



Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022

## TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Next week

19<sup>th</sup> September – **BANK HOLIDAY**  
20<sup>th</sup> September – Mr Stone-Age –Year 3 classes  
21<sup>st</sup> September – 3AR/3MC parents 'meet the teacher' 2:45pm  
22<sup>nd</sup> September – 3BH/3BW parents 'meet the teacher' 2:45pm  
23<sup>rd</sup> September – Individual pupil photos

18<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evening 5pm – 8pm  
19<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evening 3:30pm – 6pm  
21<sup>st</sup> October – **End of Term 1**

## IN MEMORY OF HER MAJESTY, QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Welcome to the new school year! I hope that everyone had a happy summer and were able to enjoy the endless sunny and warm days!

We especially welcome all of our new Year 3 children and families and those who have joined across the school. There were lots of smiling faces last Monday morning and any nervous tears soon dried once they met with their class adults and friends.

As always, the school underwent a number of summer maintenance projects during the holiday. My thanks go to Mr Foreman and his site team for their hard-work in preparing the school to ensure a smooth start to the year.

Across the school it has been a good start to the term with the children eager to settle in their new classes. The Bushcraft days were designed to allow the children and adults to get to know each other as a new team and it was wonderful to see strong participation and positive relationships forming. We will continue to focus on transition in the coming weeks to allow the children time to adjust to their new environment and routines.

Last Thursday, many of our Year 6 children sat the Kent Test. They managed the process very well and should all be very proud of their participation.

As you know, we have moved to the pre-pandemic morning arrangements with all children arriving at 8:35am. A reminder that the gate closes at 8:45am meaning that children arriving after this time will need to sign in at reception with a late code recorded.

As Years 3 and 4 will enter via the reception doors, for safeguarding purposes, we will not be able to allow parents to enter the area during this time. If you need to speak to a member of the reception team, please wait until 8:45am when the internal doors close.

### HBJS IS GOING GREEN!



During the summer holidays we had solar panels fitted to some of the roofs of our school building. The project was fully-funded through a scheme delivered by Solar for Schools.

The panels will provide the school with around

about 60kWp of electricity (around 40% of our usage). This will reduce around 13 tonnes of carbon going into the atmosphere per year, thus reducing the school's carbon footprint. The power the panels produce will eventually be available to see via our website, so staff, students, visitors and parents will be able to follow, in real time, how much electricity we are producing and using.

The company who supplied the solar panels will also be providing us with education workshops for students and staff to help increase our knowledge about energy usage and ways in which we can live more sustainably. We are really excited about our new solar panels and the step in the school's journey to being net zero.

### ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 96.4%.

3AR, 3MC, 3WH, 4OS and 6LS achieved 100% attendance and will enjoy additional playtime this week as a reward 😊

Well done to 3BW, 5BR, 6SE, 6ALT and 6CC who achieved 97+% attendance – a fantastic start to the year!

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## HOUSE POINTS

**Eagles** were the winners last week with 188 points – well done!

**Hawks** – 174 points

**Falcons** – 174 points

**Kestrels** – 167 points

## SAFEGUARDING AT HERNE BAY JUNIOR SCHOOL

At Herne Bay Junior School, children's health, safety and welfare are paramount. In our school, we teach the children how to recognise risks and how to protect themselves and stay safe and happy.

If you are concerned about the welfare of a child who comes to Herne Bay Junior School please contact a member of the safeguarding team to report those concerns and safeguard the child.

Our Senior Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mrs Evett-Collins.



Our Deputy DSLs are:



Mrs Kingman



Mrs Edwards



Mr Thomas



Miss Neame

Alternatively, you can call 03000 41 11 11 or email [social.services@kent.gov.uk](mailto:social.services@kent.gov.uk)

Out of hours, call 03000 41 91 91.

The Police 101

If you think someone is in immediate danger, the best thing to do is call 999 for the emergency services.

NSPCC- 0808 800 5000. Email- [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

## SAFEGUARDING ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday, in assembly, we spoke to the children about how to keep safe and the importance of safeguarding each other in school. This is something we introduce at the beginning of every year and discussions continue through their learning in PSHE.

The children understand that every adult working in school is a trusted adult and they know who the DSLs are.

We spoke about how school keep all children safe, the things we want them to be safe from and reassured them that all adults in school will listen if they have worries or feel unsafe.

## INCLUSION TEAM NEWS

Every week we aim to provide something useful in the newsletter for parents. This week I'd like to introduce the Inclusion Team.



Miss Black  
SENCO



Miss Hewitt  
SEN Assistant



Mrs Gower  
(Positive Behaviour Mentor)

### SEN Surgery

Every Wednesday afternoon, Miss Black and Mrs Hewitt set aside time to meet families to discuss the needs of their child. This may include historical or new concerns, processes for assessment and support in understanding different behaviours. Teachers may direct families to make a meeting, parents might book a slot if they have concerns or the SEN Team may call a family and ask them to book a slot. The meetings are held over the phone and aim to be supportive and keep the school and family on the same page with regards to the child's needs. To book an appointment, please call the office and ask Mrs Hewitt or Miss Black to book you a slot.

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## FRENCH CLUB

Le Club Francais will be returning to Herne Bay Junior School again this year to offer a fun French club for the children. The cost is £75 for an 11-week term starting on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. The sessions run at lunch times.

If your child would like to participate, please complete the form attached to this newsletter and return it, with payment, to the address given.

## PE KIT

- Coloured T- Shirt in 'House' colour
- All black or navy shorts (not lycra)
- All black or navy jogging bottoms
- School sweatshirt
- Sports Trainers
- A pair of plimsolls or gym shoes should be kept in school for indoor PE

Kits are to be worn on PE days only:

Monday - Year 5

Tuesday - Year 4

Thursday - Year 3

Friday - Year 6

If your child joins a sports club that runs on an alternative day to the class PE session, they will need to bring their kit to school to change into.

Children are required to bring in wellies for their forest sessions.

## CLEANER

We are currently advertising for a cleaner to join our fantastic team. If you would be interested in this position, please apply via the advert on Kent Teach : [Support Job Vacancies \(kent-teach.com\)](https://www.kent-teach.com)

## STAR OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children who were identified as last week's Stars of the Week.

3AR Clive Asensoh

3BW Paige Till

3MC Jack Leeds

3WH Bobby Nichol

4JL Dillon Williams

4KD Athena Crick

4OS Godson Simon

4WK Elsie Gilmour

5BP Billie Foster

5BR Freddie Styles

5EW Mason Eagle

5JN Ollie Foster

6ALT Stanley Waldron

6CC Frederick Wheatley

6LS Demi McMullen

6SE Cooper Smith

The school will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> September, to honour the life of our late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

With my best wishes,



Melody Kingman  
Headteacher

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