nominated two people in Curie class this week. Maisie, for always having something nice to say and Isla, for playing with her when her friend was not here and for being so kind and fun.

Mia, in Picasso class, nominated Mrs Wright for being sweet, kind, helpful and very funny!

ROCKING READERS

Well done to Dali class for consistently scoring over 80% as a class average in your AR quizzes – you are this week’s Rocking Reader trophy winners!

TT ROCK STARS

Tolkien class were recognised this week for increasing their class average in the number of minutes participated on TTRS. More children are engaging with the platform and achieving success – well done!

SPORTS AWARD

Will Leeks was awarded this morning for his dedication within sport. He has also been made a sports leader in recognition of his commitment in setting up early morning sports each day. Well done and thank you, Will!

SPORTS NEWS

On Tuesday, our Girls’ football team played their match at home against Whitstable Junior School winning 5-1! Well done to Sophie Hills who was named Player of the Match!

On Wednesday our Boys’ and Girls’ football teams played St Mary’s but lost against two strong teams. I’m sure that they will come back to gain success in future matches 😊

MR FOREMAN’S ECO CORNER



A lovely cup of tea. Our go to staple British drink. Although I am more of a coffee drinker, I am partial to a tea or two when the mood strikes. But what do you know about tea?

Now, you may well be sitting there thinking to yourself, “hmmm, make a cup of tea, put the teabag in my food waste/compost bin easy. I’m one step ahead of Mr Foreman this week, that’s pretty eco responsible of me.”

In a way you are right, but not wholly correct...

Back in the day, tea was sold loose; so, when making your cuppa you had to use a strainer to stop the tea leaves ending up in your cup. This went on for many, many years until a chap called Thomas Sullivan came up with the concept of putting tea in a little bag. I won’t bore you with a history lesson but Google his name, he’s pretty much considered ‘the daddy’ of tea bags. Once the teabag was born, it evolved in to what we have today; lots of different shapes and sizes, but all doing the same thing, holding the tea so you don’t need to strain it.

Well done for staying with me thus far, the eco bit is coming up now.

So, we all agree tea is compostable? Good. But what’s the bag made of? Paper? Well yes but also plastic.



Yes, your humble tea bag could be adding to the plastic waste pile that keeps on growing.

Why, you might be wondering, is there plastic in teabags? Well, plastic (polypropylene to be exact) is added to the paper teabag to help heat seal them

during manufacture. Heat sealing the bags means that the teabags won’t come open in the box, or in your cup. But this also means that the tea bags aren’t 100% biodegradable. This is the problem. Those tea bags you are composting could be leaving bits of microplastic in the soil. OMG, what’s a microplastic?

Microplastics are tiny pieces of plastic, less than 5 mm long and are beginning to be found in the soil, in the sea, in our drinking water, inside fish and other animals we eat. When microplastics are in the food we eat and the water we drink, it means we are ingesting plastic. The long-term effects of this are currently unknown, but I wouldn’t consider it a health benefit.

But really, how much damage can a teabag do! Well, one teabag alone will do very little damage. However, when you consider that in the UK alone we drink more than 60 billion cups of tea a year, then it’s a lot of teabags and a whole lot more microplastic. There is good news though, many teabag manufacturers have or are beginning to make the switch to more planet-friendly teabag, but some of the big players (the brands we all know) still have some way to go. So, make sure your favourite brand is doing its bit. If not contact them and ask why not!

Let that eco warrior out!



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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	Alfred Mason
Shakespeare	Ruby Richardson
Tolkien	Wilfred Bourton

Da Vinci	Robyn Emptage
Dali	Olly Lofts
Kahlo	Amity Lee-Jones
Picasso	Leon Wyllie-Hanna

Anning	Lucy Fearn
Curie	Storm Clark
Hawking	Josie Carr
Jemison	Godson Simon

Banneker	Ayden Norman
Johnson	Freddie Crouch
Nightingale	Monty Hughes
Turing	Kyle Adam-Parsons

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	Ivy Law
Year 4	Grace Vivash
Year 5	Jessica Chen
Year 6	Reggie Elvidge

FAMILY STARGAZING EVENT – KENT COLLEGE

Family Stargazing Evening - Friday 17th November 2023

After the success of the Family Stargazing evening in 2022, this even will run annually. The first Stargazing Evening will be for children of KS2 age and will be held on Friday 17th November 6:30pm – 8:30pm. Please see the poster attached to this newsletter for further information.

I hope that you all have a happy weekend.

With my best wishes,



Melody Kingman
Headteacher

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