



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**\*\*UPDATED\*\***

## COVID RELATED NEWS

### What to do if your child has symptoms of Covid-19

Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have symptoms of COVID-19 and they either:

- 1- have a high temperature.
- 2- do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

They can come back to school when they feel better or do not have a high temperature.

If your child has mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or mild cough, and they feel well enough, they can come to school.

I am often asked what part of my role I enjoy the most. My response, without hesitation, is participating in our Friday assembly where we celebrate achievement, acknowledge true incidents of kindness and hear about some of the wonderful things that go on across our school.

This week, in addition to our usual celebrations, members of our School Council announced the winners of their Queen's Portrait competition. Emmie, India and Sam were pleased to share that Tilly in 4IK and Alice in 6SE were chosen for their imaginative and creative designs – well done girls!

Mrs Dyson was given a special mention for her impressive pencil drawing of the Queen!

Kairo and Jamie, representatives of 'Happy', our school magazine, set a new competition for the children. Titled 'Who wants to be a Milliner'; the challenge being to design a hat for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The deadline for children handing in entries to their class teacher is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May and the winners will be announced in assembly after half term. Winning entrants will receive a prize and have their artwork published in the Happy online magazine.

Finally, we celebrated the success of our Boys Football Team. Back in October they won the District Cup leading them to play in the League competition. On Wednesday, they took on Swalecliffe in the cup final winning 3 – 1! This is a fabulous outcome for our team led by their coach, Mr Hobbs, who reflected on the positive attitude and participation of the boys in all of their matches this year.

So yes, Friday assemblies where we celebrate achievements, recognise acts of kindness and acknowledge the commitment of our children in representing their school, is certainly a highlight of my week!

### ATTENDANCE

Attendance this last week has been 92.07% This bring the whole school cumulative attendance to 93.68%.

Well done 3BW with 99.04%!

We have 46 children remaining in the 100 club and 116 pupils currently with 98+%.

### HOUSE POINTS

Well done to Blue House for collecting 133 House Points this week. They were awarded 100 points to add to the House Leader Board.

Yellow House - 108

Green House - 99

Red House - 97

### TEACHING & LEARNING

#### Year 6 SATs – Early Arrival

Year 6 children are invited to join their friends in coming to school at 8:15 next week (Monday to Thursday). The school gate will be open from 8:15 until 8:20. Any Year 6 arrivals after that should go to the office, or come in via the gate when it reopens at 8:30. Even if your child does not want to have a sausage bap, they are still very welcome to come in early. We wish all the children in Year 6 success with their SATs tests next week – they have worked so hard and deserve to do well.

#### The Kent Test & Year 5 CAT Tests

Year 5 pupils will be sitting their CAT tests early next week. We will be sharing results with parents in the final week of term, along with an accompanying video presentation which explains the secondary transfer process in more detail. Should you have any questions about the CAT tests, Kent Test or the secondary application process, please speak to Mr Thomas.

### INCLUSION TEAM NEWS

The Specialist Teaching and Learning Service (STLS) based at St Nicholas School, Canterbury provide a range of support for school staff and families of children with SEN. I'd like to point out specific support for Anxiety, 5point scales, dyslexia and ADHD on the following link [Powerpoints | St Nicholas School \(st-nicholas.kent.sch.uk\)](https://www.st-nicholas.kent.sch.uk)

STLS also lead the Cygnet course for those parents who want to better understand how to manage family life when a child is

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diagnosed with ASD. Here's the link to find out more [Cygnet | St Nicholas School \(st-nicholas.kent.sch.uk\)](http://www.cygnet.org.uk)

Finally, the diagnosis of Autism is referred to as ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder) however, some agencies now use the acronym ASC (Autistic Spectrum Condition) when talking about children with the diagnosis. As a school, staff have now been directed to use the term ASC. There are lots of acronyms used in schools so please ask for clarification should you not be sure. 😊

### **EWT Online Workshop: Understanding ADHD**

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm, the Emotional Wellbeing Teams are running an online parent workshop called 'Understanding ADHD in Children'. If you have any questions about ADHD and would like to learn ways to support your child, then this would be a great workshop to attend. You will also have the chance to meet other parents/carers and discuss helpful strategies that you can use at home. For more details, please see the poster attached to this newsletter that includes the link to join the workshop via Teams.

## **INCLUSION BEAR**

### **Nominations -**

Daisy, in 3BW, nominated Millie and Evie for being really brave and going to the O2 for the Young Voices. She is very proud of them both.

Demi, in 5EW, nominated Mr Hobbs for being nice, kind and thoughtful. She said "He will do anything to help us grow so thank you Mr Hobbs".

Nelly, in 3AR, was very kind on the school trip and moved seats on the coach a couple of times when other children were upset. It was very selfless of her.

Jack, in 3CC, was nominated for being so kind to another child in Year 3 at the Young Voices concert this week. One of his friends did not have a YV's lanyard and torch so he shared both of his throughout the show. What a kind and considerate thing to do - well done, Jack. The delight on the other child's face showed how much she appreciated it 😊

### **Awarded to -**

Evie & Lily S nominated Saskia, in 6SE, for being kind and always being there for them and others. They said "She is amazing, thank you Saskia for being the best friend ever! We think you deserve Patch Junior every week".

## **ROCKING READERS**

This week our Rocking Reader Trophy was awarded to 4IK! These children work so hard with their reading and consistently score well in their quizzes – well done!

Classes averaging 90%+ in quizzing this week are: 3AR, 4IK, 5BP, 5JN & 6LS.

Classes reading on average for 15 minutes+ daily are: 3WH, 4IK and 5JN.

The Meerkat is awarded to classes with the least number of books outstanding in the library. Well done to 5EW and 5JN for having no books outstanding – enjoy having the Meerkat and reading his selection of books!

## **SPORTS AWARD**

Pedro Humphreys-Scarman was awarded the Sports trophy this week. He had stepped in and joined the boys football team when another player was not available. He continued to support by taking a place on the team for the cup final match. Well done Pedro and thank you!

## **STAR OF THE WEEK**

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

3AR	Harley Parker
3BW	Henry Gale
3CC	Jessica Pavey
WH	George Bath
4HO	Junior Holness
4IK	Alistair Thompson
4MC	Tyler Woods-Barlow
4WK	Tilly Buss
5BP	Lacie Elvey
5EW	Jack Curry
5JN	Leona Busby
5KD	Lacie Sharpe
6CS	Mia Woods
6BR	Joseph Sperring
6LS	Ryan Lawrence
6SE	Alice Harsent

I hope that the sun remains with us all throughout the weekend!

With my best wishes,



Melody Kingman  
Headteacher

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