



HERNE BAY JUNIOR SCHOOL

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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 19th April 2024

TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

Next week:

- 24th April – Shakespeare class assembly 8:50am (parents invited)
- 26th April – Year 5 Ancient Greece workshop
- 26th April – Parks and Shakespeare classes swimming

- 30th April – Dali class swimming (in lieu of cancelled lesson)
- 1st May – Jemison class assembly 8:50am (parents invited)
- 3rd May - Parks and Shakespeare classes swimming
- 6th May – BANK HOLIDAY (school closed)**
- 9th May – Year 6 parents Bawdsey Manor residential meeting 5pm
- 10th May - Parks and Shakespeare classes swimming
- 13th – 16th May – Year 6 SATS week
- 13th – 17th May – Mental Health Awareness Week
- 17th May - Parks and Shakespeare classes swimming
- 21st May – Year 5 Parents Kent Test Meeting – 5:30pm
- 24th May – **End of Term 5 (finish 3:15pm)**
- 3rd June – Staff Development Day

TERM 6 BEGINS – TUESDAY 4TH JUNE

We return to the summer term and a busy diary of events! These will be added to the list above so do please check here each week so that you don't miss anything! We will also post reminders on our social media platforms.

As the weather warms, the children will spend more time outdoors. Please ensure that they are dressed appropriately and in the correct school uniform and footwear. With the UV rays increasing in strength, it is advisable to apply sun screen to exposed skin and to bring a hat for additional protection.

On Sunday, Miss Peaks will be running in the London Marathon! We all wish her well as she prepares to undertake this fantastic opportunity – I am sure that she will pass the finish line with a great sense of achievement and pride!

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 93.28%.
Overall attendance this year to date is 92.9%.

Well done to Dali class for achieving 97+% attendance this week.

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

47 late codes have been recorded this week:

- Year 3 – 12
- Year 4 – 12
- Year 5 – 13
- Year 6 – 10

This is a huge improvement, thank you for your support.

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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

Falcons are the winners this week with 168 house points – well done!

Kestrels - 152 house points

Hawks – 146 house points

Eagles – 125 house points

TEACHING & LEARNING NEWS

Year 5 Taster Morning at Barton Court Grammar School

Attached to the newsletter is a flyer giving details of a taster morning at Barton Court Grammar School on Saturday 22nd June. This is for Year 5 children who may be considering taking the Kent Test in September.

SEN NEWS

Y4 Parents of children with EHCPs

As strange as it may seem, you need to start thinking about secondary school options NOW!!! As your child moves into Y5, it's time to pretend you're a Y6 parent and start looking at options for secondary schools for your child. With an EHCP, you'll have access to Specialist and Mainstream provision. Sadly, you only get to select one school. It is therefore imperative that you research all options, visit the schools, speak to the SEN teams and ensure that your choice is right for your child. When schools invite parents of Y6 children to visit, you need to attend. At the end of Y5, you'll be placing your secondary request. It's better to make an informed choice rather than a last-minute guess.

FAMILY SUPPORT AND WELLBEING

EWT online workshops in Term 5 & 6

The Emotional Wellbeing Team are running a number of online workshops in terms 5 & 6. Details can be found in the poster attached to this newsletter.

Year 6 parents & carers, please make note of the 'Starting Secondary School' workshop on the 12th June, 10-12pm. The workshop will look at the challenges and worries some children face and how parents & carers can support them.

#WAKEUPWEDNESDAY

What you need to know about TikTok

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-16 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17. In the guide attached to the newsletter, you'll find tips on avoiding potential risks such as age-inappropriate content, dangerous challenges and contact with strangers.

INCLUSION BEAR

Awarded to:

The whole of Banneker class nominated Mr Luck, Miss Leeks and Mrs Brett for Patch.

They said, "We think they deserve Patch because they always greet us with a welcoming smile each morning and with a positive attitude. They make learning enjoyable and help us when we need it. They put smiles on our faces, and they brighten our days at school. It wouldn't be the same without you!"

Nominated:

Daisy, Nelly and Immie, in Jemison class, and Tilly and Indie, in Curie class, nominated Mr Tadman for giving up some of his lunchtime so the Year 4's could do an Easter egg hunt in the library last term. They said, "He is so kind, nice and fun to be around".

Rosie nominated Allanna-Ann, in Parks class. Rosie said, "I want Allanna-Ann to get Patch as she is kind, loving, amazing, nice and she always plays with me. She really deserves Patch".

Rosie also nominated Mrs Wright for always being kind and for being a great teacher. Rosie added that Mrs Wright:

- is my favourite
- runs a lot
- is super
- wants everyone to do their work
- rummages for everything
- is great
- gets hungry

ROCKING READERS

This week's Rocking Readers are Dali class who have got off to a flying start with their reading this term. The class average minutes spent reading per day is 50 minutes! Coupled with an average of 88% accuracy in their quizzes, they are worthy winners of the trophy!

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TT ROCKSTARS

Well done to Picasso class for being this week's TT Rock Stars! Picasso class have made a strong improvement in their times tables knowledge since the start of the school year – keep it up!

SPORTS AWARD

The Sports Cup was awarded to Isla Hewson today in assembly. Isla has grown in confidence recently and regularly participates in football at break and lunch times as well as attending morning sports. It is wonderful to see her personal achievements 😊

SPORTS NEWS

Our Netball team took on Swalecliffe Primary yesterday afternoon. It was a tough match and, despite our players defending valiantly, resulted in a 4-3 win for Swalecliffe.

MR FOREMAN'S ECO CORNER

EARTH DAY

Welcome back to the new school term - I hope you had a great Easter break.

So, as we're all settling in, I wanted to draw your attention to a big day that is coming up in the Eco Calendar: **Earth Day**.

This is an annual event that takes place on April 22nd every year to show support for environmental protection.

The idea for Earth Day came from Senator Nelson in response to the alarming pollution levels present in the United States during the 1960s. At the time, there were no legal or regulatory mechanisms to protect the environment, and this issue was not receiving the attention it deserved. Senator Nelson saw the need to bring this issue to the national agenda so he created Earth Day as a way to do just that.

On the first Earth Day in 1970, an estimated 20 million people across the United States attended various events at tens of thousands of sites including schools, universities, and community centres. The event was a huge success and helped to bring much needed attention to the importance of protecting our planet. Since then, the celebration has grown into a global event with over a billion people participating in activities and events all around the world.

Here are some ideas you can do to get involved in this global event:

- ❖ Work towards zero waste and donate to organisations working to protect the planet. Write letters to local politicians demanding climate action
- ❖ Write letters to companies demanding sustainable packaging and eco-manufacturing
- ❖ Join or host an event through EarthDay.org
- ❖ Clean up the plastic in your neighbourhood or local park
- ❖ Plant a tree or plants and flowers
- ❖ Commit to one green act per day

Whatever you do it all helps raise awareness and goes towards making the planet a greener place.

ECO dates this week:

Earth Day – 22nd April 2024

[Earth Day](#) is an annual event which seeks to demonstrate support for environmental protection. With over 1 billion people taking part, from more than 193 countries, it's one of the biggest environmental days going.

[Stop Food Waste Day](#) – 24th April 2024

Food waste is an expensive issue. It's estimated that 32% cent of all food purchased per year in the UK is not eaten. Food waste also has a significant environmental impact. It's estimated that half of the water used to produce this food also goes to waste since agriculture is the largest human use of water. Food waste also releases methane gas that accelerates climate change if not disposed of properly.

Stop Food Waste Day aims to halve food waste by 2030. Find tips to prevent food waste, and take a pledge on social media, to reduce your food waste using the hashtag #stopfoodwasteday.

World Penguin Day 2024 – 25th April 2024

Penguins begin their annual northern migration around March and April each year. World Penguin Day was specifically chosen to land on April 25th to align with their migration, making it the perfect day to raise awareness about this special species.

GIRLS TENNIS CLUB

Infinity Tennis and Herne Bay Lawn Tennis Club are excited to announce their collaborative effort to increase girls' participation in tennis within our community.

As part of their mission, they are offering Prime Video Girls Only Tennis Sessions every Wednesday afternoon at Herne Bay Lawn Tennis Club. These sessions are tailored for girls aged 4 to 16 years old, with three separate age groups: 4-8 years, 9-11 years, and 12-16 years. We currently have spaces available in all age groups. The offer includes:

- 🎾 Six tennis lessons designed to introduce and develop tennis skills.
- 🎾 A complimentary tennis racket to kickstart their journey in tennis.
- 🎾 A stylish T-shirt for them to wear during their sessions.
- 🎾 Tennis balls to practice and play with.

All of this is available for **just £35**, providing an incredible opportunity for girls to engage in a new sport, build friendships, and discover a fulfilling hobby.

The collaboration believes that participation in sports like tennis can have a profound impact on a child's physical health, social skills, and overall well-being. By joining the Prime Video Girls Only Tennis Sessions, girls will not only learn valuable tennis skills but also have the chance to form lasting friendships and develop a love for the sport.

For information, please contact Gavid Vickers: 07976 057454

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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	Lyam Holland-Batt
Tolkien	Thomas Howard
Da Vinci	Jaylen Pasquet-Barlow
Dali	Sienna Edwards
Kahlo	Jasper Ukwuaku
Picasso	Larra Killick
Anning	Summer Sharpe
Curie	Maisy Marley
Hawking	George Bath
Jemison	Princess Akinsunmade
Banneker	Freisha Gillibrand
Johnson	Keeva Chidgey
Nightingale	Amelie Martindale
Turing	Alastair Thompson

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	Bryan Geoffrey
Year 4	Taylah-Mae Watkins
Year 5	Ruben Hodder & Godson Simon
Year 6	Tilly Moore

Wishing you all a happy weekend.
Best wishes,



Melody Kingman
Headteacher

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