



# HERNE BAY JUNIOR SCHOOL

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**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.**

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 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024*

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## TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Next week:

- 18<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 Home Learning Projects due in
- 20<sup>th</sup> March – Turing class assembly (parents of Turing class invited – 8:50am)
- 20<sup>th</sup> March – Women's History Month Art Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> March - Years 3 & 4 Home Learning Projects due in
- 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Year 6 Home Learning Projects due in
- 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Year 4 parents invited in to see Ukulele performance 11am

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- 26<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 Project Exhibition – 2:30pm (parents invited)
  - 26<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 Project Exhibition 2:30pm (parents invited)
  - 27<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Service at Christ Church (whole school)
  - 28<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3, 4 & 5 annual report home to parents
  - 28<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 interim report home to parents

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – End of Term 4 (1:15pm finish)**

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## TERM 5 BEGINS - MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

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This week, I would like to honour our hard-working, committed and amazing TAs and support staff. Across the school, this team work tirelessly to ensure that our children are well supported both in their learning and wellbeing. They work alongside the teachers to ensure the smooth running of each day and have the incredible ability to adapt and be flexible at any given time. The last few weeks have seen a number stepping up in their roles to cover absent colleagues and they have done so willingly to ensure that the children are safe and happy at school. If you child talks about their class support staff, I am sure that it is with gratitude and respect. Nearly every week, a member of the team is nominated for Patch due to their kindness and caring ways. I thank them all for their contribution – HBJs would not be the happy environment it is, without them.

Next week we say goodbye to three students who have been completing their 2<sup>nd</sup> year teacher training placements. Miss Turson, Mr Missen and Miss Higgins have become part of the team over recent weeks and will be missed by all the children and staff. We wish them well as they enter their 3<sup>rd</sup> and final year of training.

## ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 91.93%.

Overall attendance this year to date is 93.03%.

Well done to Tolkien and Dali classes who achieved 97+% attendance this week.

108 children remain in the 100 club with 100% attendance. 49 pupils currently have attendance of 98% or above.

**113** late codes have been recorded this week:

Year 3 – 13 – a huge improvement, thank you!

Year 4 – 35

Year 5 – 22

Year 6 – 33

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.

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**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

**Falcons** are the winners this week with 267 house points – well done!

**Eagles** - 262 house points

**Kestrels** – 259 house points

**Hawks** – 248 house points

## Y6 PUPIL EXIT

It has been brought to our attention that some parents are parking very close to the main car park entrance at the end of the day.

This is making it extremely unsafe for our pupils leaving the school site, especially if they are needing to cross the road.

Please can all parents remember to park safely and considerately around this area, avoiding the double yellow lines and the zigzag lines indicating the gated entrance.

Thank you.

## TEACHING & LEARNING NEWS

In our assembly this week, Curie class told the school all about Marie Curie - a remarkable scientist. Marie Curie was a physicist and chemist who pioneered research on radioactivity. She was the first woman to win a Nobel prize and the first person to win a Nobel prize twice. What makes these achievements more impressive is that Marie Curie had to overcome many social barriers to accomplish them because she was a woman. Even today - over 100 hundred years on - men still make up the majority of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) subjects. At each level of education - GCSE, A Level, University degree - the percentage of women enrolled on these courses decreases. The STEM subjects form a crucial part of our employment sector and this will only increase moving into the future. They are lucrative, valuable careers to society and the likes of individuals like Marie Curie can inspire boys and girls to pursue the STEM subjects further. Sharing the stories of different individuals - their triumphs and challenges - allows children to see that there are many professions out there beyond the ones they may see most often.

*"Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more so that we may fear less."*  
Marie Curie.

## SEN NEWS

Kent County Council and the Local Authority support parents in accessing information they need for their children with SEND via a termly newsletter. You can sign up to have this sent to you via email using this link: [SEND newsletter - Kent County Council](#)

The newsletter includes useful advice such as steps needed to change school when your child has an EHCP or updates regarding consultations for changes occurring in SEN and provision. I'd highly recommend signing up to it.

## FAMILY SUPPORT AND WELLBEING

### Canterbury Food Bank: Easter Holiday Parcels

The Easter Holiday Food Parcels are available to any family in school. The scheme is able to offer one bag of non perishable food per child that attends the school. If this is something that you feel would help your family over the Easter Break, please let Miss Wood or the school office know by Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March.

## #WAKEUPWEDNESDAY

### Developing healthy sleeping patterns

For children and young people, low-quality sleep can become a serious issue. It has been theorised that poor sleep can have a significant impact on children's brain development, affecting them for the rest of their lives. A healthy – and consistent – sleeping pattern, therefore, is incredibly important for children and young people's wellbeing. With the stresses and distractions that can present themselves to youngsters, it can be tricky to ensure they're in the best mindset to wind down in the evenings for the rejuvenating rest that they need. The right approach, however, can give them a better chance of cultivating a healthy sleeping pattern. The guide attached to the newsletter has some practical tips on helping them to achieve exactly that.

## INCLUSION BEAR

### Awarded:

Shruti, Mashita and Jessica in Anning and Pariya in Hawking nominated Kais, in Curie class. They said, "Kais is always kind, holding the door for children and adults when they walk through year 5. When you say thank you, he always gives a big smile back too. We think he deserves Patch."

### Nominated:

Bobby nominated Fred, in Kahlo class, for Patch. Bobby said, "Since we have been friends, he has always been there if I have had no one to play with. He will always check and if I say no, he plays with me. I want him to have Patch forever!"

Melisa and Isla, in Tolkien class, nominated Mr Missen because he is the best. They said, "He plays games with us and our friends and he teaches us a lot."

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Alanna-Ann nominated Dolly, in Parks class, for always being a good friend and being so kind.

Lulu and Evie, in Tolkien class, nominated Mr Taber for helping them and being kind. They said, "We love Mr Taber!"

Effie, in Shakespeare class, received two nominations from Evangeline and Sienna. Both nominations said she is such a good friend. Evangeline added that even though Effie only joined the school recently, she is a role model in Shakespeare class already.

Mrs Widdows nominated Tilly, in Nightingale class. She said, "Tilly is an unfailingly kind member of HBJS - this week was no exception. With a new member starting in class, she has been a wonderful guide and friend, showing her the ropes of the school. Tilly even went home and made a document showing what was needed for each lesson with diagrams and a timetable for each day. What a fantastic role model for us all."

## ROCKING READERS

This week's Rocking Readers are Banneker class! Well done for working as a team to achieve an average of 98% in AR quizzing along with an average time spent reading of 42 minutes per child! This class also have no books outstanding in our library – thank you 😊

## TT ROCKSTARS

Our TT Rock Stars are Johnson class with 92% of the children engaging daily for an average of 4 minutes per child! Well done!

## TTRS COMPETITION

Currently the girls are ahead of the boys with an average of 491 points per child. This could all change next week if the boys work together to improve their current average of 299 points. We will announce the winners next week!

## SPORTS AWARD

Ronnie Heaton was recognised by Mr Hobbs in assembly this morning. It is notable that since Ronnie has actively engaged in a variety of sports, his behaviour and attention in class has improved. Keep it up, Ronnie – Mr Hobbs can see the potential in you across a range of sports!

## SPORTS NEWS

Last week, our Girls' football team won in a match against Eastling Primary School 2-0. This was a great game where the girls worked together seamlessly to achieve their win. Well done!

In this week's Handball competition, our team got through to the quarter final but were beaten by Hampton Primary 8-7. They fought valiantly and played well throughout the competition.

## MR FOREMAN'S ECO CORNER

Chips go with pretty much anything: fish, steak, nuggets, python. Ok maybe not the last one, or do they? Apparently. Not only that, python is rumoured to taste pretty good barbecued and in curry. Those who have tried it say it tastes just like chicken!

Now this all sounds a little bit controversial and I'm certainly not suggesting we need to rush out and eat a snake for lunch over a glass of wine but research has found they could be a more efficient protein source than livestock, poultry or salmon.



Researchers found that commercial farming of these reptiles could offer a viable alternative to conventional livestock in places like southern Africa amid the challenges of climate change. Considering Africa has recently experienced an unprecedented El Niño-driven drought, where conventional livestock were dropping dead in the fields, reptiles offer a resilient alternative during times of famine and could be a gamechanger for food security.

How do you 'farm' snakes then? Pretty much in the same way we raise chickens now. Stock would be hatched from eggs laid at farms, (not wild caught) and raised from there until they are big enough to go into the food chain.



And this would be sustainable too; according to the researchers, reptiles require less water, produce fewer greenhouse gases, are more resilient to extreme climatic conditions and don't transmit diseases like bird flu or Covid-19.

So, are we likely to see a fillet of snake on our plates anytime soon? Probably not. Commercial farming is more likely to take off in parts of Africa and Asia where eating snake is not as taboo, but you never know it may slither its way over here in the future.

### **This week's Eco dates:**

[Great British Spring Clean | Keep Britain Tidy](#) – 15th to 31st March

Organised by the Keep Britain Tidy campaign, The Great British Spring Clean encourages everyone to clean up their community by picking up litter.

[Global Recycling Day](#) – 18th March

A day to focus on recycling the items you might normally just chuck in the bin. There is an awful lot you can recycle these days, although it can depend on where you live.

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### International Day of Forests – 21st March

Back in 2012 the United Nations General Assembly declared the 21st March International Day of Forests. It's to celebrate and raise awareness for all types of forests and the benefits they provide.

### 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	Jaydon Gayton-Reeves
Shakespeare	James Taylor
Tolkien	Leo Cook-Gillibrand

Da Vinci	Taylah-Mae Watkins
Dali	Violet Ellis
Kahlo	Saiful Siam
Picasso	Erin Rhodes

Anning	Antonia Nicolae
Curie	Betty Clark
Hawking	Elijah Alden
Jemison	Whole Class

Banneker	Daisy Ellis
Johnson	Taylor Miller
Nightingale	Flavius Petre
Turing	Sky Seager

### 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	Fleur Allum
Year 4	Holly Clark
Year 5	Charlie Back
Year 6	Isla Humphreys-Scarman

With my best wishes,



Melody Kingman  
Headteacher

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