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Friday 3rd March 2023

TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

Next week:

- 6th – 9th March – Year 6 Practice SATS Week
- 6th March – Sewing Workshop 4JL
- 8th March – Sewing Workshop 4WK
- 9th March - Mother's Day Shop – Year 4**
- 10th March – Mother's Day Shop – Year 3**
- 10th March – 4WK/4KD Swimming

13th March – Mother's Day Shop – Year 6

14th March – Mother's Day Shop – Year 5

15th and 16th March – Proposed Teacher Strike days – possible disruption to the running of the school

17th March - 4WK/4KD Swimming

17th March – Red Nose Day – wear something red in return for £1 donation

20th March – Year 5 parents invited to see children's projects and books 2:40pm – 3:05pm

21st March – 'Little Library' Opening event 1pm

22nd March – Art Day – Women's History Month

24th March – 3AR/3MC Swimming

30th March – Easter Service (Children only) at Christ Church, William Street.

31st March – Years 3, 4 & 5 summary reports home

31st March – Year 6 Interim reports home

End of Term 4 – Friday 31st March (early finish 1:15pm)

17th April – Staff Development Day – school closed for children

18th April – start of Term 5

Today we celebrated World Book Day and it was wonderful to see the many and varied costumes worn by the children and adults. The school was simply buzzing with activity and I am sure that it will be a day that is remembered by many.

The following children won their year group competition along with a £10 book voucher to spend at the Little Green Bookshop in Herne Bay:

Lola-Rae Lee (3MC) – The Magic Faraway Tree

Laila Gilbert (4WK) – Mary Poppins

Alastair Thompson (5EW) – Scarecrow from The Wizard of Oz

Lois Eagle (6LS) – The Demon Dentist

Photos of the day can be found on our Facebook page – please do take a look!

Today we have shared with the children sad news of the passing of our treasured wellbeing dog, Lincoln. This was a shock to us all and our thoughts and condolences are with Mr & Mrs Hewitt and their family.

Lincoln was a true character and many children enjoyed spending time with him – he was a super friend. Although greatly missed, he will be remembered for the joy and happiness that he brought to us all on his visits into school.



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ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 94.62%. Overall attendance to date is 93.57%.

Well done to 4JL, 4WK and 6ALT for achieving 97+% attendance this week.

62 children remain in the 100 club with 100% attendance. 161 pupils currently have attendance of 98% or above.

152 late codes have been recorded this week. Please ensure that your child arrives at school **by 8:45am** each day.

HOUSE POINTS

Blue House are the winners this week with 238 points – well done!

Green House – 203 points

Red House – 191 points

Yellow House – 167 points

HEALTH & SAFETY REQUEST

May we respectfully ask that dogs are not brought on to the school site at the end of the day. Our pet friends in school are enabled through individual risk assessments which is a Health & Safety requirement. We cannot take responsibility for pets that are brought on to the site by family members or friends.

I must also ask that dogs are not tethered to the school gates or fence by the main entrance as this could pose a risk to children or adults that are arriving or leaving the school site.

PTA MOTHER'S DAY SHOP

Over the next two weeks, our PTA will be opening the Mother's Day Shop.

Please see the 'dates for your diary' section at the top of this newsletter for the date that your child will be able to visit the shop.

Items are priced between 50p and £5 per item.

As always, thank you to our volunteers who give of their time so generously to allow these events to take place for the children.

LEARNING NEWS AND INFORMATION

World Book Day

Today, the school has been celebrating World Book Day. We've seen some fantastic costumes and enjoyed sharing our favourite stories. Year groups have had a chance to work alongside other year groups and enjoy a day dedicated to the joys of reading.

There is a wonderful quote about the power of stories and reading by George R. R. Martin:

"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies... The man who never reads lives only one."

Stories provide opportunities to temporarily step into the shoes of someone else and experience a different point of view, culture

or even world. This weekend, why not share your favourite stories with one another, read together, visit your local library or support a local bookshop.

Children will leave school today with a £1 book voucher that they can exchange for a World Book Day book or get £1 off their next purchase. In the words of Dr Seuss, "*The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.*"

Little Library News

The School Council very much enjoyed seeing all of the entries for the Little Library design competition. We are very lucky to have such creative children in our school. Thank you to everyone who submitted an entry.

The School Council met this week to view and discuss the entries. We are excited to announce that the winner is Ava Austin in 5BP. We look forward to inviting Ava to our next meeting and to her involvement with realising her design. Of course, as promised, she will also get to attend the Grand Opening in a few weeks' time, attended by the Lord Mayor of Canterbury. Well done Ava!

SEN TEAM NEWS

Parent Workshops

Please join us in school to attend the Emotional Well-being Team's online workshops. Call Sammy Black to let her know you'd like to attend.

Understanding your child's behaviour – Wednesday 15th March @ 10am -12am

Understanding Sleep and Autism – Wednesday 22nd March @ 1pm -3pm

Sign in at the school office 5-10mins before the start time.

SENDCast- [The SENDcast - The Podcast for Special Educational Needs \(SEN\)](#)

I've recently been informed about a podcast that's great for parents and SENCOs.

It's a weekly podcast covering a wide range of topics within SEND including ASC, ADHD, Language and communication, Signing, Dyslexia, School Avoidance, Mental Health and Multi-Sensory needs.

#WAKEUPWEDNESDAY

What you need to know about Spotify

With around 60,000 songs added to its online library every day, Spotify is a vast treasure trove of audio dating from some 19th century recordings through to giants of the download age like The Weekend and Ed Sheeran. Factor podcasts, audiobooks and videos into the mix, and the Swedish-based streaming platform quite literally offers something for everyone.

Not everything in Spotify's depths is universally suitable, however. The sheer mass of music and content on the platform mean that, naturally, not all of it is intended for younger listeners. With an audio chat service available and media reports of predatory activity, this week's #WakeUpWednesday guide

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highlights other aspects of Spotify which trusted adults ought to be in the loop about.

In the guide attached to the newsletter, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as age-inappropriate lyrics, an audio chat function and recent reports of predatory activity.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING NEWS

Helping your child cope with the death of a pet

When a beloved pet dies it can be incredibly emotional and upsetting for everyone. Losing a pet is often a child's first experience of bereavement. As difficult as this is, it's an important learning moment. For some tips on helping your child to cope with a pet dying, please visit [How to talk to children about the death of a pet | Loss and bereavement help for parents and children - CBeebies - BBC](#)

INCLUSION BEAR

Nominated:

Mrs Wright and Miss Nickolls nominated Ellis, in 5EW. She said "Ellis is so kind to all those around him. He regularly tries to help anyone who looks unhappy or in need.

When a child in his class was feeling unhappy about going out to lunch, Ellis waited and chatted to them. He encouraged them to come to the playground and play a game with him. Ellis was feeling unwell last week which meant he felt uncomfortable during the day, but it did not stop him thinking of others. He really is a credit to our school community."

Mrs Tomlin and the rest of 5JN nominated Mr English for Patch. They said he is amazing in class. He is kind and compassionate and will be a super teacher.

Mrs Donaghy nominated 4KD this week. She said "I would like to nominate my whole class. On Tuesday a child came into school extremely upset. I was so proud to see so many children come to ask if she was ok. When I asked Josie to read out the names on the register everyone answered with 'Good Morning Miss'. This really made her smile and you could see that she felt comfortable and welcomed into the class. Well done 4KD."

Miss Nickolls nominated 5EW for Patch. Miss Nickolls has to return to university to complete her final piece of teacher training and said she couldn't have had a better class if she tried. She said "I wish I didn't have to go as 5EW are truly a wonderful, amazing and brilliant class."

Awarded to:

Mrs Hall nominated Mila in 4JL. Mila doesn't always find it easy coming into school so when another child struggled this week she showed real empathy and offered her friendship in an effort to help and calm her. Her care and compassion made a real difference to the other person.

Thank you for being such a kind member of our school Mila.

ROCKING READERS

This week's Rocking Readers are 3MC! This class maintained their average minutes spent reading despite the disruption due to the teacher strike. In fact, they have consistently achieved 15 minutes each week for the last 8 weeks – superstars!

5BP have also done well to achieve an average of 18 minutes spent reading this week.

3AR and 4KD are leading the field in returning their books to the library promptly and on time. We would be grateful if children check this weekend to see when their library book is due back so that our stock of books remains high.

SPORTS AWARD

Lily-Jean Kershaw was awarded the Sports Cup this week. Mr Hobbs recognised her resilience and determination each morning in our Early Morning Sports Club. Well done Lily-Jean!

STAR OF THE WEEK

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

3AR Effie Minter
3BW Ozzie Mustafa
3MC Dolcie Mills
3WH Belle Hodges

4JL Tifara Arsenoh
4KD Mashita Killic
4OS Millie Robinson
4WK Storm Clark

5BP Rico Nash
5BR Charlie Churchward
5EW William Leeks
5JN Tyler Woods Barlow

6ALT Eden Small
6CC Oliver Hills
6LS Chris Caira
6SE Rose Gale and Sofe Irvine

With my very best wishes,



Melody Kingman
Headteacher

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