



Friday 16th September 2022

TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

Next week

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

3rd – 6th October – Book Fair
5th October – Sponsored Event (to raise money for a new school defibrillator)
14th October – Harvest Festival
18th October – Parents Evening 5pm – 8pm
19th October – Parents Evening 3:30pm – 6pm
19th October – Mr Egypt – Year 4 classes (revised date)
21st October – **End of Term 1**

Another week has passed by quickly and it feels as though the children have been in their new classes for longer than two weeks! We have been very impressed by the way in which they have settled and engaged with their class adults and new routines. It has been a delight to get acquainted with some of the Year 3 children already and I look forward to getting to know them all over the coming year.

This morning, in our celebration assembly, we enjoyed sharing the many successes of children across the school. One class in particular stood out, being recognised for their excellent attendance, impressive achievement in reading and for their model behaviour as they waited patiently for the school to arrive for assembly; well done 3AR! I can already see how they will work together as a team to achieve success this year.

Earlier in the week, you were emailed a letter from Jane Rye, Vice-Chair of Governors, informing you of a Parent Governor vacancy. This is an opportunity for you to serve the local community in a voluntary role to support the senior leadership team in driving the strategic development of the school. If you would like to apply, please complete the personal statement template that you will find within the letter that was emailed to you on Tuesday.

Since returning to school, we have noticed that the volume of traffic in Kings Road has increased. As a very busy road, it poses a risk to pedestrians when motorists park illegally or stop suddenly to let their child out of the car. Please do consider the safety of our children and families when driving or parking outside the school.

We have also been observing the human traffic within the front of the grounds when the children leave at the end of the day. We recognise that congestion has been created by the number of

children exiting and will be making changes that will take place from next Tuesday 20th September.

Children in Year 6 (only) will leave from the car park entrance. They will be accompanied by their class adults as usual. If they meet you or a sibling from the lower school they will be asked to walk down Kings Road to the main entrance of the school. They will no longer be able to exit via the side gate.

Children in Years 4 & 5 will exit via the side gate as usual. Children in Year 3 will exit via the main reception.

Main reception will be closed to parents from 3:10pm – 3:25pm. Please avoid entry at this time for safeguarding purposes.

May I also remind you that the main reception is also closed between 8:35am and 8:45am while the children are entering the school.

Attached to this newsletter is the updated term dates for your information. The last two Staff Development Day dates have been added: 17th April 2023 and 26th May 2023. The school will be closed for pupils on both these days.

Finally, a reminder that the school will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday, 19th September.

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 95.86%. Overall attendance this year is 96.27%.

Well done to 3AR, 3BW, 3MC, 5EW and all Year 6 classes who achieved 97+% attendance this week.

347 children remain in the 100 club.

347 pupils currently have attendance of 98% or above.

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HOUSE POINTS

Yellow House are the winners this week with 249 points – well done!

Blue House – 223 points

Red House – 222 points

Green House – 203points

LEARNING NEWS AND INFORMATION

Reporting to parents

As a school, we report information on your child’s attainment and progress at various points throughout the year. This is done through parent consultations, summary reports and full written reports. The schedule below details which reports you can expect and when.

Outside of this schedule, teachers are available to discuss your child’s progress should you have any questions. Please contact the school office or speak to the teacher on the courtyard to make an appointment.

	Years 3, 4 & 5	Year 6
Term 1	Parent Consultations	
Term 2	Attainment and attendance summary	
Term 3		Parent Consultations
Term 4	Full written report	Attainment and attendance summary
Term 5		
Term 6	Parent Consultations End of year attainment and attendance summary	End of year full written report and SATs results

Secondary school application information for Year 6 parents.

This is a reminder to all Year 6 parents that the online application window for children enrolling into Year 7 in September 2023 **opened on Thursday 1st September 2022 and will close at midnight 31st October 2022**. Attached to this newsletter is an informative leaflet outlining the process and key dates to remember. The leaflet is interactive; just click on the links to be taken straight to the KCC website. If you have any queries, you can contact the admissions team via kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk or ask in the school office.

INCLUSION TEAM NEWS

SEN News

Following the previous inspection that took place between 28 January and 1 February 2019, Ofsted and the CQC will conduct a 3-day revisit to Kent from Tuesday 27th to Thursday 29th September 2022. Attached to this newsletter is a letter from Ofsted and CQC inviting parents and carers to complete a survey. We recommend that you take this opportunity to respond; the online survey will be open from midday on the 20th September.

Course for siblings of children with ASC/ASD

Do you have a child with ASC/ASD and siblings who struggle to understand them? There is a course your children can attend to help them understand the difficulties neuro-diverse people face. St Nicholas School in Canterbury is hosting a 3-part course for siblings to attend. They’ll learn about autism and be able to ask questions in a safe environment. This course is considered being ‘Educated off-site’ and will not affect your child’s attendance at school. See the attached poster for more information about the course and how to book.



Would you be interested in becoming a foster carer or helping young people on their journey to adulthood and independence?



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Kent Fostering and Supported Homes are looking for new carers and hosts to join their outstanding fostering community in helping to care for some of Kent's most vulnerable children and young people.

Kent Fostering

Children need foster care for many different reasons: relationship problems at home, a family breakdown or a situation where their welfare is threatened. Kent Fostering offer children and young people in Kent a safe and nurturing home when they are unable to live with their birth family.

There are many different types of foster care. Some foster carers will care for children in an emergency until long-term arrangements can be made, whilst others will look after children on a short-term basis until the child can return home or move on to a permanent home.

Kent Supported Homes

The transition to adulthood is not one that is easy for many young people, and particularly for those young people who have been in care because of trauma and breakdown in their own family. Kent Supported Homes provides accommodation therefore, for young people and care leavers aged between 16 and 21, who are not yet ready to live independently. Kent Supported Homes enables young people to develop confidence, emotional resilience, and independent living skills in a safe and supportive setting, allowing them to move on from the arrangement by the time they reach the age of 21, or in some circumstances 25 if they are in further education.

If you are interested and want to find out more about this support, please see the attachments to this newsletter.

INCLUSION BEAR

Nominations:

Miss Black nominated Emma C for her friendship to others. She is able to stay true to herself and play kindly with all children.

Holly in 3AR nominated Elsie B 3AR "for being a great friend and helping me start in Year 3."

Mr Chaplin nominated Lily-Jean who has taken Taylah (who is new to our school) under her wing and has shared her friends and time wonderfully to make sure that Taylah has had a happy start in HBJS.

Mrs Bryant nominated Ruby for being so helpful to other children on Friday afternoon last week when the class were making fans. She helped them to construct the fans so that they stayed together. Thank you so much Ruby!

Demi in 6LS nominated all teachers and TAs for:

1. Being kind
2. Loving
3. Good
4. And cuddles

Connor in 6ALT nominated the TAs and Mrs Lewis-Taggart for being so kind; "they even got me a birthday card!"

Ms Findeis nominated Athena in 4KD as she checked up on Elijah in 4JL when he was upset and spoke to the TA too. Elijah from 4JL nominated Kardelen for always being kind to him. He said "she will be my best friend forever!"

Milly in 4OS nominated Daisy for being a great person to the class, "she is a great helper and is amazing and kind. She is a great friend too."

Awarded to:

Miss Wilkinson nominated Leon in 3WH.

Another child in the class was struggling to open the box of colouring pencils. Leon noticed this and without being asked he got up from his seat and politely asked if they would like any help and opened it for them.

It is worth noting that Leon is new to the Herne Bay family as he has moved from out of the area this summer 😊

ROCKING READERS

3AR are the first winners of the award! They have got off to a great start with Accelerated Reader by achieving an average of 92% in their quiz scores. They also read for an average of 14 minutes per day – well done children!

LIBRARIANS

Miss Wilkinson also introduced us to our Librarians for the year:

Lacie – 6ALT

Amelia H – 6LS

Addison – 6SE

Harper – 6CC

These children will be available to support others when choosing books as well as helping Mr Tadman to keep the library organised and tidy.

NETSTARS WHITSTABLE

Do you have a child that is interested in or enjoys playing netball? If so, please see the flyer attached to this newsletter with information about a club that runs in Whitstable on Saturday mornings.

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STAR OF THE WEEK

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

3AR George McCarthy

3BW Koby Moon

3MC Sonnie O'Shea

3WH Lara Wright

4JL Seth Thompson

4KD Jacob Foad

4OS Luca Nugent-Watkins

4WK Kais

5BP Robert Gregory

5BR Jacob Goodchild

5EW Jessica

5KD Sol McKenzie

6ALT Raynie Hillman

6CC Hermione Gilbert

6LS Kyra Hoang

6SE Sofe Irvine

As a sign of respect for the passing of Queen Elizabeth, a Book of Condolence to commemorate her life has been placed within the internal reception area of the school. We have invited staff and children to write a message if they wish to do so. This will be kept by the school for future pupils to read within the curriculum.

As we come to the end of the period of national mourning, marked by the funeral of Queen Elizabeth on Monday, I am sure that we will all reflect and be grateful for the love and security of significant people in our lives.

I wish you all a happy and peaceful weekend.

Warm wishes,



Melody Kingman
Headteacher

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