



Friday 20th January 2023

TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

Next Week:

24th January – Zest Theatre group in to Year 5
26th January – CPR training for 5BR, 6SE, 6ALT & 6LS
27th January – CPR training for 3AR, 4KD, 5BP & 6CC
27th January - Swimming 4OS and 4JL

3rd February - Swimming 4WK and 4KD
Week beginning Monday 6th February – Children's Mental Health Week
7th February – Safer Internet Day
7th February – Parents Evening YEAR 6 ONLY
8th February – Parents Evening YEAR 6 ONLY
8th February – Art Day (for Mental Health Week)
10th February – End of Term 3

On Monday, members of our choir travelled to the O2 to take part in the 2023 Young Voices Choir. Taking part in a 9,000-member strong choir was an amazing experience for our children and one that will surely be remembered in years to come. Our accompanying staff complimented the children for their enthusiastic participation and impeccable behaviour.

This week, a number of classes have undertaken CPR and defibrillation training. The remaining classes will receive their training next week. We have had some really positive feedback from children and parents – thank you to those who have emailed or passed on your message via our staff. From what I have heard, there are families across Herne Bay practising vital techniques guided by our well-informed children!

You will note in the attendance section below that 233 late codes were recorded this week. I recognise that there have been some cold and icy mornings to contend with but would ask that you factor in the additional time for this to ensure that your child arrives on time. The gate closes at 8:45am each day.

As you will be aware, there will be a national strike for teachers on Wednesday 1st February. I will inform you early next week of how this will affect the running of Herne Bay Junior School.

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 93.78%. Overall attendance to date is 93.67%.

Well done to 3AR, 3BW and 6ALT for achieving 97+% attendance this week. 6ALT have achieved 97+% for 3 consecutive weeks – great effort!

82 Children remain in the 100 club with 100% attendance.
157 pupils currently have attendance of 98% or above.

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HOUSE POINTS

Red House are the winners this week with 242 points – well done!

Yellow House – 238 points

Green House – 186 points

Blue House – 165 points

LEARNING NEWS AND INFORMATION

Gung hay fat choy! Will be spoken this Sunday (January 22nd) by millions of Cantonese speakers around the world to celebrate Chinese New Year (Lunar New Year). In China, where the official language is Mandarin, it will be *Gong xi fa cai!* There is lots to explore about this wonderful yearly celebration that dates back 3000 years. The link below gives a great summary of the celebrations and history surrounding this event. [Lunar New Year | National Geographic Society](#) It could be a great starting point to explore a different culture, country, cuisine, lunar science or the history of how we measure time.

2023 will be the year of the rabbit according to the Chinese Zodiac. There is a wonderful story about the Chinese Zodiac that can be found here [Chinese-Zodiac \(billingslibrary.org\)](#) that would make for a great bedtime story or to spark a conversation around different beliefs and ideas. What Zodiac animal represents your year of birth?

Compassion, Courage, Hope, Integrity, Justice, Respect, Responsibility, Wisdom



INCLUSION BEAR

Nominated:

Kiera, in 6LS, nominated Hollie. On Monday, Keira was nervous about going to the O2 for the first time but Hollie supported her the whole day. Kiera said that Hollie is a great friend to have.

Miss Wood nominated Sophie in 4WK. Miss Wood said "I'd like to nominate Sophie as she always notices if I don't quite seem myself. She's very perceptive of how I am feeling and when I thank her for asking, she always says how she cares about my happiness. She does this for her peers too."

Mrs Hager nominated Jack in 4WK. Jack was in Mrs Hager's group at the O2 Young Voices concert on Monday and he really stood out because of his caring and thoughtful behaviour towards a friend in his class. Jack looked out for him and made sure he was happy and safe throughout the whole day. Well done, Jack.

Mrs Bryant nominated Emma and Erica in 5BP. She said "I would like to nominate Erica and Emma for making a new member of their class so welcome. They have been great buddies to her which has meant that she has had a really positive start at her new school."

Mrs Boardman nominated Erin, Emma and Billie in 5BP for Patch this week.

"Both girls come and see me every day to see how I am. They give big hugs and are so caring. They make me laugh and smile especially in the lunch hall and brighten up my day."

Awarded to:

Emma (5BP) for being such a kind and thoughtful member of our school. This has been recognised by two members of staff this week that separately nominated her for Patch.

#WAKEUPWEDNESDAY

What parents need to know about Twitter

Twitter is a social media network which allows users to post short messages ('tweets') of up to 280 characters. Tweets can consist of text, photos, videos, audio, links, polls and GIFs – often linked by hashtags if they share a common theme or message. Hashtags receiving high levels of interest are said to be 'trending'. Twitter users can engage with other people's posts by liking, retweeting (sharing) or tweeting back (commenting on). Since the entrepreneur Elon Musk acquired Twitter in 2022 for \$44 billion, the platform has undergone several major changes. In the guide attached to the newsletter, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as trolls and bullying, fixation on view count and interaction with strangers.

ROCKING READERS

This week's Rocking Readers are 3AL. Since September, the class average quiz results have not dipped below 80% which is an amazing achievement!

6ALT are worthy of a mention – they achieved an average of 26 minutes reading each day along with a quiz score average of 89%. Well done to all the children!

CHANNEL 4 THE DOG HOUSE

Could you provide a loving home for a rescue dog? The Channel 4 series, The Dog House is looking for couples, individuals, friends and families who are seriously considering bringing a rescue dog into their lives and are willing to share their reasons for doing so. A flyer is attached to this newsletter.

Please follow this link to apply:

<https://www.channel4.com/4viewers/takepart/the-dog-house>

STAR OF THE WEEK

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

3AR Jack Levermore
3BW Heidi Coulter-Brown
3MC Noah Cheeseman
3WH Kitty Cooke

4JL Maya Nae
4KD Austin Comper
4OS Darlamai Hadlow
4WK Lucas Kimberley

5BP Sare Dereli
5BR Ava-Rose Draper
5EW Gracie Larking-Wright
5JN Elsie Mandeville

6ALT Tyler Davis
6CC Mason Foad
6LS Oliver Davis
SE Ruby, Lacie, Cooper, Caitlynn, Mia, Flynn, Addi & Isaac

Wishing you all a happy weekend.

With my best wishes,



Melody Kingman
Headteacher

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Healthy School



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