



Friday 1st July 2022

TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

Next week

4th July – Year 3, 4 & 5 children and parents to be informed of new classes for September

5th July – Sports Day – **all children to come to school wearing PE kit**

6th July – Year 6 parents' Residential Trip information meeting at 6:30pm

7th July – Whole school transition day – visits to new classes

11th July – Year 6 Kent Police transition talks

13th July – Year 6 production – matinee performance

14th July – Year 6 production – evening performance

15th July – Year 6 Leavers Disco 3:30pm – 5pm

18th – 20th July – Year 6 Residential to Kings Wood

21st July – Year 6 Leavers Service at Christ Church, Herne Bay

21st July – **Last day of term**, early finish: Years 5&6 1:20pm; Years 3&4 1:30pm

This week, our new Year 3 children came for their first visit. It was lovely to see all the smiling faces as they took in their new environment and met with their Year 3 teachers. Later in the day we welcomed the parents for a tour and presentation; it was a pleasure to meet them as their children transition to the next stage of their schooling.

Whole school transition begins next week. On Monday, the children will be informed of their new class teachers and TAs and you will receive an email to inform you. On Thursday, they will spend the whole day in their new classes getting to know the teachers and TAs that will be working alongside them next year. For some children, this can be quite daunting so we hope that by sharing the information, ahead of the day, you will be able to support your child to prepare.

As always, it is a busy time as we round up the year with traditional activities and events. In particular, this affects our Year 6 children as you can see by the list of dates above! It has become a 'rite of passage' to enjoy all of the activities; so much of this enrichment was missed by the previous two cohorts due to the restrictions enforced by Covid. It brings us pleasure to know that they can once again be enjoyed by our wonderful and well-deserving children; I hope that life-time memories and lasting friendships will be made during this time.

Finally, from September, we will no longer stagger the start and end of the school day. All children will arrive and leave at the same time.

The DfE have set a new expectation that all children attend school for 32.5 hours a week. This means that we will need to add a further 5 minutes to our current timetable.

Therefore, from September, the gate will open at 8:35am and close at 8:45am. The end of the day will be 3:15pm for all children.

Any child arriving after 8:45am will be coded as a 'late arrival'. For those arriving after 9:15am, they will be coded as an 'unauthorised late'.

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 93.66%. Overall attendance this year is 93.64%.

Well done to 4MC and 4IK who both achieved 97+% attendance this week.

43 children remain in the 100 club.

120 pupils currently have attendance of 98% or above.

HOUSE POINTS

Yellow House are the winners this week with 236 points – well done!

Red House – 213 points

Green House – 206 points

Blue House – 158 points

BOOK SALE

Mr Tadman, our librarian, has been busy sorting out books across the school. While doing so, he has identified some that are either surplus to requirement or not appropriate for the stage or age of our pupils. While considering the best way to distribute them, Mr Tadman and Miss Wilkinson came up with the idea of a book sale whereby an affordable contribution is made in return for a chosen book. Mr Tadman will be setting up a table in the front courtyard each day starting next week. Please take a look and, if you find something you would like, make a small contribution in return. All money raised will go to buying suitable books for the classroom libraries.

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SPORTS DAY

Sports Day will take place on Tuesday 5th July and we are pleased to invite families to come and cheer the children on!

Years 3 & 4 - 9:15am – 11:15am
Years 5 & 6 – 1:15pm – 3:15pm

Please arrive via the **car park entrance** and make your way across to the field. There will be an area for parents to spectate and we ask that you remain there, for safeguarding purposes, throughout the event. The children will be sat opposite, in their houses, under the corresponding coloured sails for shelter. Please ensure that your child is wearing full PE kit, that sun-cream is applied and that they bring a suitable hat to wear. They must also bring their water bottle to school so that they keep well hydrated.

YEAR 6 PRODUCTION – BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Our Year 6 Production - Beauty and the Beast - will run two performances for parents and families to attend. The first performance will take place on Wednesday 13th July at 1:30pm and the second will take place on Thursday 14th July at 7:00pm. **Tickets** for both of these performances will go **on sale** on **Tuesday 5th July**. If you would like to purchase a ticket (£2 each), please do so at the Main Reception. There is a limited capacity for each performance so please buy your tickets without delay to avoid disappointment!

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL – PARENTS’ MEETING

There will be a meeting on Wednesday 6th July at 6:30pm for parents of Year 6 children who will be going on the school residential trip. At this meeting, important information packs will be shared which will include consent slips and medication forms. If you are unable to attend, these will be sent home with your child the following day. We hope that as many as possible are able to come. Please note, the meeting is aimed at parents so, where possible, children should stay at home.

TEACHING & LEARNING

Year 3 Parent Accelerated Reader Sessions

It has been lovely to welcome so many parents in to year 3 over the last few weeks to join their children for an Accelerated Reader session. We are delighted that so many families wanted to join us for this, recognising the importance that reading has for all. We look forward to hosting more events like this next year. Over the coming weeks, we will start asking for books to be returned to the library for the end of the year. Don't let this stand in the way of reading over the summer though. Why not register your child for their own library card so you can access books, magazines and audio books at the local library, but also through the free Libby app. Keep reading children!

INCLUSION TEAM NEWS

Supporting your child through Sports Day

Sports Day can evoke a range of emotions for children whether they have SEN or not. In school, we try to ensure that children are supported if it's a tricky day for them but you can also support them at home. Talk about what makes a good sport, how do they behave when they win or lose. Role-play what a 'sore loser' looks like then practise what a 'good loser' looks like. Provide your child with a script that they can use such as: "I'm sorry I didn't win, but the fastest child did".

"Wow-you beat me-you must be superfast!!!"

"I'm so pleased I won, I'm sorry you didn't but you raced really well".

This is a chance to see how life is not equal for all; there will be winners and losers and we want our children to know how to manage this.

We hope Sports Day is great for all children and they are able to congratulate each other with kindness.

Breaktime snacks and lunches

A reminder that our tuck shop is open at break time offering a range of healthy snacks for all children.

You are able to send your child in with a snack from home if you prefer, please ensure it is **nut free** and healthy ie. Fruit, yoghurt tube, carrot sticks or a healthy cereal bar. Staff have recently noticed an increase in chocolate biscuits being eaten at breaktime and this is discouraged.

Please remember we are a NUT-FREE ENVIRONMENT due to children and staff who have a severe nut allergy. This includes sandwich fillings such as Nutella; a nut-based product. Please support us to keep our school community a safe and healthy environment.

#WAKEUPWEDNESDAY

What Parents Need to Know about Minecraft

Minecraft is a beloved classic of modern gaming. First released in 2011, this open-ended 'sandbox' game of building and exploration still has over 140 million players who happily return to play it at least once every month. Minecraft has also been utilised for much more than just entertainment: it's sometimes used in schools to teach children coding, and it's also employed as a tool for computer-aided design, which is another valuable skill. Encouraging creativity and problem solving, Minecraft has plenty to offer gamers of all ages, and it's available on almost all video game platforms. In the guide attached to the newsletter, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as in-game purchases, addiction and chatting with strangers.

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INCLUSION BEAR

Nominations:

Mrs Hutton (Frazer's mum) nominated Max C for the kind spirited way he encouraged Frazer to try for the school football team. She described him as thinking of the whole team as well as Frazer.

Willow, in 5JN, nominated Ivy F who had kindly lent her football boots and shin pads. She encouraged Willow to go to the football trials. Willow said "I am very glad she is my friend."

Mrs Wright has nominated the whole of Year 3 who have been so good to the Year 2 children at break time. They asked them if they have any worries or concerns and answered their questions maturely. A special mention was made to Luca, Krina and Shanti who asked the children if they needed anything.

Mrs Evett-Collins nominated Emmie in 4WK for bringing in cakes to thank the staff for all they do.

Awarded to:

Miss Black nominated Stephanie in 5KD. Miss Black said, "she has been aware that my Grandmother has been unwell and has continued to check in on me and ask how my Grandma was doing. I really appreciated knowing that she was thinking of me and my Grandma by sending her best wishes our way".

Our children are all so thoughtful and kind 😊

ROCKING READERS

Miss Wilkinson awarded the Rocking Reader trophy to 4MC in recognition of the increase in their percentage quiz scores and minutes spent reading – well done to all!

4 children in Year 6 were highlighted for the number of minutes spent reading. Well done to:

Scarlet C – 78 mins

Ryan L – 42 mins

Max W – 42 mins

Harold L – 30 mins

SPORTS AWARD

Mr Hobbs recognised the commitment and effort of a child who has taken a keen interest in looking after his physical health.

Oliver T, 5KD, has been exercising at home, following a safe and considered routine, to improve his strength and fitness.

Fabulous!

STAR OF THE WEEK

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

3AR Mia-Rose Hoang

3BW Storm Clark

3CC Maya Nae

3WH Ziyad Barakat

4HO Ava Austin

4IK Lucas Manser

4MC Bobby Willmott

4WK Mason Miller

5BP Charlie Blesky

5EW Kyra Hoang

5JN Hermione Gilbert

5KD Sofe Irvine

6CS Samuel Fitchett

6BR Shachchin Kannan

6LS Jessie Miller

6SE Alice Harsent

I wish you all a happy weekend.

With my best wishes,



Melody Kingman
Headteacher

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