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*Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023*

## TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Next week:

- 21<sup>st</sup> September – Parent Workshop – Emotional Regulation 2pm – 3pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Individual Pupil Photographs
- 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Swimming – Anning & Curie

- 26<sup>th</sup> September – Mr Stone Age – Year 3
  - 27<sup>th</sup> September – Mr Egypt – Year 4
  - 29<sup>th</sup> September – Swimming – Anning & Curie
  - 6<sup>th</sup> October – Swimming – Anning & Curie
  - 10<sup>th</sup> October – Year 5 parents (only) invited to Harvest assembly
  - 11<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival
  - 13<sup>th</sup> October – Arty Day – Black History Month
  - 13<sup>th</sup> October – Swimming - Anning & Curie
  - 16<sup>th</sup> October – Parent Workshop – Understanding Sleep and Autism
  - 17<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evening
  - 18<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evening
  - 20<sup>th</sup> October – Year 3 singing - Parents invited 2:30pm
- Term 1 ends – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October (3:15pm finish)**

**Staff Development Day – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

**Term 2 begins - Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

The second week back has been busy! The children have continued to settle in to their new classes and year groups, learning the routines and expectations. It has been wonderful to see so many parents attend our ‘meet the teacher’ meetings; we will be sending the information home via email to ensure that all have had access. If you were unable to attend, you are welcome to request a brief meeting with your child’s teacher. Alternatively, formal Parents Evenings will take place at the end of the term – invitations will be emailed in the coming weeks.

We want to ensure that families have a greater sense of life in school and that we inform you regularly of upcoming events. To this end, we will be increasing our use of social media via Facebook and, very soon, Instagram. Our website will also be regularly updated and should be the first port of call for information outside of school hours.

We will no longer be sending individual celebration certificates home; instead these will be sent to you via email making them available to share with your wider family and friends when your child has been awarded. These will include the weekly Star of the Week, Sports and Inclusion Bear (Patch Junior) award.

At HBJS we encourage healthy eating. We also recognise that, for some, getting your child to eat may be a challenge and food

choices are therefore limited. If this is the case for your child, please speak to their class teacher so that we are aware. We discourage children eating bars of chocolate as part of their packed lunch. May I also remind you that we have a child with a severe nut allergy in school therefore foods containing nuts are not permitted.

## ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 95.69%. Overall attendance this year to date is 96.6%.

Well done to the following classes for achieving 97+% attendance this week: Dali, Picasso, Kahlo, Jemison, Turing, Nightingale & Johnson.

315 children remain in the 100 club with 100% attendance. 315 pupils currently have attendance of 98% or above. 83 late codes have been recorded this week; we ask for your help to improve this please. All children must arrive at school **by 8:45am** each day to avoid being coded as ‘late’.

A reminder that Early Morning Sports Club is open for all children to attend and starts promptly at 8:20am each day.

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## HOUSE POINTS

**Falcons** are the winners this week with 277 house points – well done!

**Hawks** – 249 house points

**Kestrels** – 233 house points

**Eagles** – 230 house points

## SAFEGUARDING

**Kent County Lines and Gangs- Providing support to children and young people to reduce risk and prevent serious youth violence, exploitation, gang and county line activity.**

Herne Bay, being just a 90 minute journey by train from London, can mean our children and young people are at risk.

Kent County Lines and Gangs supports children and young people up to the age of 25, who are at risk of child criminal exploitation and county lines in Kent and Medway.

Focusing on each young person's individual needs, and working alongside their close relatives and immediate support network, we put together a bespoke programme of support to reduce risk and help young people to cope and, as far as possible, recover from the impact of exploitation.

We deliver both preventative and protective interventions (for those at risk of, and those involved in, serious youth violence respectively).

For more information please follow the link- [www.catch-22.org.uk/find-services/kent-county-lines-and-gangs/](http://www.catch-22.org.uk/find-services/kent-county-lines-and-gangs/)

## LEARNING NEWS AND INFORMATION

### Times Tables Rockstars

This week, the children were introduced to Times Tables Rockstars (TTRs) in assembly. TTRs is an online platform that will support your child to learn and practise their times tables facts. Memorising times tables makes it far quicker and easier for children to work out Maths problems and make learning other areas of Maths, such as fractions, decimals and percentages, much easier to understand.

Next week, all classes will log into TTRs in school to create their profile. Your child will have their own unique login and password inside their learning journal. Teachers will begin setting weekly homework using TTRs in October. In the meantime, encourage your child to try the different games on TTRs. It can be played on any device that has internet access. More information on how TTRs works can be found here: [What is Times Tables Rock Stars? Parents and Carers Guide - YouTube](#)

### Open morning/evening for Year 6 students and parents

The application process for secondary school placements in 2024 is now open. Please take the opportunity to visit as many secondary schools as you can to experience what each school has to offer your child as they move into their secondary education.

Details about open mornings/evenings can now be found on most secondary school websites, but we will also share with you dates and details as they come to us. A lot of schools require you to book on to an open event so please do check. Also, the application process allows you to select 4 secondary schools and we would encourage you to use all four choices. Simon Langton Girls Grammar school are now taking bookings for their events in October. Further information can be found on their website using the following

link: <https://www.langton.kent.sch.uk/admissions/year-7-admissions-information-september-2024>. Spires Academy have an open event on Thursday 28 September from 5:30- 8:00pm. A flyer has been attached to this newsletter with more details. The Archbishop's School are also hosting open events this Saturday morning with open evenings next week. There is an attached flyer with further information.

### Opportunities for Year 5:

Barton Court Grammar School is pleased to offer again this year the "Year 5 Enriching Workshops" in a variety of subjects, providing Year 5 students with the opportunity to attend workshops in English, Mathematics, Science, Languages (French, Spanish and German), Music, Philosophy, Geography, History, Physical Education and Art. These sessions will run after school between 4.00pm - 5.00pm. All the workshops will aim to stretch and engage students in a specific area of interest whilst offering them an insight into a grammar school environment. As an Advanced Accredited Thinking School, they would be delighted to contribute to your child's achievement and provide them with an intellectually engaging taste of what Barton Court has to offer its students. There are flyers attached with the newsletter and links to sign up electronically here:

### Student workshop booking form

<https://forms.office.com/e/HcQCyUc6wV>

### Parent workshop booking form

<https://forms.office.com/e/kH4JmXxmid>

## PIANO LESSONS

Our visiting, talented piano teacher, Daniel Cano, has asked to inform parents about his availability for teaching.

Lessons take place weekly during the school day at the following cost:

Individual 20 minute lesson - £11.50

Individual 30 minute lesson £17

Daniel has an enhanced DBS check and is a respected addition to our school team. Please contact him via the school office if you would like your child to have piano lessons.

Alternative instrument tuition will become available in due course.

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## HAVE YOU CONSIDERED BECOMING A TEACHING ASSISTANT?

Have you ever considered becoming a Teaching Assistant but have been put off by not having the necessary experience? This year, we are going to continue to run a volunteer training programme for people to train in the skills required to undertake the role. The programme will begin in Term 1 and requires you to volunteer for one day a week over 13 weeks. If you would be interested in more information, please contact Mrs Evans via the school office. Positions are limited so will be subject to a successful interview and the statutory DBS clearance which will be applied for by the school.

## SEN NEWS

### **What's Coming Up?**

We have a number of parent workshops planned over the coming 2 terms. Please come and join us in school to learn more about supporting your child. There is no requirement to sign up to attend but it would be helpful to give an indication to Sammy Black (SENCO) to ensure that we have an idea of numbers.

### **Meltdowns at Home?**

Come and learn some strategies that we use in school to support your child in coping with heightened emotions. We will cover the Incredible 5-point scale, Social Stories and Strategies for coping: **Thursday 21st September - 2-3pm.**

The following are online workshops which will also be hosted in school. The links for these will be made available nearer the time:

### **Understanding Sleep and Autism**

It doesn't matter whether or not your child has a diagnosis, this virtual workshop is highly recommended for families with children who struggle to sleep and settle at night. The workshop is available to attend at home by clicking the link but we are also hosting in school to enable further conversation and make participation more comfortable.

No need to be seen on the video or to speak but all welcome:

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 12:30-2:30pm**

### **Understanding Resilience**

How can we best support the development of resilience? Why is it importance and what factors can we consider to help build our children's resilience? The workshop is available to attend at home by clicking the link but we are also hosting in school to enable further conversation and make participation more comfortable.

No need to be seen on the video or to speak but all are welcome:

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 10:30am -12:30pm**

### **Introduction to Understanding Autism**

Do you have questions about Autism? Your child may not be diagnosed, might be on a pathway for an assessment or you may believe they may display traits and you want to find out useful

strategies to use at home to support your child. The workshop is available to attend at home by clicking the link but we are also hosting in school to enable further conversation and make participation more comfortable.

No need to be seen on the video or to speak but all are welcome:

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 10am -12pm**

## DONATIONS NEEDED!

Do you have any small world animals not being used at home?

We are looking for small farmyard animals or dinosaurs for our Learning Hub resources.

We are also seeking a few 'Art Shirts'; shirts with a thick material that will protect school uniforms when play and art gets messy! Sizes must be suitable for a young-mid teen that would go over a Junior aged pupil wearing uniform.

Many thanks in advance.

## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING NEWS

### **Emotional Wellbeing Team Online Workshops**

The Emotional Wellbeing Team run regular online workshops for parents/carers that offer information around key topics to help you to understand what is going on for your child and strategies to support them, based on the latest evidence and practice. The workshop dates for terms 1 & 2 are attached to this newsletter; we would recommend that you put these in your diary. The details of each workshop, and the Teams link to attend it, will be shared in the newsletter the week before each takes place.

If you have any questions regarding the Emotional Wellbeing Team, or the workshops, please speak to Mrs Edwards.

## #WAKEUPWEDNESDAY

### **Build up Cyber Resilience at Home**

In the last couple of decades, the volume of online traffic has increased exponentially – but, by and large, people's awareness of the accompanying risks hasn't grown along with it. To illustrate the scale of the issue, consider this: a report by the Internet Crime Complaint Centre found that, in the US during 2020, there was a successful cyber-attack every second. Yes: every second.

Criminals continue to find new and devious ways to attempt to hijack our online transactions and harvest our private information. To them, the smart devices that many of us now use as standard at home are simply a convenient back door into our lives – and our networks. Check out our #WakeUpWednesday guide this week for advice on beefing up your household's cyber resilience. In the guide you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as how to use a password manager, how to back up your data and how to check for breaches.

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## INCLUSION BEAR

### **Nominated:**

Mrs Lewis-Taggart nominated Elsie and Logan. She said, 'I would like to nominate both Logan and Elsie in Johnson class. Both children have gone out of their way to help with keeping the class tidy. Logan did all the washing up of the painting equipment without being asked and Elsie cleared away all the papers from the Kent test.'

Alex, in Johnson class, nominated Mrs Kingsland. Alex said, 'I would like to nominate Mrs Kingsland as she has been there for me through the highs and lows.'

Darlamai, Nevaeh, Amelia, and Hayden, in Jemison class said, 'We would like to nominate all the teachers in Jemison class for being helpful, kind and making school feel like home. We appreciate everything you all do for us.'

Athena, in Anning class, nominated Miss O'Donnell, in Hawking class. Athena said 'I would like to nominate Miss O'Donnell because when I was upset on Monday, she came straight up and talked to me. She is like a pillow to cry on and an angel that's always there. When I got my purple belt, she also said "well-done" which was so kind.'

Krina nominated Shruti, in Anning class, for standing by her side when no one else would. She is a great friend!

### **Awarded:**

Mrs Hagar nominated Bentley in Turing class saying, 'I would like to nominate Bentley for Patch Jr. He has shown a lot of care and consideration for his classmates, in particular, helping another child in class when they tripped over a chair. Bentley helped him to his seat and then got him a cold compress for his arm. Bentley has also been showing a lot of consideration to another classmate who has been less mobile this week.'

## MR FOREMAN'S ECO CORNER

Last week I discussed sour dough bread and its green credentials. This week, I wanted to move away from eco foods to discuss something completely different but came across this and felt I had to share with you all!

Being a seaside town, aside from the traditional fish and chips, the next best go to treat is a lovely dairy ice cream with a flake. However, being budding eco warriors, we are aware that to become a more sustainable planet, we have to reduce our consumption of meat and associated products, including milk. So, are the days of our favourite iced treat coming to an end? No, not at all! Foodie techs around the globe have been looking at sustainable ice cream and have come up with the ideal solution: **Algae-based ice cream.**



Now before you say anything, cast judgement, dismiss the idea etc etc, read on, you may yet be tempted.

A food tech company is developing a vegan ice cream made from chlorella protein (from microalgae). This algae-based ice cream is developed by mixing the chlorella protein with sugar, coconut oil and other ingredients, so not only does this algae-based ice cream mimic the natural texture, but it also holds a complete nutrition profile, including being high in vitamin B12 and iron. Who knew that ice cream could be good for you? Furthermore, it can also be made into various different flavours of ice cream. How cool is that! (no pun intended).

The microalgae can be grown without the use of fertilizers, herbicides, antibiotics or other products which is also fantastic for the environment. And it doesn't stop there; besides the nutrient benefits that microalgae provide, many food companies are looking to utilize algae because of its abundance worldwide. It grows ten times faster than conventional crops. Experts say that using microalgae could potentially increase global food production by over 50%. It not only provides omega-3 fatty acids that can be found in fish, but it also has minerals and amino acids that are often missing in vegetarian diets.

Another significant benefit of using algae to produce food is it's 400 times more efficient at removing CO2 from the atmosphere than a tree, a win-win solution for everyone.

Looks like algae could be the way forward, but I guess the proof will be in the taste, so first person to buy me an algae-based ice cream get 5 house points, just don't forget the flake!

## ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

### DATES

There are some great green dates this week, well worth joining in or doing a bit on your own:

#### **The Great British Beach Clean – 15th to 24th September 2023**

[The Great British Beach Clean](#) encourages thousands of people across the UK to head to the coast to help clean up our beaches. Here, hundreds of beach cleans take place up and down the UK. Data from the litter collected then helps drive the Marine Conservation Society's conservation work.

#### **World Clean Up Day – 16th September 2023**

[World Clean Up Day](#) unites millions of volunteers, governments and organisations in 191 countries to tackle our global waste problem.

On the day, volunteers and partners worldwide come together to clean up litter and mismanaged waste from beaches, rivers, forests, and streets. Cleaning up hundreds of thousands of tonnes of waste each year, it's a great litter-picking day to get involved in.

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**International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer –  
16th September 2023**

[International Day For The Preservation Of The Ozone](#)

[Layer](#) commemorates the date of the signing, in 1987, of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. This is an important day to commemorate as this day ended a huge threat to humanity as a whole: the depletion of the ozone layer. When the world found out that ozone-depleting gases used in aerosols and cooling were creating a hole in the sky, they came together. They showed that multilateralism and effective global cooperation worked and they phased out these gases. Now the ozone layer is healing, allowing it once again to shield humanity from the sun's ultraviolet radiation.

**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.

Parks	Violet Hodder
Shakespeare	Isaac Araujo
Tolkien	Isla Dobson
Da Vinci	Lennon Morgan
Dali	Harry Harding
Kahlo	Clive Asensoh
Picasso	Jaxon Couldwell
Anning	Jacob Foad
Curie	Kais Anezi
Hawking	Faith Gale
Jemison	Mia-Rose Hoang
Banneker	Max Corrick
Johnson	Victoria Howlett
Nightingale	Emmie Burrell
Turing	Ellis Crowley

**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.

This week's awards go to:

Year 3 Allana-Ann Eskisan  
Year 4 Sam Skinner  
Year 5 Neveah London  
Year 6 Poppy Leeds

Have a happy weekend, all,

Best wishes,



Melody Kingman  
Headteacher

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