



Friday 11th November 2022

TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

Next Week:

- 14th – 18th November – Anti-bullying Week (see the paragraph under Mental Health & Wellbeing for further information)
- 14th – 18th November – Year 3 'AR drop-in' sessions for parents 2:30pm: 14th - 3MC, 15th - 3BW, 16th - 3WH, 18th - 3AR
- 14th November – Odd Sock Day (Celebrating Differences)
- 14th November – School Council Tombola: 3pm – 3:30pm in the school courtyard (see information paragraph below)
- 15th November – School Choir opening the Canterbury Garden Centre Christmas Shopping Event 5:30pm onwards. All welcome.
- 18th November – Non-uniform Day in return for £1 to raise money for Children in Need (HBHS annual Dance Dash)

23rd November – Year 6 Solar for Schools Workshop

25th November – PTA fundraising event 7:15pm 'Delilah and Anita's Bingo'

1st December – Pantomime – 6:30pm meet at The Marlowe (9:45pm pick up)

6th December – Year 2 parents Open Morning

7th December – Years 5 & 6 Christmas Dinner (children may wear their Christmas jumper)

8th December – Years 3 & 4 Christmas Dinner (children may wear their Christmas jumper)

9th December – Years 3 parents invited to see children's termly projects 9am

9th December – Years 4 parents invited to see children's termly projects 9:30am

9th December – Years 5 parents invited to see children's termly projects (time to be confirmed)

12th December - Year 6 Christmas party

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16th December – End of term **School closes at 1:15pm**

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 – Start of Term 3

Today is Remembrance Day and this was marked in school by joining the national 2-minute silence. Children were encouraged to think about those that have lost their lives in conflict, more recently those in Ukraine. Through the curriculum, children learn about the World Wars and the significance of these historic events in shaping our lives today.

Next Friday is Children in Need and our children are invited to attend school wearing non-school uniform in return for £1 donation. Herne Bay High School will be racing across Herne Bay to perform their 'dance dash' routines to the Primary, Infant and Junior schools in the district. We are expecting them at 10am where they will perform on the playground to our eager crowd of children. All donations that we receive from our non-uniform collection will be passed on to Herne Bay High School team. They will donate the money as a collective from us all.

Attached to this week's newsletter is an up to date copy of our school uniform and PE kit list. School uniform at Herne Bay Junior School is mandatory and it is an expectation that children come wearing clothing that meets the required specification. We

strongly believe that wearing school uniform unites the children providing a shared identity and sense of belonging.

We have ensured that our uniform requirements allow parents to purchase clothing that is affordable but recognise that there may be challenges as the cost of living crisis continues. If you are not in a position to purchase uniform for your child, please contact Mrs Evett-Collins or Mrs Edwards who, in confidence, will signpost you to the relevant support.

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 94.21%. Overall attendance to date is 94.86%.

Well done to who 3AR, 3MC, and 6ALT who all achieved 97+% attendance this week.

175 children remain in the 100 club with 100% attendance. 193 pupils currently have attendance of 98% or above.

152 late codes were recorded in the last week. Please ensure that your child arrives at school **by 8:45am** each day.

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HOUSE POINTS

Red House are the winners this week with 208 points – well done!

Yellow House – 193 points

Blue House – 191 points

Green House – 191 points

PTA FUNDRAISING EVENT

There are still tickets available for 'Delilah and Anita's Bingo' event on 25th November. Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for details.

The work of our PTA is vital in order to raise much-needed funds that provide access to additional resources for the children; something that our school budget simply cannot reach.

Please do come along and support – you will be guaranteed an evening of fun, laughter and friendship.

SCHOOL COUNCIL TOMBOLA

School Council are running a tombola in the courtyard after school on Monday 14th November.

Tombola: 1 ticket for 25p. 5 tickets for £1.

Prize every time stall: £1.

In the event of wet weather, the tombola will be moved to Tuesday 15th.

All proceeds will be divided between our 'Little Free Library' project and the Forest Area.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK: 'REACH OUT'

Anti-Bullying Week is the 14th – 18th November and this year's theme is 'Reach Out'. The aim is to remind everyone that whether it's in school, at home, in the community or online, we must reach out to others if we need support and equally, we must show support to those who need it.

Monday 14th November is **Odd Socks Day**. Odd Socks Day is a chance for schools to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a positive way by asking pupils and staff to wear odd socks to celebrate difference. There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or buy expensive costumes – children just need to wear odd socks with their school uniform – the brighter and wackier, the better!

If you would like to find out more about the week, go to: [Anti-Bullying Week \(anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk\)](https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk). You might also like to watch the Anti-Bullying Week video with your child at home: [Anti-Bullying Week 2022: Reach Out - official Primary School film - YouTube](#)

ROAD SAFETY WEEK 14TH- 20TH NOVEMBER 2022

With the annual Road Safety Week fast approaching, now is a good time to remind your children of how to stay safe near roads. Teaching children pedestrian road safety skills is an important part of growing up and becoming independent, safer road users. www.kentroadsafety.info/what-we-do/small-steps/ will take you to a number of videos to support your child to understand key pedestrian and road safety skills.

We have also attached to this newsletter a very useful and practical Road Safety Activity Booklet.

LEARNING NEWS AND INFORMATION

Learn and practise through games

There are lots of apps available for children to learn and practise their key Maths facts whether that's addition and subtraction or multiplication and division. They can be a great way to engage children at home in some additional practise. One of those apps is 1-minute maths by White Rose Maths. It offers children engaging and easily accessible practise in basic number. There's no specific route or starting point. Having chosen a topic, each user answers a series of randomly generated questions (a different set every time means they learn the concept, not a sequence of answers). When the minute is up, the questions are automatically marked and presented on a breakdown screen, giving instant feedback on how they've done. It is suitable for children throughout Key Stage 2, with a clear, intuitive user interface. It does not require a login or internet access and it is ad-free, making it a safe app to use. **It is also free!** Search on your chosen app store or click the link for further information: [1-minute maths | Maths App | White Rose Maths](#)

If you would prefer a more 'old school' approach, family board games are also a great way to practise those key maths facts and skills. With the evenings getting darker earlier, it is the perfect time to dust off those cupboard games. Dice games are a great way to practise subitising (a much-needed skill whereby children are able to look at a small group of objects and determine how many there are without counting) and addition. Classic maths games like Shut the Box are fun, easy to learn and hard to put down. Equally, logic-based games such as Rush Hour are fantastic for developing strategic thinking. There are so many Maths opportunities that can be created through playing dominoes or simply picking up a pack of playing cards. It doesn't just have to be about Maths either. Games like Junior Scrabble and Boggle will help support children with developing their spelling and vocabulary. Games are such a great way to learn, practise and explore so why not dig out those board games this weekend and see what fun can be had!

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INCLUSION TEAM NEWS

SEN News

Is taking your child to the hairdresser difficult? Children can react to new situations and make some appointments very tricky. The Chair, [Hairdressers In Canterbury | Hair Stylists & Beauty Salon In Canterbury \(the-chair.co.uk\)](http://the-chair.co.uk) in Canterbury offer a specialised service to children and adults with Special Needs to ensure they feel comfortable and positive about the hair cutting experience. They offer consultations in a calm environment to ensure the wants and difficulties of the client are heard.

SEN Surgery

SEN Surgery is a chance for you to discuss your child in more depth and in a private manner. You might be worried about your child's social interaction, speech and language skills or their academic progress. Call the office and ask to speak to Tracey Hewitt or Sammy Black to book in.

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

Holiday Activities and Food programme

Families of children aged 4 to 16 years, who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals, can access opportunities in the Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays for free. The HAF Programme aims to support the physical and mental health and wellbeing of children and young people in Kent, encouraging them to engage in interactive and fun activities and provide them with access to nutritious food.

This programme is funded by the Department for Education (DfE) to provide support for families in Kent to access these holiday activities for free.

Find out more about the programme and see if you are eligible at [HAF Programme - welcome information for families \(theeducationpeople.org\)](http://theeducationpeople.org)

Understanding Behaviour: online parent workshop

Are you currently experiencing difficulties with your child at home? Would you like to come and meet with other parents & carers and learn about ways to enjoy your time more with your child?

The NHS Emotional Wellbeing Team are running a workshop on the 14th November (5.30-7.30pm) about understanding and communicating with your child. It will also help you consider factors which influence behaviour and discuss techniques that you can use at home for behaviours that you feel are difficult to manage.

To join the free Teams workshop, click the link in the poster attached to this newsletter.

INCLUSION BEAR

Nominated:

Elsie, Holly and Grace in 3AR all nominated each other for being good friends. They are always there for each other and make each other smile and cheer each other up if they are sad.

Kiera in 6LS nominated Holly in 3AR. Kiera said that Holly is the best sister in the world. She always has a loving smile on her face and I love her hugs. She doesn't realise what a good sister she is.

Lois nominated Teodora and Elsie in 6LS because they are always there for her when she feels down and if she is lonely, they comfort her. She said "They really are my best friends".

Reuben nominated Noah in 4OS for always having a smile on his face and for being the best friend he could ever ask for.

Awarded to:

Lilly-Marie nominated Rebecca W in 6LS. She said that Becky helps her with her writing in class. She always looks out for her and they laugh and have fun together. Lilly-Marie said Becky is a very special best friend.

ROCKING READERS

Miss Wilkinson recognised the sustained efforts of 5BP today. This class have consistently scored well in their AR quizzing since the start of the school year, never dropping below 80%. Their term 2 scores have been 95% & 89% and, this week, their average time spent reading has been 27 minutes. This is a great class effort that deserves the recognition 🏆

SPORTS NEWS

It has been a busy week of sport at HBJS!

On Wednesday afternoon, our newly formed basketball team travelled to Herne Bay High School to take part in the Kent Coastal Partnership Basketball Competition. Following wins in all their group matches, they went forward to the semi-final where they beat Swalecliffe Primary 4-0 leading them to the final against Herne Juniors. Herne were the winning team but our children fought brilliantly to finish the tournament in 2nd position. They each came home with a Silver Medal – well done!

Yesterday afternoon our Boys A Team played in a football match against Hernhill Primary School winning 5-2. The coach from the opposing team commented on the good sportsmanship of our boys throughout the match. Well done boys - keep going!

SPORTS AWARD

Fletcher McKinnon in 4JL was identified by Mr Hobbs to receive the award this week. Fletcher has shown himself to be ready and eager in PE by demonstrating great participation 😊

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CANTERBURY GARDEN CENTRE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENT

A reminder that our Choir will be singing at the opening of the Christmas Shopping Event at Canterbury Garden Centre on Tuesday 15th November starting at 5:30pm. Do please come along to support our children and take the opportunity to start your Christmas shopping!

STAR OF THE WEEK

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

3AR Ralph Austin
3BW Daisy Khangura
3MC Lexi Sidwell
3WH Renee Lake

4JL Amelie Potter and Lily Cotgrove
4KD Leanne Ryder
4OS Belle Bass
4WK Laila Gilbert

5BP Frazer Hutton
5BR Josh Von Graevnitz
5EW Dylan Baxter
5JN Bobby Willmott

6ALT Evah-Rose Fosker
6CC Ben Araujo
6LS Sankeeth Kannan
6SE Connor Leggatt

This weekend, I hope that you manage to find time to be outdoors in nature while the good weather holds.

Warm wishes,



Melody Kingman
Headteacher

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