



Friday 16th December 2022

TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

Term 3 begins:

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

The highlight of the week was most definitely our Carol Service at Christ Church. Year 3 presented their Nativity to the rest of the school along with family members and friends; it was a joy to see their confidence and smiling faces. Thursday's performance included our Year 5 & 6 children who sang the familiar Christmas carols with gusto – the church being the perfect setting to amplify the sound!

The children have enjoyed their Christmas party days this week which involved fun activities and games. Thank you to our PTA for providing the drinks and food.

This afternoon, once the children went home to start the holiday, our staff remained at school to put up fresh displays. The children will return to a lovely environment which portrays the focus of their topics for next term.

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 88.5%. Overall attendance to date is 93.62%.

There were no classes achieving 97+% attendance this week.

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

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

HOUSE POINTS

Blue House are the winners this week with 165 points – well done!

Green House – 137 points

Red House – 122 points

Yellow House – 113 points

The overall winning house this term is – **YELLOW!**

The children in Yellow House will be informed of their prize on our return in January.

SEN TEAM NEWS

Have you heard of the Local Offer? You can use this as a base to find information, support and services for children from 0-25 with special educational needs and disabilities and their families. Take a look at our : [Local Offer website](#)

For Parents and Carers of Children and Young People with SEND wishing to have their voices heard, please visit <https://www.kentpact.org.uk/> or contact info@kentpact.org.uk

If you need any further information, advice or support regarding SEND you can contact Kent Information and Advice Service here <https://www.iask.org.uk/>

*A 24-hour helpline has been set up - called **Kent Together** - to support vulnerable people in Kent who need urgent help, supplies or medication during the Coronavirus outbreak. It is a collaboration between KCC, central Government, District, Borough and local councils, the voluntary and community sector, the NHS, emergency services and other partners to ensure help is at hand for vulnerable people. Click the following link to access it*
<https://www.kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/health/coronavirus#kenttogether>

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING NEWS

South Room: Offering help and hope to families

Are you struggling to provide your family with food? Or do you need assistance or suggestions with a pressing issue? The South Room is in a free-standing building on William Street, next to Christ Church, and it is run by the church. They are open Tuesdays and Fridays, from 10.00-12.00, and all are welcome. The food has been generously donated by the people of Herne Bay, local supermarkets and the church family.

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Visitors to South Room needing support come for a range of reasons. Some need support with a benefit application, an energy bill issue, or a housing or debt issue. Others would appreciate help with a CV, job application or to take a job list. If you just need a chat and a coffee or tea they would also welcome you. Whatever the issue, they aim to help, either themselves or by pointing you to an organisation offering specialist help. If needed, they can also make calls for you. They have computers and printers available too.

The easiest way to contact the South Room is by emailing: southroomchristchurch@gmail.com. But appointments are not normally necessary, so you can just come along! For more details please also see the flyer attached to the newsletter.

Our Christmas closure is as follows:

- The larder is closed just on **Tuesday 27th December**.
- Our advice and support is closed on **Tuesday 27th and Friday 30th December**.

Winter Mental Health Support Guide for Young People

At this time of year, even if they are looking forward to the holiday season, it is important for young people to take care of themselves. Sometimes, it is hard to know where they can go to get a little extra help & support regarding their physical and mental health. In Kent, there is lots of free support available to help young people stay well.

A guide has been made specifically for young people to raise awareness of how they can continue to thrive, and where they can access help should they need it: [Winter Mental Health Support Guide for Young People \(office.com\)](#)

ROCKING READERS

Our end of term Rocking Reader award was presented to Year 4 today for their dedication to reading. Over the last two terms, they have achieved the highest average time spent reading – well done!

In assembly this morning our teachers each recognised a child for their effort and achievement in reading this term. They were awarded to:

Year 3 – Hudson Gray, Ronnie Heaton, Harry Harding & Lexi Sidwell.

Year 4 – Harley Parker, Kitty Hardley, Godson Simon & Isaac Prett

Year 5 – Eva Clark, Daisy Ellis, Yusuf Mutlu & Amelie Martindale

Year 6 – Lacie Elvey, Leah Peek, Kyra Hoang & Ken Bui

100% Quiz award winners are:

Harry Bui, Godson Simon, Delilah Grimmer & Poppy Leeds

SPORTS AWARD

Mr Hobbs awarded the Sports Cup to Billy Middleton this week. Billy participated with eagerness in Sports this week and showed that he has a talent when speed stacking cups!

PTA CHRISTMAS COLOURING COMPETITION.

Well done to all 92 children who entered. The competition was fierce and we really enjoyed seeing all the effort the children had gone to.

Thank you also to our tireless PTA for arranging this lovely festive activity.

The winning contestants were:

Y3-

3rd Isaac 3AR

2nd Grace 3AR

1st- winning prize to Sam S 3MC

Y4-

3rd Storm 4WK

2nd Aubree- Neveah 4OS

1st- winning prize to George B 4OS

Y5-

3rd Abhin 5BR

2nd Bella 5EW

1st- winning prize to Marybeth 5BP

Y6-

3rd Riley B 6CC

2nd Ashley D 6ALT

1st- winning prize to Kiera 6LS

DOGS TRUST – FREE EVENT

Hello from your local Dogs Trust Education Officer!

Join our Education & Community Officers, Amanda and Phil, for a FREE, fun family workshop to learn all about safe behaviour around dogs and being responsible around our four-pawed friends!

The event will be held on Monday 19th December, 2pm - 3:30pm at Dogs Trust, Canterbury, CT5 3ER

To book or ask any questions please contact philip.marsh@dogstrust.org.uk

An information leaflet is attached to this newsletter.

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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 All of Year 3
3BW All of Year 3
3MC All of Year 3
3WH All of Year 3

4JL Pariya Hothi
4KD Jessica Pavey
4OS George Bath
4WK Sophie Hills

5BP Ava Austin
5BR Abin Sujith
5EW Matilda Moore
5JN Taylor Miller

6ALT Harry Stuckey
6CC Elsie Cooke
6LS Jack Curry
6SE Whole Class

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

With my best wishes,



Melody Kingman
Headteacher

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