



Friday 14th October 2022

TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

Next week

- 18th October – Parents Evening 5pm – 8pm
- 19th October – Parents Evening 3:30pm – 6pm
- 19th October – Art Day for all: Black History Month
- 19th October – Mr Egypt – Year 4 classes (revised date)
- 21st October – **End of Term 1**

31st October – Staff Development Day – School will be CLOSED for children

1st November – **Start of Term 2**

3rd November – Flu immunisations

This morning, we celebrated Harvest Festival. Our Year 5 children caught the school's attention with their performance of The King and the Seed, delivering the important message that through demonstrating honesty, kindness and integrity, we can reap what we sew.

Thank you all for your generous donations of food which will be collected by the Canterbury Food Bank to support families that are in need within our community.

Thank you for supporting your children in seeking sponsorship and collecting money for the mini-marathon they ran last week. To date we have raised £2715; this is a fantastic achievement which, I believe, speaks to our recognition of the importance of this matter.

In the process of our event, we were approached by two companies that were also willing to support us in having a defibrillator in school. Technifire Solutions Limited offered to donate a brand-new defibrillator to us and London Hearts, a leading charity that supplies defibrillators and cabinets, offered a £300 grant towards the equipment. We are overwhelmed by these generous offers and will work with both to ensure that the school has a defibrillator for use in the community.

This leaves us to consider the most appropriate way to use the money raised and we will involve the children in making our decision. We will inform you of this after the half term break.

On the 3rd November, the children will be given their flu vaccinations. You have been emailed a letter about this. Please ensure that you complete the online form before **26th October** to either consent or decline the vaccination:

www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms

You must submit either a YES consent or a NO consent as they will continue to invite your child to be vaccinated unless they hear from you otherwise.

If you would like advice or support in completing the online form, please contact Mrs Botzet via the school office.

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 95.41%. Overall attendance to date is 95.41%.

Well done to 3AR, 3MC, 5JN and 6SE who achieved 97+% attendance this week. 3MC had a fantastic 99.57% and 6SE 99%!

240 children remain in the 100 club with 100% attendance. 259 pupils currently have attendance of 98% or above.

HOUSE POINTS

Yellow House are the winners this week with 230 points – well done!

Red House – 177 points

Blue House – 172 points

Green House – 170 points

LEARNING NEWS AND INFORMATION

Parents Evenings

We look forward to welcoming families to our Parents Evenings next week. Year 3 will be held in the Old Hall.

Years 4, 5 & 6 will be held in the New Hall.

Entry and exit to the school will be via the main reception.

Kent Test Results and Secondary School Applications

Kent Test results are due to be shared with parents next Tuesday (18th October) using the email address you registered with. If the results have not arrived by Wednesday morning, please contact Mr Thomas via the school office.

The secondary school application process closes on October 31st 2022. It is essential that this process is completed for every year 6 child. If you need support with this, please contact the school office. For further information use this link: [Secondary school places - Kent County Council](#).

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Applications to Herne Bay High School

Any child applying to Herne Bay High School, will need to complete a Banding Assessment to be considered for a place. Details for this can be found on their school website or click the link: [Open Events 2022 - Herne Bay High School](#).

Children will not be considered for a place unless they have completed the Banding Assessment.

INCLUSION TEAM NEWS

WELCOME PARENTS!

Miss Black and Mrs Hewitt are hosting termly sessions to support parents of children with difficulties.

In Term 2 the focus will be **Emotional Regulation**. The session will include sharing strategies used in school, a chance to talk through their difficulties and parents will be provided with hard copies of resources that will help them in the home.

We have booked an afternoon and a morning session to enable as many parents as possible to come along. There is no need to book.

Tuesday 1st November 2-3pm

Thursday 3rd November 9-10am

Although we have an idea of what we'd like to cover through the year, we are open and welcome to your needs. Tell us about your child's difficulties and what you'd like to learn and we'll see if we can help.

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

Understanding ADHD: online parent workshop

Do you have questions about ADHD? Maybe your child has received a diagnosis and you would you like to come and meet with other parents/carers and learn about ways to support your child? You will also discuss helpful strategies that you can use at home to help support your child. The Emotional Wellbeing Team are running an online workshop on understanding symptoms of ADHD on Wednesday 19th October, 6-7.30pm. If you would like to attend, click the link on the poster attached to this newsletter.

#WAKEUPWEDNESDAY

What parents need to know about FIFA 23

FIFA 23, like its many predecessors, is a popular football simulator featuring lifelike recreations of thousands of real-world players, drawn from teams around the globe. While the gameplay is subtly improved year on year, the publisher EA's focus remains firmly on FIFA Ultimate Team – a mode in the game that can tempt players of all ages to spend actual money on recruiting better players for their side. With each new release of FIFA comes a host of new players to unlock – meaning that youngsters can feel pressured to keep buying to compete with their friends. In the guide attached to the newsletter, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as age-inappropriate chat, scammers and addiction.

INCLUSION BEAR

Nominated:

Sophie Hills nominated her sister Amelia and Ivy French in 6LS. When Sophie's friend didn't want to play with her, the girls comforted her. She says Amelia is an amazing sister!

Miss Findeis and Mrs Hill nominated Kardelen in 4JL. She always shows how kind, caring and friendly she is towards her peers. She also praises other children's efforts and achievements. She is a valued member of the class.

Kardelen had also been nominated by India for kindness.

Lilly in 5BR nominated Ruby in 5BP. She always cheers her up if she is crying and asks "do you want to play with me?".

5BR nominated Mr Riseborough for kindness through humour. He always makes the class laugh and talks about how he sleeps in the classroom cupboard!

Immy 4OS nominated Tiffarah and Seth in 4JL who supported her in PE when someone was being unkind to her. They supported and encouraged her with their words and made her feel better and happier.

Imogen in 5BR nominated Mr Hewitt as everyday he comes to the playground after lunch and break and picks up any rubbish he can see.

Awarded to:

Peyton and Beau nominated Arabella in 6ALT because when they did the marathon run last week, they were unsure as they are slower runners. Arabella stayed with them and ran at their pace the whole time even though she could run faster 😊

ROCKING READERS

4JL are this week's Rocking Readers. The children have consistently met the school expectation to read for 15 minutes per day. Because of their dedication to reading, it is not a surprise that their quiz scores have averaged between 85% and 88% all term. It is also not a surprise that there are no books outstanding in our library – a model class; keep up this fantastic effort 4JL!

Well done also to 3AR, 5EW, 6CC and 6LS for achieving 90%+ in their quiz results this week. Also, to mention, 6ALT for being the class with the highest average time spent reading daily – 36 minutes!

SPORTS AWARD

The Sports Award was presented to Arabelle Kent in 3MC today. Mr Hobbs explained that her sporting talent is beginning to shine – she will be one to watch in future years!

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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 Abigail Wilders
3BW Izzy Dixon
3MC Ethan Lee
3WH Belle Hodges

4JL Sebastian Fowler-Vincent
4KD Rosie Kelly
4OS Daisy Santer
4WK Betty Clark

5BP Whole Class
5BR Whole Class
5EW Whole Class
5JN Whole Class

6ALT Lacie Elvey
6CC Ken Bui
6LS Ralph Johnson
6SE Albert Cater

I hope that you all have a happy weekend.

Best wishes,



Melody Kingman
Headteacher

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