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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 UPHOLD 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.

Friday 8th March 2024

TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

Next week:

- 13th March – Curie class assembly (parents of Curie class invited 8:50am)
- 14th March – Year 5 parents invited in to AR session – 9am
- 15th March – Dali & Kahlo classes Swimming

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- 18th March – Year 5 Home Learning Projects due in
 - 20th March – Turing class assembly (parents of Turing class invited – 8:50am)
 - 20th March – Women's History Month Art Day
 - 20th March - Years 3 & 4 Home Learning Projects due in
 - 22nd March – Year 6 Home Learning Projects due in
 - 22nd March - Dali & Kahlo classes Swimming
 - 26th March – Year 5 Project Exhibition – 2:30pm (parents invited)
 - 26th March – Year 6 Project Exhibition 2:30pm (parents invited)
 - 27th March – Easter Service at Christ Church (whole school)
 - 28th March – Year 3, 4 & 5 annual report home to parents
 - 28th March – Year 6 interim report home to parents

Thursday 28th March – End of Term 4 (1:15pm finish)

TERM 5 BEGINS - MONDAY 15TH APRIL

What a wonderful week we have had in school! Marked by World Book Day yesterday, it was lovely to see the variety and creativity in the costumes that the children arrived to school in. Many of these have been show-cased on our social media platforms so do please take a look!

Thank you, as always, to our amazing PTA who put together the Mother's Day Shop. It ran perfectly with help from some additional volunteers - thank you to all those who supported. If you are in receipt of a gift this weekend, I am sure that your child chose thoughtfully and carefully 😊

Next Wednesday, parents of Curie class are invited to join us for their class assembly. Please arrive promptly at 8:50am. Turing class assembly is the following Wednesday, 20th March.

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 93.21%.
Overall attendance this year to date is 93%.

Well done to Shakespeare class who achieved 97+% attendance this week.

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

104 late codes have been recorded this week:

- Year 3 - 21
- Year 4 - 34
- Year 5 - 25
- Year 6 - 24

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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

Kestrels are the winners this week with 286 house points – well done!

Eagles - 232 house points

Hawks – 219 house points

Falcons – 206 house points

RIVERSIDE CHURCH - ALL WRAPPED UP CHRISTMAS APPEAL

All Wrapped UP 2023

All Wrapped Up 2023 grew even bigger than anticipated with an increase in the number of children referred for presents of over 75% (from 320 in 2022).

In total there were referrals for 265 families; 564 children aged 0-17 for presents, and supermarket vouchers totalling over £7,500.

Our local schools' support with fundraising and raising awareness within the local community meant the project was able to meet this demand.

It has been estimated that donations of toys and gifts equated to the value of approximately £8,500 and financial donations totalled £21,500.

The project was only made possible from your generosity, and that of local businesses and the local community.

Riverside Church have received positive feedback from some of the families who attended but would appreciate any that you may have.

Plans are already underway for All Wrapped Up 2024 so any feedback from families and staff on how it went and/or the impact it had on any of your families will be gratefully received. Please email allwrappedup@riversideuk.org

Riverside prepared a short YouTube video to showcase this year's project which can be viewed at:
<https://bit.ly/AWU23Video>

TEACHING & LEARNING NEWS

Home Learning Projects

This term is flying by; we've already reached the halfway point and as excitement builds for the Easter break, we welcome the lighter mornings, warmer weather and drier days. As we approach the end of the Spring term, we can look forward to welcoming parents, guardians and friends into school to celebrate your children's home learning projects which are due in the coming weeks. Whether your children are requiring final touches or have yet to start, do not worry - there is still time.

These home learning projects are a wonderful opportunity for children to extend their learning beyond the class and for you to share in the development of your children's learning. The projects do not need to, nor should they be a massive undertaking; it is not a competition, but an opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of the topics they have been focusing on for the past 12 weeks. Each year group will have sent out guidance and ideas, but there is real freedom in how your child's project is realised and communicated. It could be through models, reports, presentations - it is for them to be curious, ask questions or follow a line of enquiry to take their learning further. Dates for when each year will be presenting their projects can be found in the newsletter and will be advertised online through our social media platforms so keep an eye out.

Bikeability

A big congratulations to the Year 5s who have been getting out and about in Herne Bay this week on their bikes. They've been learning how to remain safe on the roads as a cyclist - a really important life skill.

There are 3 students who deserve a particular mention. Lily, Maya and Kardelen from Hawking class were starting their cycling journey from a different point, but they have made excellent progress across their sessions, gaining confidence and control. However, that is not the only reason to celebrate these students. Their instructor said that the three of them approached the challenge with such positivity and resilience and that they aided one another with words of support and encouragement. The instructor was really impressed with their attitude and kindness and we too are proud of the example that they showed each other and our visiting instructors. Keep up the practise, girls, and ride safely Year 5.

SEN NEWS

SEND Information Hub

IASK gives information, advice and support to children and young people up to age 25 about special educational needs and disabilities.

The service is free to use and is confidential. This means meetings and conversations will be private. The service is impartial so they won't take sides or tell you what to do. Simply they give you the information and support to make your own choices. Sometimes it is a good idea to talk to other people. They can direct you to further services and how processes should run. Click the link for further information:

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[SEND Information Hub \(Kent County Council's Local Offer\) | IASK](#)

This link will take you to a host of information such as Special Educational Needs support in mainstream schools, getting the right kind of support and finding out about support near you: [Leaflets | IASK](#)

FAMILY SUPPORT AND WELLBEING

Winter Energy Support Scheme

The **Winter Energy Support Scheme** is available for families within the Canterbury district that have a household income of less than £40,000 and do not receive a free school meals voucher support over the school holidays.

You can apply for **The Winter Support Scheme** through the Household Support Fund. If successful you will be given a voucher to put towards your energy bills, this can be for prepayment or smart meters.

The Household support fund can also support with

- Food costs
- Rent and Council tax arrears
- Replacing one white goods item

Please see the poster attached, follow the link below or come and speak with Miss Wood.

[Household Support Fund - Kent County Council](#)

EWI Understanding Behaviour workshop

A reminder that next week the Emotional Wellbeing Team will be running an online parent workshop 'Understanding Behaviour' on Monday 11th March, 10.30-12.30pm.

The attached poster includes more information and the Teams link to join.

#WAKEUPWEDNESDAY

How to manage your child's screen time

From using them for communication, work, shopping and entertainment, devices such as smartphones, laptops and the rest are now deeply ingrained into modern society. Small wonder, then, that young people – who've grown up surrounded by such gadgets – can sometimes struggle to put them down, switch them off or keep themselves occupied without them. While limiting our screen time may require a great deal of restraint, the effort can be rewarded with significant benefits to our physical and mental health. The #WakeUpWednesday guide, attached to this newsletter, has simple tips for helping to manage the amount of screen time in your household – encouraging the whole family to spend more quality time together and live in the moment.

INCLUSION BEAR

Awarded:

Pariya nominated Kardelen, in Hawking class, for Patch for always being nice and cheering people up. Kardelen is always there for others and is so thoughtful. Well done Kardelen. Keep being you!

Nominated:

Mrs Lewis-Taggart nominated Molly, Elsie and Daisy in Johnson class. She said, "I would like to nominate Molly, Elsie and Daisy who stayed in during a couple of their breaktimes to sort out the electricity wires after they had been used. They even sorted them into specific colours on the rulers! Thank you, girls!"

Evie, in Shakespeare class, nominated Rose, in Tolkien class. Evie said, "When I was upset, Rose looked after me and helped me feel better. She is my BFF".

Taylor nominated Macie, in Johnson class. Taylor said, "I would like to nominate Macie because she is so funny and caring. She would stop what she was doing and help me straight away if she thought I was upset. Macie is also so kind to her peers as well and they are lucky to have a friend like her. Thank you for being my sister and my best friend."

Mrs Ashby nominated Mila, in Hawking class, for Patch. Mrs Ashby said, "I want to nominate Mila for looking after me and showing such kindness during lunch. She could see I was in pain so Mila got a stool and put it in front of me so I could put my leg up. She is a very caring young lady."

ROCKING READERS

Miss Wilkinson awarded the Rocking Reader trophy to Hawking class this week. For the first time this academic year, they have achieved an average of 90% in their AR quizzes. Well done, children!

TT ROCKSTARS

Hawking class were also the winners of the TT Rock Stars trophy! Mrs Roman recognised the children for their effort not only to increase their average minutes engaged with TTRS but also their increased percentage of correct answers. Keep up this great effort Hawking class!

TTRS COMPETITION

From Monday next week, through to 21st March, the children across the school will be taking part in our boys v girls TTRS competition. Mrs Roman will keep us updated with the leader board in our weekly assemblies!

SPORTS AWARD

Mr Hobbs awarded the Sports Cup to Monty Hughes today. Monty was recognised for his participation and skill in Handball. Well done!

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MR FOREMAN'S ECO CORNER

Paint it Black

Isn't it odd how the mind wanders sometimes? Or maybe it's just me? But, this week's eco corner is a culmination of a bit of good old rock 'n' roll, a few dashes of white paint, some interesting facts and, to top it all off, a glimpse into the future. Yes, it does all sound a bit like I'm having a senior moment but bear with me; hopefully it will all make sense and we'll come out the other side a little more enlightened! So, I was sitting in my car last week, listening to some tunes and the classic song 'Paint it Black' by the Stones came on, (for the younger members of the audience, Google it!). The old foot started tapping and the mind began to wander (like it does) and for some odd reason I suddenly remembered reading, many years ago, that a scientist wildly claimed that if everybody painted their roofs white it would help in the battle against global warming. Ok, I know it is absolutely mad how my mind made that particular connection but I thought I'd roll with it and Google it when back home. And, unbelievably, it's a thing...



The clever engineers at Purdue University in the USA have created the world's whitest paint that reflects more than 98% of sunlight. Meaning that when applying this paint to building rooftops it can reduce the surface temperatures by over 20°C compared to conventional options. You may be thinking what's the benefits of this?



By reflecting rather than absorbing heat, the paint could mitigate the phenomenon of 'urban heat islands', where cities absorb and radiate heat. Research suggests city temperatures in summer could decrease by over 2°C using this approach. I thought 'that's pretty cool' (no pun intended), and the benefits don't stop there. With cooler buildings comes the need for less air conditioning. Studies show cool roofs can reduce a building's annual air conditioning requirements by 10-30%, meaning less electricity use. Looking beyond buildings, reflective paints and paving materials show similar potential for cooling everything from vehicles to paths to bus shelters. So, is this the way forward? Well it certainly seems an interesting path to go down and who knows, we could be seeing whiter, brighter towns and cities in the future. I'm sure old rubber lips Jagger would approve!!!



EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, you will have received a letter this week giving you details of the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) scheme that will take place at HBJS during the Easter holiday. Please ensure that you sign up for this if you would like your child to attend. Attached to this newsletter is a flyer with contact details. The camp, as usual, is run by Inclusive Sport.

BETTESHANGER HOLIDAY CAMP

If your child prefers more of a forest school experience, you may like to consider the holiday camp being offered at Betteshanger Country Park this Easter. Please see the attached poster for details.

RAF MANSTON OPEN COCKPIT EVENT

Attached to the newsletter is a poster giving details of an Open Cockpit Event being held at RAF Manston Museum on 13th and 14th April. Please take a look for further information.

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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	Jacob Hare
Tolkien	Milly Slade

Da Vinci	Ava Owen
Dali	Vinnie Smith
Kahlo	Raya Rees
Picasso	Ronnie Heaton

Anning	Aiden Lee
Curie	Oscar Meire
Hawking	Maggiesue Dempsey & Gabriel Marr
Jemison	Cohen Leggatt

Banneker	Robert Gregory
Johnson	Mollie Adams
Nightingale	Josh Van Graevenitz
Turing	Isabella Zoil & Ellen Foxley

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	Lyla Rolfe
Year 4	Kitty Cooke
Year 5	Sebastian Fowler-Vincett & Oliver Emptage
Year 6	Charlie Robinson

Wishing all our families a happy day on Sunday as we celebrate Mother's Day.

With my best wishes,



Melody Kingman
Headteacher

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