



Friday 1st April 2022

COVID RELATED NEWS

Individuals presenting with covid-19 symptoms

If children develop one of the 3 main symptoms of Covid-19 (a new continuous cough, a high temperature, a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)), then you [should order a PCR test](#). Children are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people while they are waiting for the test result. If they test positive then please follow the guidance below; if they test negative then they may return to school and carry on with normal routines, presuming they feel well enough.

Isolating after a confirmed positive PCR test

Many people will no longer be infectious to others after 5 days, however we would ask that children take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms followed by another LFD test the next day. If both these test results are negative, and they do not have a high temperature, the risk that they are still infectious is much lower and they can safely return to school and their normal routines. LFD test kits may be ordered from here: [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

What a way to end the spring term – with snow showers! It was rather magical watching the flakes float from the sky this morning but also very disruptive! Hopefully we will see a return to the sunny weather during the holiday!

Today, the children in Years 3, 4 & 5 have brought their written reports home. I had the absolute pleasure of reading each and every one and I have to say how proud I am with all that they have achieved. Despite the effect of the pandemic meaning loss of learning, the progress that so many children have made this school year is remarkable. The dedication of the class teachers and support staff to ensure that the children are achieving beyond expectation is exceptional and I thank them for their uncompromising effort and commitment. I hope that you enjoy reading your child's report and celebrating their achievements. Parents of Year 6 children have received an interim report. A full written report will be received at the end of the school year.

Our magazine club – Happy – have published the third edition of their magazine this week. I enjoyed reading the individual reports but especially enjoyed the 'Easter Jokes' section! You can catch up with the latest edition here: <https://sites.google.com/myhbjs.co.uk/hbjshappy4/home>

This week, we received happy news of the arrival of Mrs Smith's baby. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Smith on the birth of their daughter; we wish them both joy and happiness as they get to know her.

We welcome Mrs Donaghy to the teaching team in Year 5. She has had an enjoyable first week getting to know her new class – 5KD.

Term 5 begins Tuesday 19th April. I hope that you all have a happy, healthy and peaceful Easter break.

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance to date, this school year, is 93.76%. Last week's attendance was 90.4%. 3BW were the class with the highest attendance at 96.15% - well done to you all! 56 pupils remain in the 100 club.

TEACHING & LEARNING

Creative Home Learning Projects

Well done to everyone for working so hard on their Home Learning Projects this term. It was wonderful seeing such a range of creations coming in this week: board games, wind turbines, volcanos and even a clay bearded dragon! We know these projects don't get completed without the support of adults at home. We hope therefore that you also enjoyed this time to work with your child and we thank you for your support with this. Please see photos on Facebook.

INCLUSION TEAM NEWS

SEN News

Please see the attached document with information about additional services for families of children with SEN in particular ASD.

The local services include SNAAP and The Kent Autistic Trust. As well as information on the National Autistic Society, Autistic Allies and a list of podcasts that would make for good listening.

ASD and Holidays

As we close school for over two weeks, we are always aware how this time can be more challenging for families. Some tips we've gathered over the years include:

- Keep bedtimes the same
- Make a plan for the day, let everyone choose an activity
- Use a calendar to count down days until the new term begins

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- Get out and active in the fresh air
- Prepare for the return to school a few days ahead by talking about it, organising school uniform items and book bag and walking past the school site.

EWT Online Parent Workshops

The Emotional Wellbeing Team are running five online workshops throughout term 5 (we have attached the poster, including dates, to this newsletter). More details on each workshop will be shared nearer the date of each one. If you have any questions regarding them, please speak to Mrs Edwards.

#WAKEUPWEDNESDAY

Supporting children to deal with upsetting content

Raising children in the digital age seems to be getting tougher, with the world currently experiencing so many uncertainties. From the continuing impact of COVID-19 to the war in Ukraine, right now children across the globe can scarcely go online without being exposed to unsettling stories, images and ideas. Reassuring a concerned child can be difficult, especially when bad news feels omnipresent. We've put together some advice to help you in discussing upsetting events with young ones. In the guide attached, you'll find tips on a number of tips such as encouraging your child to ask questions, setting limits and to emphasise hope.

BBC Article: Rise of the five-year-old 'TikTots'

The BBC published an article on Wednesday exploring the issue of very young children on social media platforms, based on Ofcom's latest research into media habits. The research highlights that a third of parents of 5-7 year olds confirmed that their children have a social media profile, with TikTok being the most popular platform among 8-11 year olds. The research also highlights that 16% of 3 and 4-years old watch videos on TikTok.

In addition to this, Ofcom found that:

- Two-thirds of 8- to 11-year-olds had multiple accounts or profiles, and almost half of these have an account just for their family to see.
- More than a third of children also admitted to potentially risky behaviours, which could hinder a parent or guardian keeping proper checks on their online use. A fifth used incognito mode or deleted their browsing history, and one in 20 children said they circumvented parental controls so they could visit certain apps and sites.

Read the BBC article here: www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-60854885

ROCKING READERS

3BW are our Rocking Readers this week – they achieved their highest percentage to date with an average quiz score of 85%. The average minutes spent reading by the children is 19 minutes – well done to them all for their consistent effort in Reading!

SPORTS AWARD

Uxia in Year 6 won the Sports Award this week in recognition of her personal achievements.

PTA EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION

A huge well done to all the children who took part in this competition. We thoroughly enjoyed looking at the entries and admired the talent of the children in their creative and eye-catching designs. Well done to the following children for their winning entries:

Arthur Angel, Tilly Moore, Connor Pressley-Ward and Alice Harsent.

Each received an Easter Egg as their prize.

Thank you, as always, to our PTA for organising this competition.

A reminder that the Easter Disco will be held on Thursday 21st April.

BAY IGNITE: EASTER PARTY

Bay Ignite are holding a **FREE** Easter Party on Tuesday 12th April at St Andrew's Church, Hampton. Your whole family can enjoy crafts, games, refreshments, plus a cooked meal. For more information and to book your place, see the poster attached to this newsletter.

STAR OF THE WEEK

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

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| 3AR | David Petrai |
| 3BW | Storm |
| 3CC | Josie Carr |
| 3WH | George Bath |
| 4HO | Frazer Hutton |
| 4IK | Reggie Elvidge |
| 4MC | Tyler Woods-Barlow |
| 4WK | Imogen Francis a& Alfie Watt |
| 5BP | Edward Simson |
| 5EW | Isaac House |
| 5JN | Willow Couldwell |
| 5KD | Alfie Robertson |

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6CS Pedro Scarman-Humphreys
6BR Lilly Ellis
6LS Harry Dobson
6SE Toby Baxter

Wishing you a very Happy Easter, with my best wishes,



Melody Kingman
Headteacher

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