



Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

## TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

### First week of term

31<sup>st</sup> October – Staff Development Day – School will be CLOSED for children

1<sup>st</sup> November – **Start of Term 2**

3<sup>rd</sup> November – Flu immunisations

As we come to the end of term 1, it is important to reflect and consider how well the children have settled in such a few short weeks. All of the children have transitioned well into their new classes and it has been wonderful to celebrate their achievements with you all during our Parents Evenings. There was a lovely atmosphere on both evenings as parents and teachers talked about the children and their achievements. Thank you to all those who attended.

On Wednesday, the children enjoyed an Art day inspired by Black History Month. Each year group focused on a particular artist; Y3- Romare Bearden, Y4- Alma Thomas, Y5- Romare Bearden and Y6- Carolyn Mims Lawrence. Photos of the day were posted on our Facebook page and a feature has been uploaded to our website; do take a look!

Lots of children enjoyed last night's spooky themed Halloween Disco. Thank you to our PTA for organising and hosting the event and to all the parents who volunteered their time to help.

House Points for the whole of the term were collated on Wednesday and the winning house announced in assembly. Well done to the Yellow House who are enjoying their well-earned treat of a non-uniform day today.

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October is a Staff Development Day. We look forward to seeing the children on 1<sup>st</sup> November as we start Term 2.

### ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 94.73%. Overall attendance to date is 95.31%.

Well done to 3BW, 3MC, 4OS and 6SE who achieved 97+% attendance this week.

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

### HOUSE POINTS

**Yellow** House are the winners this term with 1468 points – well done!

**Blue** House – 1444 points

**Red** House – 1368 points

**Green** House – 1278 points

### LEARNING NEWS AND INFORMATION

#### Kent Test Results and Secondary School Applications

Kent Test results were emailed out to parents this week. If you have not received the results, please check your SPAM folder or contact the school. If, having reviewed the results, you need support in identifying the next steps for your child, please contact the school office.

Don't forget, every Year 6 child will need to complete a secondary school admissions form. We encourage you to select four choices – naming the same school multiple times does not increase the odds of being allocated a place there and can result in some anxiety in the Spring if your child is not allocated a school of your choosing. The deadline for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October. Applications for secondary school places can be made at [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola). If you are unable to access the online site, please email [kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk) as soon as possible so that they can provide you with the alternate method of application.

### INCLUSION TEAM NEWS

#### Do you struggle to help your child in regulating their emotions?

Please come along to the workshop being run by Miss Black and Mrs Hewitt.

We will be looking at resources and ideas used in school that are designed to help the children learn to name their emotions and how to deal with them when they are heightened.

The session is a chance to ask questions, talk through difficulties and hear suggestions from other parents in the same situation as you.

No need to book just come to one of the dates below.

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2-3pm

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 9-10am

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## #WAKEUPWEDNESDAY

### What parents need to know about Amazon Fire Tablets

The Amazon Fire Tablet is a popular choice: not only are Amazon's own-brand devices more affordable than most other tablets on the market, but some models are designed specifically for youngsters (the Fire 7 Kids, Fire 8 HD and Fire HD 10 are aimed at ages 3–7, for example, while the 'Pro' range is geared toward 6 to 12-year-olds). Fires come with access to a wealth of entertaining content, from child-friendly TV shows and videos to age-appropriate games and eBooks. In the guide attached to the newsletter, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as potential addiction, getting locked out of your device and faulty older models.

### PE KIT

A reminder about the correct PE kit to wear in school.

- 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

### Separated Parents Policy

Research and experience have shown that separated parents can work well together in the best interests of their children and together can play a role in their children's education. However, some parents become estranged, and struggle to work together or in the best interests of their children, especially during the initial stages of their separation. This is very often traumatic for any child concerned where personal family problems can have an impact on both the children and the schools the children attend.

We have developed a Separated Parents Policy that can be accessed via the school website from Term 2. This policy is an attempt to minimise any impact, clarify to all parties what is expected from separated parents and what can be expected from the school / staff.

### INCLUSION BEAR

#### **Nominated:**

Laylah Macarthur 4WK nominated Miss Wood for being encouraging with her work and caring since she arrived at the school.

Mrs Boardman nominated Storm Clark 4WK for being so caring when another child was upset in the playground.

Jack in 4WK nominated Arthur 4WK as he made him and lots of other pupils a name card.

Lilly 5BR would like to nominate Leah Peek for being so kind to her every day. When Lilly hurt her knee and arm in morning sports Leah looked out for her.

#### **Awarded to:**

Mr Luck- the entire class would like to nominate him as they feel he deserves recognition for the amazing job he does and how he individually supports and helps each child. All of the children have written a personal reason for why he deserves Patch.

### ROCKING READERS

This week's Rocking Readers are 4OS at 91%. All term they have clocked up 15 minutes reading a day or more and their average quizzes are 80% or above.

The highest year group this term is Y6 way ahead at 89%. 6CC have achieved the highest average % for the entire term with an average 92%. This is an absolutely fantastic effort- well done!

End of term reading certificates were awarded in assembly this morning to the following children:

3AR Holly Clark, 3WH Liam Harris, 3MC Lily-Jean Kershaw, 3BW Ella- May Trimmings. 4WK Laila Gilbert, 4JL Kardelen Coker, 4KD Austin Comper, 4OS Kobiie Mills. 5EW Jess Hallam, 5BP Erica Prevett, 5JN Zishan Lin, 5BR Poppy Leeds. 6CC Hermione Gilbert, 6 ALT Lynette Hunja, 6LS Chris Caira, 6SE Alfie Robertson.

### Water Bottles

Drinking water improves memory and attention, helps children maintain a healthy weight, reduces the risk for some chronic diseases, such as type 2 diabetes and heart disease, and helps prevent dental cavities, if fluoridated. Yet 1 in 5 children and adolescents do not drink any plain water during the day and about half of school-aged children are underhydrated.

We encourage children to drink regularly throughout the day, however there are an increasing number of pupils not bringing water bottles into school.

You can purchase a water bottle from the school office for £1.50 or provide your own plastic bottle from home.

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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 Lilyanna Owens  
3BW Sienna Edwards  
3MC Dolcie Mills  
3WH Dylan Cox

4JL William Mason  
4KD Summer Sharpe  
4OS James butler  
4WK Storm Clark

5BP Emma Cooper  
5BR Amelie Martindale  
5EW Daniel Barnes  
5JN Yusuf Mutlu

6ALT Ashley Dixon  
6CC Jackson Saunders  
6LS Lexi Lee-Jones  
6SE Rose gale

I wish you all a happy and restful half term break.

Best wishes,



Melody Kingman  
Headteacher

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