



Friday 2nd December 2022

TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

Next Week:

- 5th – 9th December – PTA Christmas Shop
- 6th December – Year 2 Parents Open Morning 9:15am
- 7th December – Years 5 & 6 Christmas Dinner (children may wear their Christmas jumper)
- 8th December – Years 3 & 4 Christmas Dinner (children may wear their Christmas jumper)
- 9th December – Years 3 parents invited to see children's termly projects 9am
- 9th December – Years 4 parents invited to see children's termly projects 9:30am
- 9th December – Years 5 parents invited to see children's termly projects 2:30pm

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- 12th December - Year 6 Christmas party
 - 13th December - Year 5 Christmas party
 - 13th December – Years 3 & 4 Nativity Service at Christ Church William Street 9:30am (parents welcome)
 - 14th December - Year 3 Christmas party
 - 15th December - Year 4 Christmas party
 - 15th December – Years 5 & 6 Nativity Service at Christ Church William Street 9:30am (parents welcome)
 - 15th December – Year 6 parents invited to see children's termly projects 2:15pm
 - 16th December – End of term **School closes at 1:15pm**

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 – Start of Term 3

December has arrived and we can start to think about Christmas in school!

Mrs Gower spent Wednesday evening putting up the Christmas trees. It was magical in assembly this morning; the hall being lit by the twinkling of the tree. We are very grateful to Mrs Gower for giving up her time to make the school look so festive.

Last night we took 120 children to the Marlowe Theatre to watch Sleeping Beauty. It was a magical atmosphere and all the children were so well-behaved; a joy for us all!

The Giving Tree is up in the main reception and we have already had a good number of people come and collect a tag in readiness to buy a gift for a child in our community. This is a wonderful way to recognise the cost of living crisis and the impact that it will have on many of our families this Christmas.

The Christmas post-box is in reception for the children to post their cards. Please ensure that the recipients full name and class are on the front so that they can be easily sorted and delivered by our Year 6 Christmas Elves!

Next week the children will be enjoying their Christmas Dinners. On their given day, the children may come to school wearing a Festive jumper or top. Please see the dates above for when this applies for your child.

Our PTA Christmas shop will be open for the children to buy gifts, all next week. The price of gifts ranges from 50p to £4. Please see the attached flyer for the day that applies for your child and further details.

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 92.78%. Overall attendance to date is 94.2%.

Well done to 3AR and 4JL for achieving 97+% attendance this week.

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

156 late codes were recorded in the last week. Please ensure that your child arrives at school **by 8:45am** each day.

HOUSE POINTS

Yellow House are the winners this week with 294 points – well done!

Blue House – 224 points

Red House – 216 points

Green House – 199 points

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CHRISTMAS JUMPER/TOPS DONATIONS

Due to the coast of living crisis, we recognise that some children may not have a Christmas jumper or top to wear on their Christmas Dinner day. Therefore, we are asking staff and families to consider donating any unwanted or outgrown jumpers or tops. If you are able to donate, please drop them into the school reception before next Wednesday.

LEARNING NEWS AND INFORMATION

Topics this term and next

Our exciting topics allow children to make meaningful links in their learning, bringing together different areas of the curriculum where appropriate. Here's a summary of the work the children have completed this term. Why not ask them about what they have been doing?

Year 3	Through the Ages	This project teaches children about British prehistory from the Stone Age to the Iron Age, including changes to people and lifestyle caused by ingenuity, invention and technological advancement. <i>*This week we had a visit from Mr Stone Age too!</i>
Year 4	Ancient Civilisations	This project teaches children about the history of the world's first ancient civilisations: ancient Sumer and ancient Egypt. Children will learn about the rise, life, achievements and eventual end of each civilisation.
Year 5	Dynamic Dynasties	This project teaches children about the history of ancient China, focusing primarily on the Shang Dynasty, and explores the lasting legacy of the first five Chinese dynasties, some of which can still be seen in the world today.
Year 6	Maafa	This project teaches children about Africa past and present and the development of the slave trade. It also explores Britain's role in the transatlantic slave trade, the causes and consequences of the European colonisation of Africa and the worldwide communities that make up the African diaspora.

We've seen some great Home Learning projects beginning to come in and look forward to seeing the rest as they arrive over the next week. These will be celebrated in class and we would

love to celebrate them with parents too (key dates for these can be found at the top of the newsletter).

Look out for news about next term's topics in the newsletter, next week.

CACOT TRUST CHILDREN'S FORUM



On Wednesday, our Y4 and Y6 school council reps attended CACoT Trust Children's Forum at Swalecliffe Primary School.

The event was hosted by Ben Cooper, Executive Headteacher of Swalecliffe Primary School and all CACoT schools were represented. This involved children from Y2, Y4 and Y6 supported by Y7 and Y8 students from Herne Bay High School.

The topic of conversation was the current cost of living crisis. The aim of the event was to get children involved in contributing to the CACoT Trust Board's future plans by sharing their ideas for how all our schools can work together to support the local community in Whitstable and Herne Bay in these difficult times.

There were three speakers: Chris Cornell - Councillor for Whitstable and a governor at Swalecliffe Primary School and Peter and Liam from the Canterbury Food Bank. The council reps were informed about a number of local schemes and organisations who are working to support families affected by this crisis, such as Riverside Community Church, Canterbury Food Bank and Clothing Bank, The Magic Wardrobe, Whitstable Cafes (supporting a 'Pay it Forward' scheme) and the Warm Spaces programme.

There were then two discussion sessions held whereby the council reps worked with peers from other schools to put forward questions to the speakers and then ultimately vote on ideas generated to support our local community further.

One powerful piece of information gained was that there is a food bank App - **Food Bank Central**. We were amazed to hear it helps you locate places that hold food banks as well as notify you which items are in short supply each time you enter a shop.

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At the end of the morning, three school council reps were selected at random to attend the next Head Teacher meeting in January 2023 in order to report back on the event and announce the idea voted for. Amelia Hills (Y6) will be one of the three representatives at that meeting.

INCLUSION TEAM NEWS

Sleep Hygiene Workshops @HBJs

Did you know that many symptoms of ADHD are aligned with behaviours that are present when a child lacks sleep? Do you want to learn more about supporting your child to have the best chance of getting a good night's sleep? Come along to the workshops to learn more. The informal gathering will look at what good sleep hygiene looks like and provide a forum to discuss your difficulties and share tools that do work.

Monday 9th January - 2pm

Friday 13th January - 9:30am

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING NEWS

Understanding Autism in Children: online workshop for parents

Do you have questions about Autism? Maybe your child has received a diagnosis and you would like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to support your child?

The Emotional Wellbeing Practitioners are running a workshop to help parents & carers understand the symptoms of autism.

You will also discuss helpful strategies that can be used at home to help support your child. If you would like to attend the workshop on Thursday 8th December, 12.30 – 2.30pm, just click the Teams link in the poster attached to the newsletter.

Age UK Christmas Charity Drive

This year, Age UK are hoping to spread some Christmas cheer by giving out gifts and treats in our community. They are asking for donations of small gifts that can be handed out over the Christmas period. For more details, please see the poster attached to the newsletter.

INCLUSION BEAR

Nominated:

Sophie nominated Elsie, in 4WK, for Patch. Sophie said that when she was sad, Elsie made her feel much better. Sophie said that Elsie is a great friend.

Mia Rose in 3WH nominated Belle for being the best friend ever. When she feels sad or cries, Belle gives her a hug and helps her to talk to a teacher.

Willow B, in 3AR, nominated Mrs Gower. Willow said Mrs Gower helps her a lot and added 'she is the best!'

Zane nominated Liam, in 3WH, for being a kind friend. If Zane feels sad, Liam always asks him what's wrong and cheers him up.

Mrs Bryant nominated 5BP for Patch. She said "I would like to nominate the children in 5BP. A week ago, I asked my class for volunteers to do a litter pick on the path outside the classroom as lots of rubbish was collecting there. Daisy, Erica, Frazer, Max and one other (ask me in assembly tomorrow!) all worked really hard to get all the rubbish bagged up including all the bits that had got stuck deep into the hedge. I could have chosen lots of other children to do the job too as so many of the class volunteered for the task. It was really lovely to see so many of the pupils showing respect and kindness to the whole school community by being prepared to get stuck in with a bit of hard work in their own lunchtime to make our school look better. Thank you to all of those who volunteered."

Awarded to:

Mr Luck nominated Dillon and Kardelen in 4JL. Mr Luck said "I would like to nominate Dillon and Kardelen for offering to help Mr Hewitt. They spent their break and lunch clearing the leaves on the way to the lunch hall. They were afraid that children may slip and they didn't want anyone to hurt themselves. I will also mention that both of them often come back from break and lunch having earned house points for being helpful and kind to other pupils. They should be very proud of themselves."

#WAKEUPWEDNESDAY

What parents & carers need to know about social media and mental health

An estimated one-third of children have a social media account, so it's important that trusted adults know what content young people are consuming, what they're posting and the interactions they're having. On social media, it can be easy to go down a rabbit hole that isn't beneficial to our wellbeing. As platforms grapple with managing 'legal but harmful' content, lives are being impacted – sometimes to tragic effect. We might be daunted by the scale of the tech giants and their content which enthralls young people, but we can still help children to be mindful of their mental wellness: recognising when something isn't ok and knowing what to do about content that upsets them. In the guide attached to the newsletter, you'll find tips such as how to hide content, setting daily limits and discussing what children have seen online.

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ROCKING READERS

This week's Rocking Readers are 6ALT. The children in this class read on average for 24 minutes per day – 10 minutes more than any other class in the school this week!

Year 5 had the highest average in their quizzes with 89% - well done!

SPORTS NEWS

It was another busy week of Sport with four football matches taking place. Despite some difficult conditions, our Girls football team won their match against Davington Primary School yesterday, 5 – 0! The boys were not so successful in the results of their matches but they did play, as always, with great sportsmanship and pride.

SPORTS AWARD

The Sports Award was awarded to Lauren Cox. She stood out to the adults in PE for the enjoyment, effort and energy that she displayed in her lessons this week. Well done, Lauren!

STAR OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children for being identified as this week's Stars of the Week.

3AR Hudson Gray
3BW Ella-May Trimmings
3MC Ava Owen
3WH Ariella Parokkaran

4JL Kardelan Coker
4KD Noah Baker
4OS Valerieann Ricketts
4WK Charlie Back

5BP Erica Prevett
5BR Mason Miller-Friend
5EW Jake Dobson
5JN Gabe Kelly

6ALT Yusa Mutlu
6CC Freddie Knock
6LS George Mogg
6SE Oliver Thornhill

I'm sure that there will be many of us watching the England match against Senegal, on Sunday. Let's hope for another win!

Warm wishes,



Melody Kingman
Headteacher

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