



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

## TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Next Week:

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

### Term 3 begins:

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

The busyness of this time of year certainly make the days fly by! The Christmas shop was well attended this week and it was lovely to see the children recognising the importance of giving to others. I visualise these now sitting beneath festive trees across Herne Bay, waiting to be given on Christmas Day! As always, my thanks go to our PTA and the volunteers that gave their time so generously this week.

Christmas dinners were enjoyed by the children, their teachers and support staff this week. Our kitchen staff worked hard to prepare and serve so many meals and I know that this was appreciated by all.

Next week continues with further Christmas activities including party days and the Nativity at Christchurch, William St. On year group party days (see dates above) the children are permitted to come to school wearing party clothes. However, please ensure that sensible footwear is worn along with a warm coat. The children need to be safe and warm when they are on the playground for break and lunch time.

We are excited to see our Year 3 children present their Nativity in the church. For me, it is the moment where the spirit of Christmas truly feels around us. Parents are invited to attend but, for safeguarding reasons, will be directed to sit in the upper circle of the church. Please see the dates above for further information.

My Christmas senses were also sparked this week by the sharp wintry frosts. Early morning walks with Ivy were magical, especially on Thursday when the sky was clear and the full moon lit our path. Dressing warmly and brightly is a must at this time of year; please do ensure that your child brings a warm coat to school every day.

Mrs Hobson obtained reflective badges for every child in school via the KMFM Be Bright, Be Seen campaign. These can be easily clipped to your child's coat zip, making them more easily seen by passing motorists.

We have had a request from residents in Bay Mews to remind parents that parking is not permitted for non-residents. I recognise that there is limited parking available close to the school but please respect our neighbours during these busy times of the day.

Next Friday, the school will close at 1:15PM.  
Term 3 begins on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

### ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 92.19%. Overall attendance to date is 94.04%.

Well done to 3MC for achieving 97+% attendance this week.

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

187 late codes were recorded in the last week with a significant number in Years 4 & 5. Please ensure that your child arrives at school **by 8:45am** each day.

### HOUSE POINTS

**Green** House are the winners this week with 282 points – well done!

**Red** House – 252 points

**Yellow** House – 233 points

**Blue** House – 159 points

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## LEARNING NEWS AND INFORMATION

### Topics for next term

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 topics the children will be covering next term.

Year 3	Rocks, Relics and Rumbles	This project teaches children about the features and characteristics of Earth's layers, including a detailed exploration of volcanic, tectonic and seismic activity.
Year 4	Misty Mountain, Winding River	This project teaches children about the characteristics and features of rivers and mountain ranges around the world, including a detailed exploration of the ecosystems and processes that shape them and the land around them.
Year 5	Sow, Grow and Farm	This project teaches children about the features and characteristics of land use in agricultural regions across the world, including a detailed exploration of significant environmental areas.
Year 6	Frozen Kingdoms	This project teaches children about the characteristics and features of polar regions, including the North and South Poles, and includes a detailed exploration of the environmental factors that shape and influence them.

### SEN TEAM NEWS

The holidays can be tricky for children who thrive on routine. Here are some tips to support those children when days are less structured:

- Use a family planner or calendar to talk through the different events/parties/day trips you'll be having during the break. Show your child them and talk about what they should expect to see and hear. You could look up images on google to support their understanding.
- Cross off each day on the calendar to show the passing of time and count the number of days until school will resume (3<sup>rd</sup> January).
- Stick to set meal times and bed times.
- Use the extra time to enjoy books together. Talk about the characters and what they are doing.
- Avoid excessive use of screens especially before bedtime.

- A few days before returning to school, take time to organise your child's school uniform with them and look out their bag and reading book.

### Term 3 SEN Surgery

The SEN Surgery will be running on Tuesday afternoons for the first few weeks of term 3. This is an informal phone call designed to support families with understanding their children's needs, seeking referral for assessments and discussing strategies that could be adopted at home. Call the school office and speak to Sammy Black or Tracey Hewitt to book in.

## MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING NEWS

### Me and My Child: Understanding Resilience

Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers to reflect and generate ideas of how you can be a positive role model of resilience for your child?

The Emotional Wellbeing Team are running a workshop to help parents & carers understand resilience and its importance in their development. It will help you to consider factors which can help to build your child's' resilience in the context of caring relationships.

The online workshop is on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 12.30-2.30pm, on Teams. To join, click the link in the poster attached to this newsletter.

### Kooth: Online Counselling Support for Young People

Kooth is an online mental wellbeing community for all 10 – 25 year olds in Kent. Kooth offers free online counselling and support including self-help tools, articles, journals, magazines, discussion boards, and access to fully trained counsellors online 365 days a year, including over the festive period. We have attached the Christmas hours for you to share with your children.

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**Chat opening hours (Christmas and New Year period)**

<b>Saturday 24th December</b> Christmas Eve 4pm-8pm	<b>Sunday 25th December</b> Christmas Day 4pm-8pm	<b>Monday 26th December</b> Boxing Day 4pm-8pm	<b>Tuesday 27th December</b> Bank Holiday 4pm-8pm
<b>Saturday 31st December</b> New Years Eve 4pm-8pm	<b>Sunday 1st January</b> New Years Day 4pm-8pm	<b>Monday 2nd January</b> Bank Holiday 4pm-8pm	

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## INCLUSION BEAR

### **Nominated:**

Mr Chaplin nominated Parker Macdonald, in 3MC, who always comes in early to help set the chairs up for the class. Mr Chaplin said "It's one less job I have to think about and I am grateful for Parker doing this."

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Mrs Sutherland nominated Krina in 4KD. She said “I recently injured my eye and had to go to hospital. Krina was also in the waiting room and showed genuine concern for me. Since then, Krina has come to check on me a few times to see if I am ok. Her kindness and compassion really cheered me up and made me feel better. Thank you, Krina!”

Oscar nominated Sophie, in 4WK, for giving him £2 for the Christmas shop as he saw the perfect present for someone.

#### **Awarded to:**

Summer nominated Ernie in 4KD. When Summer’s shelter broke in the forest area, Ernie kindly helped her build it back up – because they had an extra pair of hands, it only took five minutes! Summer was so grateful for Ernie’s help and she feels he deserves Patch this week.

### **#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 a number of potential risks such as age-inappropriate content, dangerous challenges and contact with strangers.

### **ROCKING READERS**

This week’s Rocking Readers are 5JN! This class have shown a steady improvement in their reading all term and have increased their average minutes spent reading too!

The top scoring quiz class was 6LS with an average of 95% in their quizzes and 6ALT had the highest average time spent reading – well done!

The children have been reminded about overdue books; can you please support your child to ensure that they have returned or re-issued their books at the library, next week.

### **HERONS LEISURE CENTRE CHRISTMAS PARTIES**

Attached to this newsletter is a flyer informing parents and carers about Christmas Parties being held at Heron’s Leisure Centre. These will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> December from 1:30pm – 3pm.

### **BEACH CREATIVE – FREE CREATIVE SKILLS TRAINING**

Have you ever thought you might like to learn creative skills? In the new year, Beach Creative will be running free sessions to learn skills across a range of media. This opportunity is funded by the University of the Creative Arts and is offered exclusively to parents/carers of children in receipt of the Pupil Premium. Please see the attached flyer if you would be interested in this fantastic opportunity.

### **STAR OF THE WEEK**

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

3AR	Willow Bachelor
3BW	Jacob Challicombe
3MC	Hayden-James Adams
3WH	Mia-Rose Alderman
4JL	Rafael Chipisnov
4KD	Krina Patel
4OS	James Scuffil
4WK	Cheyanna-Louise Hadley
5BP	Ayden Norman
5BR	Tilly Buss
5EW	Alice Bailey
5JN	Macie Miller
6ALT	Oliver Stamp
6CC	Layle Manser
6LS	Riley London
6SE	Ruby Downes

Good luck to England in their match against France tomorrow evening!

I hope that you all have an enjoyable and happy weekend.

With my best wishes,



Melody Kingman  
Headteacher

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