



Friday 14th January 2022

COVID-19 INFORMATION

You must self-isolate straight away and book a PCR test if you have any of these 3 symptoms of COVID-19: a high temperature, a new continuous cough, a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

You must self-isolate straight away if you've tested positive for COVID-19 by LFD test.

Please see [Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection) for isolation guidance.

If someone you live with is isolating due to testing positive, you **do not** need to self-isolate if any of the following apply:

- You're fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine
- You're under 18 years, 6 months old
- You're taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial
- You're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

If the above applies, and you are aged 5 years and over you are strongly advised to:

- Take an LFD test every day for 7 days, or until 10 days since your last contact with the person who tested positive for COVID-19 if this is earlier
- Take this daily test before you leave the household for the first time that day

If you are unsure whether you or a family member should self-isolate, please visit www.gov.uk/coronavirus or call 111 for further advice. Mr Foremen and Mrs Botzet are also available via the school office.

As a school that recognises the importance of good mental health, the teaching of coping mechanisms is integral to support the children in managing challenging or difficult situations. Teaching strategies such as 'being mindful' and 'being present in the moment' are promoted by our staff to encourage the children to have a greater sense of wellbeing and of the world around them.

This time of year, when the days are at their shortest, many people struggle to feel motivated, tiredness and fatigue are more likely to be experienced and we naturally yearn for daylight. It is at these times that we have to find it within ourselves to seek positive signs and opportunities. It is tempting to stay indoors to avoid the cold or gloominess of winter but time outdoors during the daylight hours can be hugely beneficial. Every day, we aim for the children to spend part of the school day outside either during play times or in their learning and we recognise the benefit of this through the way in which they engage – it really does have a positive effect on their ability to focus and participate in their learning!

Mr Hobbs will be offering the opportunity for early morning outdoor sports to children in Years 5 & 6 for terms 3 and 4. Letters have gone out and we have already had a good uptake in interest. The sessions begin at 8am and will be the perfect opportunity to start the day by being active.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance across the school has been much better this last week at 95.65%. It has helped to pull our overall attendance up to 94.98%.

Well done to the following classes for achieving 97%+: 3WH, 4MC, 4IK, 5PS, 5BP, 6SE and 6LS.

115 children remain in the 100 club.

INCLUSION TEAM NEWS

Kent Psychology Service are offering support to families with children who have:

- **Social and emotional issues**
- **Concerns about learning**
- **Family relationships**
- **Concerns about behaviour**
- **Daily routines including sleep**

This is a free service first set up in Spring 2020. See the attached form for more details.

SEN Surgery

Our SEN Surgery continues to be a useful resource for parents who wish to discuss the needs of their child, processes to secure additional support and information regarding assessments. The appointments are 30mins long and held over the phone hosted by three members of staff, Sammy Black (SENCO), Tracey Hewitt (SEN Assistant), Rowena Evett-Collins (Deputy Head Teacher

Compassion, Courage, Hope, Integrity, Justice, Respect, Responsibility, Wisdom



for Inclusion). We would always advise a conversation with your child's class teacher initially to ensure that you have the full picture of how your child presents in school.

This term, SEN Surgery runs on Wednesday afternoons with appointments available at 1:15pm, 1:45pm and 2:15pm. Please call the office and ask to speak to one of the above adults to book in a slot.

#WAKEUPWEDNESDAY

What parents need to know about Fortnite Chapter 3

First released in 2017, Fortnite has become one of the most popular games in the world. It currently has around 350 million registered players. It began life exclusively as a 'Battle Royale' contest, where up to 100 online player characters would fight – with weaponry including rifles, handguns and rocket launchers – to be the last one standing. Today, it features multiple modes which each offer something different (although some modes, such as 'Save the World', are only available on certain platforms). In the guide attached to the newsletter, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as scams, in-app purchases and user-controlled content.

INCLUSION BEAR

Nominations -

Mrs Roman nominated Aubree in 3AR for Patch this week as she gave her, Mrs King and Mrs Brett some beautiful flowers that really brightened their day.

Erica and Lilly in 6SE nominated Evie for looking after a boy in Year 5 when he got hurt and they thought it was a real act of kindness.

Mrs Hager nominated 6SE. Having covered the class for Mrs Easton she said 'They have been so supportive and helpful this week towards me. They have been especially patient regarding anything computer based (I am the world's worst on computer!). I really don't think I would have coped as well as I have if it wasn't for them. A big thank you'.

Awarded to -

Lacie in 5PS who showed kindness and compassion towards another child in Year 5 when they came into school upset. It made a real difference to that child to know someone cared and it put a smile on their face. Well done and thank you, Lacie 😊

ROCKING READERS

The Rocking Reader trophy has been awarded to a class for their improvement in reading. This class has increased their average quiz scores to 84% as well as adding 10 mins to their average time spent reading. Well done... 3BH!

3BW were awarded the Meerkat prize for being the class that has reduced the number of books that are outstanding by the most this last week.

Well done to 6LS for the best average quiz scores across the school (96%) and to 5BP for the most amount of time spent reading (average 27 minutes a day).

SPORTS AWARD

Mr Hobbs awarded the Sports trophy to Year 5 this week for their fantastic effort in Netball. They have been learning vital skills related to the game and I am sure that there will be some children that will want to practise these at home too!

STAR OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children for being identified as our Stars of the Week.

3AR	Alex Stumpf
3BW	Seth Thompson
3CC	Bobby Clifton-Ratray
3WH	Ziyad Barakat
4HO	Darcy White
4IK	Reggie Elvidge
4MC	Solomon McKenzie
4WK	Abhin Sujith
5BP	Poppy Lendon
5EW	Kyra Hoang
5JN	Dahli Mills-Davison
5PS	Flynn Townson
6CS	Samuel Fitchett
6KDO	Gokay Yidizkaya
6LS	Kairon King
6SE	Charlie Bath

I hope that you all find the opportunity to spend some time outdoors in daylight this weekend 😊

With my warm wishes,



Melody Kingman
Head Teacher

Compassion, Courage, Hope, Integrity, Justice, Respect, Responsibility, Wisdom



Healthy School



Compassion, Courage, Hope, Integrity, Justice, Respect, Responsibility, Wisdom



Healthy School

