



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Next Week:

16<sup>th</sup> January – HBJS Choir to O2 Young Voices Choir  
18<sup>th</sup> January – CPR training for 3MC, 3BW, 3WH & 4OS  
19<sup>th</sup> January – CPR training for 4WK, 4JL, 5EW & 5JN  
20<sup>th</sup> January - Swimming 4OS and 4JL

26<sup>th</sup> January – CPR training for 5BR, 6SE, 6ALT & 6LS  
27<sup>th</sup> January – CPR training for 3AR, 4KD, 5BP & 6CC  
27<sup>th</sup> January - Swimming 4OS and 4JL  
3<sup>rd</sup> February - Swimming 4WK and 4KD  
Week beginning Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Children's Mental Health Week  
7<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Evening YEAR 6 ONLY  
8<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Evening YEAR 6 ONLY  
8<sup>th</sup> February – Art Day (for Mental Health Week)  
**10<sup>th</sup> February – End of Term 3**

At Herne Bay Junior School, we value the joy that our school animal friends bring. Firstly, we want every child to experience the opportunity of having a pet recognising that it is not always possible or practical for them to have one at home. Secondly, we have experienced first-hand the effect that an animal has on soothing a sad or anxious child or adult as well as building confidence in those children who may otherwise experience some fear without the opportunity to engage directly with them. Currently we have Colin the Gecko, Lincoln and Ivy (our friendly dogs) and three guinea pigs: Neville, Keith & Gus! Next week we hope to welcome new animals to the school; this time, 2 pigs! Mr Hobbs and Mr Hewitt have built a pen and created a homely area for them within our forest. These two adopted 'old ladies' will be entering retirement after spending the last few years in a small-holding within an education centre for adults with special educational needs. Over time, once they have become familiar in their surroundings, we will extend the enclosure to allow them to roam more freely within the boundary. The children will be taught about the care of the pigs including the use of leftover food items and home-grown fodder with which they will be fed.

In the coming weeks, a competition will be set to suitably re-name them by the children. Having animals in school is purposeful. It provides the children with the experience to recognise, respect and care for them and the environment that we share.

Over the next two weeks, all children and adults in school will be trained to deliver CPR. A letter was emailed yesterday giving further information about this. The dates for your child's class training are included in those at the top of the newsletter. This is a vital life-skill and one that we should all consider learning.

[Learn how to save a life - CPR | British Heart Foundation - BHF](#)

## ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 95.4%. Overall attendance to date is 93.66%.

Well done to 3AR, 3WH, 4OS, 4JL, 6SE, 6LS & 6ALT for achieving 97+% attendance this week.

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

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

## ATTENDANCE IMPROVEMENT AWARD

This morning in our celebration assembly, an Attendance Improvement Certificate was awarded to Laila in 4WK. Her attendance in school has increased from this time last year (73.7%) to 94.7%. Well done to Laila for the focused effort she has made to ensure that she attends school regularly and on time



## HOUSE POINTS

**Yellow** House are the winners this week with 396 points – well done!

**Blue** House – 365 points

**Green** House – 311 points

**Red** House – 281 points

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## LEARNING NEWS AND INFORMATION

### The power of stories

Reading stories to our children can be a very powerful and engaging way to promote thinking, explore concepts and broach complex ideas. The human mind is exquisitely tuned to understand and remember stories - we've been creating, telling and listening to them for thousands of years.

Mathsthroughstories.org have compiled a list of stories organised by mathematical concept for children of all ages and abilities to help introduce, explain further or consolidate key mathematical ideas. If you are looking for a way to support your child's maths development, promote positive attitudes towards Maths at home, engage them in Maths through reading or, equally, engage them in reading through Maths, consider harnessing the power of stories. Use this link [RECOMMENDATIONS - MathsThroughStories.org](https://www.mathsthroughstories.org/RECOMMENDATIONS-MathsThroughStories.org)

### Guitar Taster Sessions

Last term, we were fortunate to have a fabulous guitar demonstration in assembly from Tim Barton, one of our peripatetic music teachers.

The children really enjoyed his talk as well as listening and joining in with guitar solos and songs.

Tim is offering a taster session in school for any pupils interested in taking up the guitar on the 27<sup>th</sup> January.

If you would like your child to be part of this session please contact Mrs Evett-Collins via the school office.

## SEN TEAM NEWS

### SEN Surgery

If you are concerned about your child and their diagnosed needs or if you'd like them to be referred for an assessment, book in for SEN Surgery. Sammy Black (SENCO) and Tracey Hewitt (SEN Assistant) hold weekly SEN Surgery phone calls to support parents.

Call the office to book a 30 minute phone call.

## INCLUSION BEAR

### Nominated:

Isabella, Poppy-Ann, Lola, Lacie, Poppy and Jess in 6ALT nominated Mrs Hager. They said "Mrs Hager has been really supportive and we are so very happy to be in her class. We have all been through hard times and she is always there for us; she is like part of our family. She gives the best hugs and always gives us big friendly smiles every day. We love you Mrs Hager." 😊

Konnor H and Sofe in 6SE nominated Mrs Cherrington because "she always cheers us up and we always have a laugh together at break and lunch time".

Hudson, in 3AR, nominated Hayden-James, in 3MC, for being his best friend since Year R. Hudson said "he always plays with me and he is a great friend".

Miss Black nominated Marybeth, in 5BP, for kindness to others. In the dining hall, she offered water to others around her and did not just get it for herself.

Rosie and Krina, in 4KD, nominated Mrs Donaghy for being a kind and amazing teacher. Rosie said that whenever she is stuck on work, Mrs Donaghy helps her and Krina also said that she is a helpful and caring teacher.

### Awarded to:

Miss Oliver nominated Lilly-Marie in 6LS. Miss Oliver said "I'd like to nominate Lilly-Marie as she always walks through the shared areas in the mornings and calls out good morning to the teachers who are busy working before the children arrive to school. Her cheery greetings always brighten my day! I'm sure other teachers appreciate her friendly and polite nature as well."

## #WAKEUPWEDNESDAY

### Setting up apps, games and software

Millions of new phones, tablets, laptops and games consoles were given as gifts this Christmas. However, even if parents and carers have gone to the trouble of setting up these new devices and enabling the safety features, there are still potential hazards in the apps, games and software that children will want to install and use. Knowing what to look for and discussing those risks with your child may help avoid any nasty surprises, so National Online Safety have created a top tips poster for parents. In the guide attached to the newsletter, you'll find tips such as disabling in-app purchasing, take note of age ratings and watching out for imitators.

## ROCKING READERS

This week's Rocking Readers are 4KD! They were awarded in recognition of their sustained effort to read regularly, rarely below 20 minutes on average each day – a super effort by this class, well done!

## KM YOUNG COOKS COMPETITION

Below is a link giving information about the annual KM Young Cooks competition. If your child enjoys cooking, this may be an opportunity for them to broaden their skills and increase their interest in preparing tasty and healthy meals!

[Young Cooks - KM Charity Team](#)

## HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

Herne Bay Evangelical Free Church are running a holiday club from 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> February. Attached to this newsletter is further information including a link to book a place for your child.

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## STAR OF THE WEEK

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

3AR Oliver Thomson  
3BW Yaqub Uddin  
3MC Sam Skinner  
3WH Ronny Love

4JL Kitty Hardley  
4KD Henry Gake  
4OS Neveah London  
4WK Elsie Gilmour

5BP Robert Gregory  
5BR Sherif Abdul-Rahmani  
5EW Riley Burns  
5JN Darcie Lucas

6ALT Sienna Grana  
6CC Willow Couldwell  
6LS Immi Griggs  
6SE Suzie Hornsbury

Wishing you a warm and happy weekend.

With my best wishes,



Melody Kingman  
Headteacher

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