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COVID RELATED NEWS

What to do if your child has symptoms of Covid-19

Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have symptoms of COVID-19 and they either:

- 1- have a high temperature.
- 2- do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

They can come back to school when they feel better or do not have a high temperature.

If your child has mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or mild cough, and they feel well enough, they can come to school.

Welcome to the start of the summer term! I hope that everyone had a lovely Easter break enjoying time spent with family and friends.

As we launch our new term in school, we are proud to introduce our Peer Mentors to the school community. This dedicated team have undergone weeks of training with Ms Kingsland and Mrs Hewitt and today received their badges and certificates in assembly. They will begin their work with the children from Monday.

The peer mentors will be available at break and lunchtime to give advice, guidance and to act as positive role models. They will be organising games and activities on the playground and be the first point of call for anyone needing help with friendships, anxieties or for anyone who is feeling a bit lonely.

Our amazing team are: Amelia H 5EW, Kiera 5EW, Ivy 5JN, Leona 5JN, Mia 5PS, Caitlynn 5PS, Arabella 5BP, Morgan - Rose 6CS, Archie B 6CS, Amelia 6CS, Lucas 6BR, Ilya 6LS and Charlie 6LS.

It was lovely to see so many children enjoying themselves at the Easter Disco last evening. Our thanks and appreciation go to our PTA and all the volunteers that organised, ran and attended the event.

With the warm and sunny weather comes the opportunity for the children to enjoy playtimes on the school field. It is also the time of year when we see the number of lost sweatshirts increase. Please ensure that your child's name is clearly marked so that we can quickly return abandoned items.

ATTENDANCE

We hope to see attendance improve now that the guidance around isolating has been changed. Please see the section at the top of this newsletter which provides information about what to do if your child has symptoms of Covid.

Whole school attendance this last week was 90% - we hope to see this improve next week.

Well done to 3BW for achieving 96.15%

52 children remain in the 100 club.

TEACHING & LEARNING

Topics for this term

Every two terms the children start exciting new topics which draw together their learning in Geography, History and Science. The topics for each year group are:

Year 3	Emperors and Empires This project teaches children about the history and structure of ancient Rome and the Roman Empire, including a detailed exploration of the Romanisation of Britain.
Year 4	Ancient Civilisations This project teaches children about the history of three of the world's first ancient civilisations: ancient Sumer, ancient Egypt and the Indus Valley civilisation. Children will learn about the rise, life, achievements and eventual end of each civilisation.
Year 5	Groundbreaking Greeks This project teaches children about developments and changes over six periods of ancient Greek history, focusing on the city state of Athens in the Classical age, and exploring the lasting legacy of ancient Greece.
Year 6	Britain at War This project teaches children about the causes, events and consequences of the First and Second World Wars, the influence of new inventions on warfare, how life in Great Britain was affected and the legacy of the wars in the post-war period.

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INCLUSION TEAM NEWS

SEN Surgery

The SEN Surgery at HBJS continues to be a popular opportunity for families to discuss difficulties their child is experiencing. Families are sometimes invited to attend due to concerns raised by the class adults and SEN team. Time is taken to gain a full picture of how your child manages at home and discuss strategies that could be employed. Some families request the time and bring observations or difficulties they would like to discuss. SEN surgery will continue to take place on Wednesday afternoons as a conference phone call. Please call a member of the SEN team to book in.

Does your child have difficulty with reading? Have they been screened for dyslexia? Do you want to know more about how to support your child?

The [Dyslexia Learning Festival](#) (DLF) is a **free online event** from Succeed with Dyslexia where you can explore dyslexia and literacy differences in a learning environment, and how we can transform the learning experience.

The 2022 event is held from **10:30am to 3:30pm (BST) on April 28th**. Anybody and everybody are welcome to drop in, from **parents and students to educators and specialists**, to enjoy these round-table sessions and expert-led seminars that are guaranteed to get you thinking.

You'll have the opportunity to interact with our expert speakers to ask your own questions and pick the panel's brains.

You can find out more about the day's events — and secure your place too! — on our webinars page which can be accessed here: [The Dyslexia Learning Festival Online](#).

Contextual Safeguarding

Contextual Safeguarding is an approach developed by Professor Carlene Firmin that aims to keep young people safe from harm outside home.

Contextual Safeguarding considers intervening in and increasing safety for young people in three contexts: at school, with friends and peers and in your neighbourhood.

The Youth Advisory Panel of the Safer Young Lives Research Centre (SYLRC) has created a resource booklet for children and young people on contextual safeguarding and dangers outside the home. This resource is also designed for professionals that work with children and young people to use as a tool to facilitate discussion about safeguarding in an age-appropriate way but is also very useful for parents in order to raise awareness of the potential risks and dangers to young people. The booklet is attached to this newsletter.

As the long summer evenings approach it is likely that many of our older pupils will be able to enjoy time in Memorial Park and the beach independently.

It is important for parents to recognise the risks this may pose and to be speaking to their children about how to stay safe.

Helping your Child move to Secondary School: Online Workshop

Is your child moving to secondary school in September? Would you like to meet with other parents and carers to learn ways to support your child with this next step in their lives?

The Emotional Wellbeing Team are inviting you to an online workshop on Monday the 24th April at 9.30am. You will have the opportunity to consider challenges and concerns and discuss techniques that you could use at home to help them feel ready for the move ahead.

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

Kooth: a free online counselling and emotional wellbeing support service for young people (aged 10-25)

It can be so tricky to bring up difficult topics and talking about emotions with your children can sometimes feel daunting for parents and carers. You may worry about saying the wrong thing, making your child feel uncomfortable, and even worry about making them feel worse, but the fact you want to explore emotions with your child is enough, even if sometimes it doesn't go as you planned.

We have attached some tips from Kooth's clinical team that could help you start to talk to your child about their feelings.

If you want to find out more about Kooth and the support they can offer your child, you can sign up to a free information session they are running on **Thursday 28th April 2022, 6pm-7pm** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-kooth-for-parents-and-carers-tickets-277457000357>

INCLUSION BEAR

Nominated:

Lola in 5BP nominated Mrs McKee because she helps her so much and Lola said she really appreciates it.

Martha, in 4IK, nominated Krina, in 3BW, for looking after a friend when she was sad. Krina checked in with her and said kind things to cheer her up. Martha thought it was really nice of her.

Awarded to:

A member of the PTA nominated Peyton, in 5BP, as she showed lots of care and compassion to another child at the disco. She helped the child get involved with the dancing and to feel included.

#WAKEUPWEDNESDAY

'Children and Parents: Media Use and Attitudes' report

Ofcom's annual 'Children and Parents: Media Use and Attitudes' report offers a detailed rundown of how young people used and experienced the internet during the previous year. In the guide attached to the newsletter, you'll find stats including the percentage of young people who own a mobile phone (60% of 8

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-11-year-olds!), the most-used platforms by children in 2021, and the main online safety concerns of parents and carers. Please have a quick read as some of these stats are quite astonishing.

ROCKING READERS

SEW were announced as this week's Rocking Readers. This last week they have collectively achieved an average of 94% in AR quizzing and 14 minutes daily reading. Well done!

6SE and 6CS were highlighted for their success in achieving an average of 90%+ in their quizzing and Year 5 were the year group who clocked up the most minutes spent reading.

There are currently 500 books that are overdue in our library.

Please support your child to locate and return any overdue books so that we can ensure the shelves are full for browsing and selecting.

SPORTS AWARD

Mr Hobbs recognised Ashton in 6SE for his engagement and enthusiasm in sports this week. Well done Ashton!

STAR OF THE WEEK

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

3AR Willow

3BW Harvey Collyer

3CC Dillon Williams

WH Leanne Ryder

4HO Robert Gregory

4IK Sam Ward

4MC Zishan Lin

4WK Charlie Robinson

5BP Bertie Rose

5EW Kiera-Leigh Ramshaw

5JN Mason Foad

5KD Oliver Thornhill

6CS Henlee Duff

6BR Mack Lancaster

6LS Kairo Blumenthal

6SE Saskia Grace

I hope that you all have a very happy weekend.

With my warm wishes,



Melody Kingman
Headteacher

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