



Friday 18th March 2022

COVID RELATED NEWS

Individuals presenting with covid-19 symptoms

If children develop one of the 3 main symptoms of Covid-19 (a new continuous cough, a high temperature, a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)), then you [should order a PCR test](#). Children are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people while they are waiting for the test result. If they test positive then please follow the guidance below; if they test negative then they may return to school and carry on with normal routines, presuming they feel well enough.

Isolating after a confirmed positive PCR test

Many people will no longer be infectious to others after 5 days, however we would ask that children take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms followed by another LFD test the next day. If both these test results are negative, and they do not have a high temperature, the risk that they are still infectious is much lower and they can safely return to school and their normal routines. LFD test kits may be ordered from here: [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)

As we all continue to be greatly moved by the plight of Ukrainian families, it is understandable that our response to the KAH appeal has been overwhelmingly positive. By Monday afternoon, our office area was filled with items that had been generously gifted by our children and families. Ian and Amanda Hills delivered our donations to the drop-off point in Folkestone on Tuesday morning. They reported that two containers at the site had already been filled with another likely to be needed to transport everything safely to the Ukrainian border. Our grateful thanks go to Mr and Mrs Hills for delivering our donations and to all those of you who contributed so generously. Further fund-raising efforts are being planned by the children within school, led by School Council.

Thank you also for supporting the Red Nose Appeal by donating £1 in return for wearing red/ non-uniform; another very worthy cause.

Today we said farewell to Mrs Smith and Mrs Dare-Ojo as both ladies begin their maternity leave. We are looking forward to hearing news of the safe delivery of their babies very soon. Such a perfect time of year to welcome a new baby to the family!

ATTENDANCE

Attendance last week was 91.04. Despite a lot of illness currently, 4WK achieved 98%.

We hope that the current wave of illness soon passes and that we can return to the good health and attendance that we usually attain – staff as well as children!

PTA NEWS

Mother's Day Shop:

The Mother's Day Shop will be open next week for all pupils.

The days for each year group are as follows:

Monday- Y6

Tuesday-Y3

Wednesday-Y4

Thursday-Y5

Friday- any children who have missed the shop will be able to visit during the morning.

Please send your child in with a named carrier bag and their money in a named envelope with a list of who they would like to buy for.

Easter egg competition

Your child will have the opportunity to take part in our Easter Colouring Competition.

The template will be brought home by them today.

CHILDREN- For your chance to win an Easter egg, decorate your egg and hand it in to your class teacher with £1 attached by Wednesday 30th March.

There will be a prize for each year group!

Easter Disco

Your child will be bringing home a copy of the Easter Disco Permission letter today. A copy is also attached to the newsletter. The Disco will take place on Thursday 21st April and will cost £2.50

Our amazing PTA dedicate their own time to allow these events to take place.

If you are able to offer any help at all please contact them at hernebaypta@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!

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TEACHING & LEARNING

Children stay late for an evening of forest activities

Not all learning takes place in the classroom and not all learning takes place in daylight! This week, 16 children from across years 3 to 6 returned to school for an evening of forest activities. The children learnt how to cook dough twists and fresh fish on the campfire, before toasting marshmallows for pudding! The following day, Ivy enjoyed mopping up the leftovers as she hunted through the forest area on her morning walk.

We're very keen to continue using our wonderful forest in similar ways, so look out for news of more opportunities in the future. Photos are available here:

[Children stay late for an evening of forest activities - Herne Bay Junior School \(hernebay-jun.kent.sch.uk\)](#)

INCLUSION TEAM NEWS

Our SEN Surgery continues to be popular for parents to voice their concerns and discuss difficulties they are facing with their children. Children do not need to have any diagnosis or be on the SEN Register to be discussed. The slots are 30 minutes long and allow families to discuss and problem solve with the SEN Team. Please call via the school office to book a slot. Appointments are generally on a Wednesday afternoon but other times will be considered if necessary.

Specialist Teaching and Learning Service (STLS)

STLS are running the CYGNET SEXUAL WELL-BEING COURSE FOR PARENTS

If you would like to sign up for the Cynet 3-day course for parents, please complete the attached booking form. This three-session course is designed for parents/carers of children/young people with autism aged 7-18, to help them develop their understanding and confidence relating to puberty, sexual wellbeing and relationships and how they impact children on the autistic spectrum. An existing understanding of Autism is preferred.

The course will run from 1pm-3.15pm at Riverside Children's centre, Canterbury on the following dates: 20th April, 9th May and 25th May 2022.

Supporting your Child with Worries and Fears: online workshop

Are your child's worries and fears starting to impact their day to day life? Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to support your child so they can manage their concerns and enjoy themselves more?

The Emotional Wellbeing Team are inviting you to a workshop about supporting your child with their worries and fears on the 22nd March at 5pm. The workshop will focus on understanding what anxiety is, the symptoms you may notice in your child and some techniques to help manage this anxiety.

You do not need to sign up to the workshop, simply click on the Teams link on the poster attached to this newsletter.

INCLUSION BEAR

Nominations -

Mrs Ingram nominated Mrs Hill in 4IK as she wanted to let her know that she appreciated her going above and beyond to support her in class this week, always showing care and compassion to the children. It hasn't gone unnoticed.

Oliver nominated Jack in 3CC because whenever he is sad, he cheers him up.

Mrs Dixon nominated Lilly from 3CC. "Maya in our class often struggles at break and lunch when her cousin is off school due to English not being her first language. Lilly has worked really hard to build a friendship with Maya so she feels less alone. One day, Maya was tearful due to her cousin not being in class but by the end of the day she was really happy and told me, 'I am happy Lilly is my friend, she is nice to me, my new BFF'."

Mrs Smith nominated 5PS for Patch this week. She said "They have come together as a class so wonderfully this year. They always show resilience when changes occur and never fail to support each other (and the adults!). When they found out I was pregnant, they were so excited even though it meant another change was on its way. Every day, they offer to help me, pick things up for me, and they always wish my baby a happy break and lunch time. It has been an absolute pleasure to teach them – they have come so far in such a short space of time. I know they will welcome their new teacher and continue to work together because it is part of the class ethos. Thank you 5PS!"

Awarded to -

Charlie Dixon in 6LS nominated Ivy and Elsie in 5JN. The peer mentors go and have their lunch early and last week she had no one to sit with so they invited her to sit with them. Well done Ivy and Elsie! You will all make great Peer Mentors.

ROCKING READERS

Rocking Reader trophy was awarded to 5JN who, for 6 consecutive weeks, have achieved an average of 90+% in their AR quizzes – well done team!

The highest scoring year group this week is Year 6 with a quiz score average of 93% - 6LS with an impressive 96%!

The highest number of minutes spent reading goes to 3CC who have achieved an astounding 34 minutes per day spent reading! Our Meerkat was awarded to 5BP who have no outstanding books due back to the library.

EASTER HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB

Please see the attached flyer regarding a free Easter holiday Bible club being offered by Herne Bay Evangelical Free Church, in Hampton. The club is free of charge and will run from 6th to 8th April from 9-12pm.

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STRODE PARK EASTER EGG HUNT

Please find attached details of Strode Park Foundation's Easter Egg Hunt 2022 which is being held on Easter Saturday from 10am to 1.30pm. Booking is necessary – see the flyer for more information.

STAR OF THE WEEK

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

3AR Alex Stumpf
3BW Phoebe White
3CC Lucas Kimberley
3WH Athena Crick

4HO Daisy Ellis
4IK Ellen Foxley
4MC Freddie Crouch
4WK Max Reilly

5BP Jessica Critchley
5EW Hollie Blackwell
5JN Alesha Sidwell
5PS Albert Cater

6CS Dulcie Marsh
6KDO George Sutherland
6LS Jake Holmes
6SE Antonia Dinesescu & Kayleigh

I wish you all a warm and happy weekend.
With my best wishes,



Melody Kingman
Head Teacher

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