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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.

Friday 24th November 2023

TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

Next week:

- 27th November – Beach Creative pupil/parent workshop (session 2)
- 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

4th December – Beach Creative pupil/parent workshop (session 3)

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 6 projects due in

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 – Year 6 parents invited in to see projects – 2:30pm

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

As we enter the last week of November, with winter beginning to show her chilly side, the children will need to wrap up warm for outdoor play and that means our lost property box will fill. PLEASE help us to return lost coats by clearly labelling items belonging to your child. It is heart-breaking to see so many unclaimed items when there are children in our local area, and across the country, without the warmth of a decent coat.

Next week, we invite parents with Year 2 children to our open day events. If you know of anyone who is seeking a Year 3 place next September – perhaps they would like a change of school setting – please encourage them to join us for a guided tour. Members of the leadership team along with other key staff will be available to give information about this important transition stage. Dates are listed above.

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ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 93.14%.
Overall attendance this year to date 93.75%.

Well done to Tolkien and Dali classes for achieving 97+% attendance this week.

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

129 late codes have been recorded this week:

Year 3 - 24

Year 4 - 46

Year 5 - 32

Year 6 - 27

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 180 house points – well done!

Eagles – 176 house points

Hawks – 169 house points

Falcons – 166 house points

TEACHING & LEARNING NEWS

Johnson class assembly

This week, Johnson class introduced the whole school to their class namesake: Katherine Johnson. She was a remarkable woman who grew up in a segregated America. She trained as a mathematician and her calculations on orbital mechanics whilst working as a NASA employee were critical to the success of the first and subsequent U.S. crewed spaceflights, including the famous Apollo space program that saw man land on the moon. You can use the links below to find out more about this inspirational woman:

[Katherine Johnson \(nationalgeographic.com\)](https://www.nationalgeographic.com)

[NASA Trailblazer: Katherine Johnson | National Geographic - YouTube](#)

Home learning projects

As we near the end of term 2, it will soon be time for the children to bring in their Home Learning Projects. We're looking forward to seeing and celebrating what they've been working on and how they've taken their interests, questions, curiosities and learning forward.

If you are able to attend, we would love to celebrate your child's projects with you and provide an opportunity for the children to present their projects to an audience. Dates for when Year groups will be inviting in parents can be found in the key dates for the term (at the top of the newsletter). If your child hasn't started their project yet, there is still time and class teachers are happy to support with suggestions and ideas.

SEN NEWS

SEN Surgery

SEN Surgery continues to be held on a Wednesday afternoon. These are individual phone calls with Miss Black (SENCO) or Mrs Hewitt (SEN Practitioner) to discuss your child's needs, assessments and diagnoses. If you'd like to book in for a session, call one them via the school office.

SEND Information, Advice and Guidance Event for parents/carers.

The Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) information team and the Canterbury [Local Children's Partnership Group](#) (LCPG) would like to invite you to a **SEND Information, Advice and Guidance Event for parents/carers.** It is on **Friday 8th December 9:30 – 12:30 at Poppy's Children's Centre, Herne Bay.** Please see attached flyer for more information.

They will be hosting presentations from The SEND Information Hub, IASK-Information and Support Kent, SEND support in Schools- Inclusion advisors, Children's Centres, Youth Hub, Kent School Health Service other local providers along with a Market Place. There will be the opportunity for a question-and-answer session and to meet other families who are on the same or a similar journey as you.

They only have 40 places available so if you would like to attend this event, please contact sendroadshows@kent.gov.uk to book your place. This is a first come first served event. In your email, please let us know whether you have any accessibility requirements. Please also say whether you would like to have the handouts from the day, along with the links to all the websites, so these can still be sent to you if we are unable to offer you a place.

Kent NHS Online Service

Do you need extra help to better understand your child? The Kent NHS online service offers a range of online courses that cover sleep, anger management, the impact of Covid as well as mental health and wellbeing. Use this link to see the full range of courses available:

[Understanding your child online parenting courses | Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust \(kentcht.nhs.uk\)](#)

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What is the Local Offer?

Every child has a right to education no matter what additional needs they have. The Local Offer is a source of information for parents to find out what they and their children can access if they have SEND. The website contains useful links as well as contacts for IASK (Information, Advice and Support) an impartial support and advice service for you and your family, and Kent PACT which is a parent/carer forum set up for parents of children with SEND. By joining this forum, you can have your say and influence local services to provide the best support for families:

[Special educational needs and disabilities \(SEND\) - Kent County Council](#)

PARENTAL SUPPORT SERVICES

NSPCC Learning has published a podcast episode on early intervention and support for parents experiencing adversity. The two-part episode focuses on For Baby's Sake, a service providing therapeutic and trauma-informed support to expectant parents who have experienced domestic abuse. The episodes discuss: the first 1001 days of a child's life; how trauma affects brain development; and building trusting relationships between services and service users.

Listen to the podcast: [Podcast: Supporting new parents through adversity](#)

Visit YouTube for part one: [Supporting new parents through adversity – part one](#)

Visit YouTube for part two: [Supporting new parents through adversity - part two](#)

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING NEWS

Online Parent Workshop: Supporting your Child with Worries and Fears

Are your child's worries and fears starting to impact their day to day life? Would you like to meet with other parents and carers and learn ways to support your children so they can manage their concerns?

The Emotional Wellbeing Team are running a workshop on **Tuesday 28th November, 5.30-7.30pm**, which focuses on understanding what anxiety is, the symptoms you may notice in your child and some techniques to help manage this anxiety. To attend, you need to click the link in the poster attached to this newsletter.

#WAKEUPWEDNESDAY

How to spot scammers when online shopping

Gone are the days of Black Friday only existing in the physical environs of the high street. Now, both this retail landmark and its sister event, Cyber Monday, see deals and discounts displayed across almost every online retailer. The array of reductions makes this an ideal moment to treat a loved one (or yourself!) to

those treasured items for considerably less than their usual cost. The frantic dash for the best bargains online, however, also harbours several risks: chiefly, cybercriminals hoping to exploit people's excitement and hoodwink them out of their hard-earned cash. The #WakeUpWednesdayguide attached, has some expert pointers on keeping your both your money and your personal information safe while still making the most of the spectacular sales.

INCLUSION BEAR

Awarded:

Amity nominated Holly, in Kahlo class, for Patch as she is such a good friend to her. Amity said she can't imagine what school would be like without her. She said, "Holly deserves Patch every day for her kindness".

Nominated:

Imogen, in Nightingale class, nominated Taylor, in Johnson class. Imogen said, "On Monday I was called over by her. She opened her bag and said she had something for me. Out of the bag came a pretty friendship bracelet. I haven't taken it off since then and I think Taylor is amazing and kind. Thank you".

Mila, and the rest of Hawking class, nominated Miss O'Donnell. Mila wrote that she is kind, caring, calming, thoughtful, creative, sporty, adventurous, helpful, amazing, smart and always happy. She is a good person to look up to. She definitely deserves Patch!

Taylen, in Parks class, nominated Rico, in Banneker class, for being supportive and such a good friend.

ROCKING READERS

Well done Jemison class for being this week's Rocking Readers! This class have achieved the highest Year 5 average percentage in their AR quizzes for the whole of term 2.

TT ROCK STARS

Curie class are this week's TTRS award winners for their positive improvement and participation – well done class!

Our Rock Hero top scorers are:

1st Matilda Buss; 2nd Joseph Papademetrie; 3rd Yaqub Udin; 4th Koby Moon.

In the England Rocks competition our leader board winners are: 1st Banneker class; 2nd Turing class; 3rd Dali class

Well done to all!

SPORTS AWARD

Lyla Rolfe, in Shakespeare class, received the Sports Cup in assembly this morning for participating in as many sports opportunities as she can!

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MR FOREMAN'S ECO CORNER

Be warned... Mr Foreman is truly on his soap box this week!

'Tis (almost) the season to be jolly 🎄



Well, Christmas is nearly upon us and the commercial machine is well oiled and running at full speed to take our money in exchange for gifts and cards.

On which leads me to a bug bear of mine. Cards.

What are they all about? Whenever I touch on the subject of cards, I get the usual 'bar humbug' comments from all around me but I just can't get my head around them: their purpose, the messages inside, written by someone else that you could just as easily say yourself and the fact that inevitably, after a week or so, they end up in the bin (recycling of course).

And don't get me started on how much they cost...

Aside from my personal view, from an eco-side, it's pretty devastating. The Royal Mail estimates that it delivers 150 million cards during the Christmas period. On average, each person in the UK sends and receives 17 Christmas cards, and that's just Christmas! If you include birthdays, Easters, anniversaries, congratulations etc, it all adds up to a tree killing festival! Yes, I am aware that a majority of cards are FSC sourced (remember that eco corner?) but that doesn't consider the carbon footprint of making the cards i.e. pulping, printing, transportation, glitter (microplastics).

I mean; does your Great Aunt from the Outer Hebrides, who you only see once every ten years and to be honest, you wouldn't even recognise if she was sat next to you, need a card from you wishing her a happy Christmas? Send her a text message or, better still, call her. It will mean more to her than a bit of glittery cardboard. Honestly, it will.

Am I beginning to sound a bit 'bar humbuggy' now?

If you really do feel you have to send a cardboard greeting note, there IS something that does make my stony heart rejoice; the fairly new trend of seeded cards.

Yes, I kid you not, cards made with seeded paper. It's basically paper with tiny flower seeds impregnated into it so when you finished with the card, instead of throwing it away, you simply plant it in some soil and, voilà, flowers! Yes, they can be a bit pricey (£7 for a pack of 4) but, if you whittle down your list of recipients, what you would have spent will still be the same but you'll be bit more 'eco' and also spreading some flowery love. And not only can you get cards, advent calendars, (maybe next year I can give you my old man views on those) writing paper in fact pretty much anything papery.

Google it: seeded cards, there are lots of companies out there, and a few other novel ideas too!



WINTER HOLIDAY AND FOOD ACTIVITY CAMP

Attached to this newsletter is a flyer giving information about the Winter Holiday and Food activity camp taking place during the Christmas break. Also attached is a guide to support parents in booking a place for your child.

ROAD SAFETY WEEK POSTER COMPETITION

Road Safety Week began on Sunday (19th November) Kent County Council are excited to invite our pupils to take part in a county-wide poster competition, the winner of which will receive a **£50 Halfords voucher** (perfect for buying some cycling/scooter safety accessories). There will also be some road safety goody bags for a few runners up.

The posters should be designed around being safer pedestrians, with some suggested themes for the different year groups below:

Year 3: Road Safety Code / Safer places to cross.

Year 4: Be Bright Be Seen/Distractions.

Year 5: Distractions/keeping yourself and friends safe.

Year 6: Minimising distractions from mobile phones, e.g. messaging, calls, headphones, gaming etc.

These themes are suggestions only, children may opt for a different pedestrian safety theme.

Posters can be completed using any medium (collage; computer-generated; hand-drawn; painted etc.) but they are looking for those that are eye-catching, memorable, and informative.

Posters need to be returned to school by Monday 27th November.

The closing date for entries to be sent to KCC is Wednesday 29th November, they will then contact schools with winning/runner up entries.

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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	Tommy Goodchild
Shakespeare	Alice Davies
Tolkien	Charlie Mullender-Knight

Da Vinci	Elsie Burrell
Dali	Daisy Khangura
Kahlo	Abigail Wilders
Picasso	Abrielle Bernard

Anning	Jessica Pavey
Curie	Gianluca Giannico
Hawking	Tifara Ahsensoh
Jemison	Imogen Mortlock-Allan

Banneker	Lyla Armstrong
Johnson	Yusuf Mutlu
Nightingale	Mason Miller
Turing	Delilah Grimmer

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	Enzo Courtney
Year 4	Lara Wright
Year 5	James Butler
Year 6	Alice Bailey

Wishing you all a warm and happy weekend.
With my best wishes,



Melody Kingman
Headteacher

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