



Friday 23rd September 2022

TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

Next week

28th September – 3MC parent drop-in session (Accelerated Reader) 2:30pm

30th September – 3WH parent drop-in session (Accelerated Reader) 2:30pm

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**

This week we have welcomed visitors to the school who have enriched the children's knowledge and understanding across a range of topics.



On Tuesday, 'Mr Stone-Age' presented our Year 3 children with exciting artefacts and a wealth of information about this stage in History. As always, his enthusiastic delivery of the topic engaged the children

who were spellbound throughout! Following his visit, the children created some fantastic artwork portraying that of the era. There are some very talented artists in Year 3!

Year 4 have had their visit from 'Mr Egypt' postponed until the 19th October. However, it has not stopped them from becoming immersed in their 'Ancient Worlds' topic. They too have enjoyed exploring the subject this week; looking for clues of ancient civilisation by sifting through sand!



On Wednesday morning, Robert Schrimppff, the CEO of Solar For Schools, visited us to officially hand over our new solar panel array. We are now officially producing power to our school and any extra unused electricity is fed back into the national grid.

The children used this opportunity to ask the CEO lots of questions about renewable energy, carbon production, and energy use. He was very impressed with their knowledge! One thing that surprised us all was that it takes one person cycling for 8-10 hours a day to produce 1kw of energy. Think about that the next time you boil your kettle!

The DfE recently announced that all state-funded schools will house a community defibrillator by the end of the school year. We have been fortunate to have a defibrillator on-site for the last 5 years and was especially glad to do so when it was needed for a member of the local community who was taken ill in the street. Unfortunately, the life of our defibrillator has come to an end and we need to replace it. We could wait until the DfE provide one as part of their programme but, as we have already experienced, when someone's life is at risk, a defibrillator is crucial. Therefore, we would like to replace ours immediately, with the help of our children, by holding a fundraising event. Details of the event, including the procedure for collecting sponsors, will be shared with the children next week.

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 94.77%. Overall attendance to date is 95.94%.

Well done to 3WH, 4WK, 6ALT and 6SE who achieved 97+% attendance this week.

306 children remain in the 100 club.

306 pupils currently have attendance of 98% or above.

We have a number of children who are arriving to school after the gate has closed. May I remind you that the gate opens at 8:35am and closes at 8:45am. Our electronic classroom registers close at 8:45am, therefore, any child arriving after this time must be registered at reception. When there is a queue of children who are late, this takes a while to process; your child's arrival time is not recorded until the point that their name is signed into our system.

A late start can be unsettling for the children especially when learning has already begun in the classroom. We appreciate your support to ensure that your child arrives in good time for a smooth start to their day.

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HOUSE POINTS

Yellow House are the winners this week with 117 points – well done!

Green House – 114 points

Blue House – 103 points

Red House – 98 points

LEARNING NEWS AND INFORMATION

Using the Learning Journal to support spellings

An important part of our weekly homework is the learning of spellings. Each week, children will be given 10 words to learn at home that follow a specific rule or share a common theme; these will also be covered in class through a range of activities. On a Friday, there will be a spelling check to see which spellings the children have learnt. Their score will be recorded in the Learning Log or sent home with their spelling check, allowing you to see the progress they are making in their spellings.

The learning journal also contains all the logins your child will need for StudyZone, Google and AR as well as information about their current reading range and their recent AR quiz scores. Learning logs are sent home daily and it is important that they return with your child each day.

Secondary School applications for Year 6

This is a reminder to all parents of Year 6 children; the Secondary School application process opened on 1st September and will close on 31st October. Please ensure you apply within this window. Secondary schools are offering open evenings and mornings so please check their websites and try to visit with your child any school you are considering applying to. If you require any support in completing the secondary school application forms, please contact the school office.

Attached to this newsletter is a flyer from Kent College giving information about their Open Day on the 1st October.

AR Drop-Ins

We are working this year to strengthen the relationship between parents and school with regards to our children's reading. Over the course of the year we hope to invite parents in to some of our Accelerated Reader sessions in class to read alongside their children. Please watch out for the dates.

School Council 2022-2023

We are delighted that Years 4,5 and 6 representatives have been elected for this year's School Council. They should be proud that they have been chosen by their peers to represent their class.

Year 3 reps will be elected next term.

School Council meetings will be resuming next week on Tuesday lunchtimes and the main rep for each class will be going on a trip to the Guildhall in November. We look forward to

seeing the impact of our new School Council during the course of the year.

These are our newly elected School Council reps:

4WK: Rep: Sophie Hills deputy: Arthur Angel

4OS: Imogen Allan-Mortlock (Alexander Stumpf)

4JL: Evie Tracey (Tifara Ansensoh)

4KD: Athena Crick (Phoebe White)

5EW: William Leeks (Lacey-Rae Kinneally)

5BP: Billie Foster (Erin Dew)

5JN: Macie Miller (Keeva Chidgey)

5BR: Tilly Buss (Imogen Francis)

6ALT: Eden Small (Stanley Waldron)

6CC: Elsie Cooke (Jessica King)

6SE Jack Franklin (Lacey Sharp)

6LS Amelia Hills (Tilly Wright)

INCLUSION TEAM NEWS

Information for the Local Authority's 'Local Offer'

The local authority's local offer is published on KELS I and found here: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/special-educational-needs>

Parents without internet access should make an appointment with the SENCO for support to gain the information they require.

SEN Surgery

Each week the SEN team offer SEN Surgery for a conference call to discuss your child and their needs. Your child doesn't have to be on the SEN register for you to access this support. The phone call is hosted by Miss Black (SENCO) and Mrs Hewitt (SEN Assistant). Parents who have previously accessed this support have used the time to discuss strategies to support their child at home, procedures for seeking assessment for their child's needs and as an opportunity to inform the team of changes they have observed in their child's behaviour and needs. The surgery is booked into the diary every week with dates and times available to book ahead of schedule should you need to book time off work etc. This term sessions are on Wednesday afternoons. We are flexible so if this isn't convenient call us to book an alternative slot.

Understanding Anxiety: 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 children so they can manage their concerns and enjoy themselves more?

You are invited to an online workshop on Friday 30th September, 9.30-11am, which focusses on understanding what anxiety is, the symptoms you may notice in your child and some techniques to help manage this anxiety. If you would like to

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attend, click the Teams link on the poster attached to this newsletter, at the start of the workshop.

How to view a Challenge

When faced with a new challenge, children can sometimes get scared or frustrated but it is important they understand that challenges are a part of life and they can help make us more resilient. It is often how we view the challenge that determines the outcome of it.

The 'How to view a Challenge' poster attached to this newsletter, may help your child to overcome a challenge they are facing.

INCLUSION BEAR

Nominations:

6ALT adults nominated Ronnie Eskisan. "We wanted to nominate him because he washed up all the paintbrushes, pallets and water pots for the class even though he had not been asked to do this. We felt it was a really thoughtful and considerate thing to do.

Mrs Dyson nominated Laylah McArthur 4WK "who told me she is new to our school. On Tuesday, at break time I was made aware of Oliver in 4WK being upset. He was being looked after by Laylah. Not only did she stay with him, but she had some caring words for him to. I feel she really deserves this recognition."

Keira nominated Hollie in 6LS for being a great friend and for always being there for her at the start of Y6.

Jake Dobson 5EW would like to nominated Freddie and Monty in 5BR. It was Jake's first day at Cubs and he was very nervous. Monty and Freddie helped him get used to how everything worked. He now knows that he will be staying at Cubs for sure!!

Miss Wood nominated India Geeves for Patch Jr. "She puts every effort in towards helping those that are finding things difficult and her first thought is to turn to those in need and see how she can help. A truly kind and thoughtful girl."

Elsie from 5JN nominated Molly as she helped Mrs Tomlin in an Art lesson when all the paint pallets were dropped. She thought this was really nice and kind.

Awarded to:

Emmie from 5BR nominated Miss Leeks for supporting her as she was going through some very emotional times. The things Miss Leeks put into place has made Emmie feel she can cope.

All our nominations are a true reflection of the kindness that children and adults at HBJS show towards each other 😊

#WAKEUPWEDNESDAY

Tips for supporting children dealing with grief

It's important that trusted adults feel able to help children and young people cope with grief –particularly at the moment, when we are mourning the loss of a public figure who was cherished by so many. Children are seeing bereavement and sadness being featured heavily the national news and in their favourite online spaces, and hearing it being talked about extensively among families and in the community. How can we help them in processing grief healthily at this potentially upsetting time? In the guide attached to the newsletter, you'll find tips such as understanding what grief is, encouraging coping strategies and reaching out for support.

ROCKING READERS

6CC are our Rocking Readers this week. They scored a cracking average of 96% in their AR quizzes this week – well done!

We must also mention 4WK, 5EW and 6LS for achieving 90%+ - a super collective effort by these classes.

SPORTS AWARD

Tilly Rolfe was the proud receiver of the Sports Award today. Tilly loves football and recently joined a team. Last week, she took part in a match and, despite losing, she eagerly told Mr Hobbs about her experience and how much she enjoyed it. She was recognised for her perseverance and sportsmanship. Well done Tilly!

STAR OF THE WEEK

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

3AR	Grace Vivash
3BW	Elsie Kehoe
3MC	Parker Macdonald
3WH	Zane Kavaja
4JL	Sophie Barton
4KD	Aiden Lee
4OS	Oscar Mugridge
4WK	Ziyad Barakat
5BP	Daisy Ellis
5BR	Matilda Buss
5EW	Samuel Ward
5JN	Joseph Papademetrie
6ALT	Jessica Critchley
6CC	Robin Johnson
6LS	Isaac House
6SE	Isaac Pacquett

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Wishing you all a happy weekend,



Melody Kingman
Headteacher

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