



**HERNE BAY JUNIOR SCHOOL IS A SAFE, INCLUSIVE AND WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT  
FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY.  
APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR AND RESPECT FOR OTHERS SHOULD BE UPHELD AT ALL  
TIMES.**

*Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023*

## TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Next week:

26<sup>th</sup> September – Mr Stone Age – Year 3  
27<sup>th</sup> September – Mr Egypt – Year 4  
29<sup>th</sup> September – Art Ambassadors Work Shop  
29<sup>th</sup> September – Swimming – Anning & Curie

2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> October – School Book Fair: 3:15pm – 3:45pm  
6<sup>th</sup> October – Swimming – Anning & Curie  
6<sup>th</sup> October – Parent & Pupil Camp Out  
9<sup>th</sup> October – Supporting your child with worries and fear workshop – 9am – 10:30am  
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 – 4pm – 6:30pm  
18<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evening – 3:30pm – 6:30pm  
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**

As with the start of any new school year, classes have been busy allocating roles and responsibilities within their settings. Next week, we will be able to reveal the new School Council members across Years 4 to 6. These will be announced in assembly and shared with you via our communication platforms. Year 3 School Council members will be elected at the beginning of term 2. Today, we have announced our Year 6 School Representatives:

Matilda Buss, Flavius Petre, Emmie Burrell & Abhin Sujith  
Elsie Mandeville, Sophia Hodgson, Daisy-Rose Beasley & Freddie Crouch  
Eva Clark, Matilda Moore, William Leeks & Ellis Crowley  
Daisy Ellis, Erica Prevett, Max Corrick & Robert Gregory

These children will represent the school in a variety of contexts including Parents Evenings and new parent tours. I know that each will undertake the role with diligence and pride.

Earlier in the week, at the Full Governing Board meeting, Jon Warden was re-elected as Chair of Governors and Jane Rye re-elected as Vice-Chair. Mrs Jackie Smith was co-opted to the board. I am grateful for the time and commitment all members

contribute to the school and the challenge and oversight that they provide to our leaders.

## OFFICE HOURS

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.

## URGENT COMMUNICATION

There may be times when, out of hours, you wish to communicate an urgent message to key members of staff about your child.

Please either leave a message on the school answer-phone or email the school using [office@hernebay-jun.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@hernebay-jun.kent.sch.uk). Our office staff will ensure that it is forwarded to the appropriate recipient.

We cannot guarantee that emails sent to any other email address will be accessed within the timescale required for your message to be forwarded.

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## ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 94.64%.  
Overall attendance this year to date is 95.9%.

Well done to the following classes for achieving 97+% attendance this week: Shakespeare, Parks, Dali and Kahlo.

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

**109 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.

## HOUSE POINTS

**Kestrels** are the winners this week with 236 house points – well done!

**Falcons** – 220 house points

**Eagles** – 216 house points

**Hawks** – 180 house points

## UPCOMING CLUBS

On Monday, children will be able to collect a letter for the following clubs:

Forest Ranger Club – Wednesdays 3:15pm – 4:30pm

Running Club – Fridays 3:15pm – 4:15pm

If your child would like to be considered, please ensure that they pick up a letter on Monday.

## ART COMPETITION

As an environmentally conscious and artistically-minded school, we are always committed to finding ways to get our children involved in protecting our planet. When we saw this competition from ProVeg, we had to share! They're looking for creative young minds to join in with celebrating plant-based living.

Can you create a piece of art or write a poem that highlights the importance of eating plants? Follow the link to find out more about this competition and be sure to let us know that you've entered!

[ProVeg UK Young Artists and Poets 2023 - ProVeg UK](#)

## SAFEGUARDING

### Victim Support

Have you been a victim of crime or a traumatic incident? Victim Support are an independent charity working towards a world where people affected by crime or traumatic events get the support they need and the respect they deserve.

They offer a free support line- 080816 89111- and provide specialist help to support people to cope and move on to the point where they feel they are back on track with their lives.

Follow the link for more information:

[www.victimsupport.org.uk](http://www.victimsupport.org.uk)

### Turn2us

Turn2us is a national charity offering information and practical help to people facing financial insecurity.

They offer a free service that helps people in financial need to access welfare benefits, charitable grants and other financial help.

Call 03000 3335700 or visit [www.turn2us.org.uk](http://www.turn2us.org.uk)

### Savesafely | Kent Fire and Rescue Service (fire-uk.org)

With the Winter fast approaching and fuel prices remaining high, it is good to look at how you can remain warm at a lower cost AND SAFELY.

This website contains advice and information from Kent Fire and Rescue Service to help people to save money safely when cutting costs in response to the rising cost of living.

[www.kent.fire-uk.org/savesafely](http://www.kent.fire-uk.org/savesafely)

## LEARNING NEWS AND INFORMATION

### Year 6 Parents

#### Herne Bay High School Open Days:

Herne Bay High School will be hosting open events for children starting secondary school in September 2024. Details of these dates and times can be found on the attached postcard with this newsletter.

**It is important to note that if you are applying for a place at Herne Bay High, your child will need to complete their banding assessment.** These will be happening on Saturday 12th November and Saturday 19th November. You will need to scan the QR code on the postcard in order to register a time for your child to take the assessment. This banding assessment is part of Herne Bay High's admissions criteria. If your child does not take the banding assessment, they will not be eligible to apply to Herne Bay High.

Here is a link to Herne Bay High's website, where you can find out more information regarding the open events and banding assessment [Open Days - Herne Bay High School](#) .

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## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING NEWS

### HBJS and EWT parent workshops

#### **Term 1: Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears Workshop**

This workshop supports parents/carers to recognise and understand their child's anxiety, worries, and fears, and how these are maintained. We will focus on a CBT-based approach, looking at the links between thoughts, feelings, and behaviours. The workshop will also explore when anxiety can be helpful and gives recommendations and strategies for when anxiety becomes unhelpful.

The workshop will be held in school with Mrs Edwards and an Emotional Wellbeing Practitioner on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October. Teas and coffees from 8.45am and the session will be 9-10.30am.

#### **Term 2: Understanding Your Child's Behaviour Workshop**

This workshop helps parents/carers understand their child's difficult to manage behaviours and gives strategies to support in different 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 helpful books and resources recommendations.

The workshop will be held in school with Mrs Edwards and an Emotional Wellbeing Practitioner on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Teas and coffees from 12.45pm and the session will be 1-3pm.

If you would like to come along, please inform the office or Mrs Edwards.

## #WAKEUPWEDNESDAY

### What you need to know about your children's devices

Children are using smart devices from a much younger age than ever before. Therefore, it's essential we talk to our children about how to use them safely. There are many positive benefits to the new technology at our disposal these days – but there are plenty of downsides too. As a parent or carer, it's important you understand these risks and how you can take steps to protect your family against them. In the guide attached, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as location settings, fake profiles and screen addiction.

## INCLUSION BEAR

### **Nominated:**

Mrs Bryant nominated Athena. She said "We have had a few problems with pencil sharpenings on the carpet in Anning Class. Last week, even though she wasn't the one to make the mess, Athena asked for a dustpan and brush and did a careful job of clearing up as much as possible. Thank you for taking responsibility for keeping our class tidy Athena. This was an act of real generosity."

Holly and Grace, in Kahlo class, nominated Amity. They said "We nominate Amity for being so brave and always playing with us. She is a great friend so please give her Patch."

### **Awarded:**

There were two nominations for children in Turing class this week:

Miss Findeis nominated Mason. She said, "When Mason sees me arrive in the mornings, he will often greet me with a big hug, friendly hello and a cheery smile. One particular rainy and very windy morning this week, Mason could see I was struggling a little with holding my belongings whilst trying to stop my umbrella turning inside out and getting wet. Mason came straight over and offered to help hold the umbrella then walked alongside me until I reached inside the building. Thank you, Mason, for being so thoughtful and considerate, you truly are a wonderful and kind young gentleman."

Mrs Easton nominated Alice. She said, "Alice is a naturally kind and thoughtful person who shows so much care to others (loaning pens, checking in on people) but this week she went above and beyond.

I was busy with some children and asked the class to clear their desks and go to break. When I looked up the class had been left in a terrible state. There was paper everywhere, books left out, the floor was a mess. Without being asked, Alice gave up her break to stay in and clean the entire room. It took the whole break to do this. I so appreciated her help and kindness."

## ROCKING READERS

The first class of the year to be awarded the Rocking Reader trophy is Turing! This class read for an average of 26 minutes each day with a 95% average result in their quiz scores. They have set the bar high for the rest of the school!

## TT ROCK STARS

The children have certainly embraced TT Rock Stars to support them in learning times tables! Thank you for supporting them in this.

Evidence shows that by engaging for 3 minutes a day in times tables learning, enables children to learn and retain facts.

Mrs Romanowicz announced the first class to awarded our TT Rock Stars trophy – Jemison class! 100% of the class engaged in their learning with an average of 5 minutes each. Well done!

Our golden rule is for every class to achieve 100% pupil participation, every day, for a minimum of 3 minutes each. Well done to the following classes for achieving this: Shakespeare, Tolkien, Dali, Hawking, Jemison, Curie, Anning, Turing, Johnson, Nightingale & Banneker – what a fabulous start to the competition!

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## SPORTS AWARD

Mr Hobbs announced Allanna-Ann Eskisan as our first Sports Trophy winner of the year. Allanna has shown enthusiasm and good participation in Sports lessons – well done!

## MR FOREMAN'S ECO CORNER

### FSC Forest Week



Next week is FSC forest week, but who is the FSC? The Forest Stewardship Council is an international non-profit, multi-stakeholder organisation established in 1993 that promotes responsible management of the world's forests via timber certification. You'll see their logo on products that are made from sustainable

wood products. In fact, now you know their logo, you'll probably see it around quite a bit. But isn't chopping trees down bad for the environment? Well, not always. We will always need wood, it's one of the most versatile natural products on the planet, certainly better than plastic and most other man-made materials, and, if done in a managed, eco sensitive way, then felling can actually enhance and help the local ecology renew and regrow. The problems occur when tree harvesting and deforestation is aggressive and not managed (such as the amazon rain forest).

The FSC recognises that one-fifth of the world's tropical forests have been cleared since 1960 and are committed to turning this around. Anyone from an individual to an organisation (whether for-profit or non-profit) can apply to be an FSC member ensuring a balanced representation of everyone. Have a quick peek at their website [Home Page | Forest Stewardship Council UK \(fsc.org\)](#) (fsc.org); it's quite impressive what they do.

## ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

### DATES

#### World Car Free Day – 22nd September 2023

[World Car Free Day](#) is a chance for people to experience streets free of motor traffic. Celebrated in towns and cities all around the world, this environmental awareness day is a great chance to re-imagine our streets around people.

Living Streets, the sustainable transport charity that co-ordinates the UK activities for World Car Free Day, can offer you all the information and helpful starting points you need. This could help to transform your street into a place for seating, cycle parking or lanes, gardens, play areas or art.

#### Seed Gathering Season – 23rd September to 23rd October 2023

[Seed Gathering Season](#), led by The Tree Council, encourages everyone to join in gathering seeds, fruits and nuts and nurturing the trees of the future.

Beginning on the 23rd of September – the autumn equinox – Seed Gathering Season is the perfect start to autumn, and is a great way to encourage people to start growing their own trees.

#### FSC Forest Week – 23rd to 29th September 2023

[FSC Forest Week](#) is an annual awareness campaign to increase knowledge, encourage commitment and raise appreciation for responsible forestry.

Here people are encouraged to do their part for our forests by committing to buy FSC-certified products. People are also encouraged to say 'no' to illegally logged wood or violations of the human rights of forest workers. You can also take part by sharing your favourite forest pictures on social media channels and by telling your friends why forests should be protected.

## MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

Are you a model railway enthusiast? Attached is a poster giving details of an exhibition being held at the Leas Cliff Hall in Folkestone on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> October.

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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.

Parks Jacob Miles  
Shakespeare Enzo Courtney  
Tolkien Oscar Simmons

Da Vinci Noah Cheeseman  
Dali Yaqub Uddin  
Kahlo Holly Clark  
Picasso Larra Killick

Anning Lucy Fearn  
Curie Oliver Aitchison  
Hawking Katie  
Jemison Alex Stumpf

Banneker Darcy While  
Johnson Macie Miller  
Nightingale Abhin Sujith  
Turing Mason Eagle

## 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 Ruby Richardson  
Year 4 Dolcie Mills  
Year 5 Elijah Alden  
Year 6 Keeva Chidgey

Wishing you all a restful and happy weekend.

Warm wishes,



Melody Kingman  
Headteacher

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