



Friday 25th February 2022

COVID RELATED NEWS – UPDATED THIS WEEK

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 \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Covid-19 vaccinations for clinically-vulnerable five to 11-year-olds

The NHS in Kent and Medway is now offering the Covid-19 vaccine to eligible children aged five to 11-years-old who:

- are at higher risk from coronavirus due to underlying health conditions or
- share living accommodation, on most days, with someone who has a weakened immune system

You can find more information about this here: COVID-19 vaccinations: A guide for parents of children aged 5-11 at high risk. If you believe your child is eligible, you can either book an appointment directly with your GP, or use this link to book in with any provider: <https://lvs.healthit.org.uk/patheks>. Eligibility will be checked at the venue.

It was lovely to welcome the children back to school this week after the February half term. We hope you all had a restful time which was not too badly affected by the storms! As the evenings lengthen and sunny weather is forecast for the weekend, perhaps now we can begin to look forward to sunnier times in the months ahead.

We returned to our usual in-person Celebration Assemblies this morning – it felt so good to bring the school community together again to celebrate all the hard work of our children. It is certainly the highlight of the week and provides a nice opportunity to slow down and focus on what makes us so proud; our wonderful children. Well done to everyone whose efforts were recognised today.

You will of course be aware of the changes made this week at central Government level to Covid restrictions. Please therefore take careful note of the updated guidance above. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance this time last week was 94.53%, an increase on the week before half term, which was an improvement on the week before that too. Well done! This brings our year to date attendance to 93.56%. Let's aim to keep improving that week after week.

Well done to 6SE this week who achieved attendance of 99.11%. Well done also to 3AR and 3BW who both achieved over 97%.

67 pupils remain in the 100 Club.

Don't forget, Year 5 and 6 children should be arriving at 8:30am and no later than 8:40am. Year 3 and 4 children should arrive at 8:40am and no later than 8:50am. Beyond these times, children are marked as late and they have a more unsettled start to their day. Please continue to support your child to arrive on time.

PTA COIN COUNT 2022

We were pleased to announce in assembly today the winners from the PTA coin collection 2022.

The winning class for Y3/4 are 3CC and for Y5/6 are 6CS. 3CC will be going to the cinema (date to be confirmed) and 6CS will be going roller skating at Herne Bay High School (date tbc).

Overall the children collected a grand total of £1525.08 throughout the school - an incredible amount. Thank you for all your contributions.

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SECONDARY SCHOOL NATIONAL OFFER DAY

Year 6 children will be receiving their secondary school offers on Tuesday 1st March. If you applied online, offers will be emailed out **after 4pm** – it can take some time for emails to arrive. Families may also log in using the link below after 5pm to view the offer online.

[Parent Portal: Home \(servelec-synergy.com\)](http://servelec-synergy.com)

If you have any questions or concerns as a result of the offer received, please speak to a member of the Inclusion Team on the gate or by calling the school office. This can be a worrying time, so please contact us if you need support.

WORLD BOOK DAY THURSDAY 3RD MARCH

We are looking forward to being able to celebrate the 25th World Book Day with pupils back in school this year. We would like to ask all pupils to come dressed as a favourite book character on the day. Please don't feel you have to purchase an expensive costume. In fact, why not set the challenge of dressing as a book character using only the clothes and props you already own?

This link gives over 100 easy ideas for homemade fancy dress. [102 easy World Book Day homemade costume ideas 2021 with pictures - MadeForMums](#)

During the pandemic community book exchanges have become more and more popular and we would like to try something similar in school. Please can we ask children to have a sort of their book shelves and to bring into school a book which is in good condition that they no longer want.

On World Book Day these will be set up in year group areas and children will be allowed to visit and choose a 'new to them' book to take home and enjoy.

On the day children will also take part in other book, author and illustrator related activities. We are very much looking forward to it.

CAKE SALE FOR CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

On Monday 7th March we will be holding a cake sale to raise money for Children's Mental Health. It will be held on the courtyard in the bike sheds from 3pm until 3:30pm. If children would like to donate cakes to be sold, please bring them in to school on the morning of 7th March, handing them in to the office. Thank you for your support with this important cause.



INCLUSION TEAM NEWS SEN SURGERY

Our SEN Surgery continues to be popular with parents of children with and without diagnoses. The half hour phone calls allow parents to talk through worries, referrals, diagnoses and in-depth information about their child. Strategies are shared and a pathway forwards is sought to support the child in the best way for them individually. Information is shared on a 'need to know' basis with the adults working with those children discussed. The SEN Surgery this term is available on Wednesday afternoons from 1:15-2:45pm. Please call the office to make an appointment.

EMOTIONAL WELLBEING TEAM

On Monday 28th February, 12-1.30pm, the Emotional Wellbeing Teams are running an online parent workshop called 'Understanding ADHD in Children'. If you have any questions about ADHD and would like to learn ways to support your child, then this would be a great workshop to attend. You will also have the chance to meet other parents/carers and discuss helpful strategies that you can use at home. For more details, please see the poster attached to this newsletter that includes the link to join the workshop via Teams.

The EWTs are running five online, parent workshops this term; please see the poster attached for the details and dates of them. The individual workshop posters will be shared in the newsletter the week before they are scheduled. Each poster contains the link to join it on Microsoft Teams so there is no need to sign up beforehand. Please speak to Mrs Edwards if you have any questions.

BAY IGNITE

Bay Ignite are inviting you to their FREE Pancake Party event on Tuesday 1st March (see the flyer attached for more details). If you would like to go along, please send them a message to book your place.

HAPPY HERE

Happy Here is a local community company that supports wellbeing and mental health through self-expression, social interaction and inclusivity.

Its foundations are based on six core values that are crucial to boosting mental wellbeing:

- Inclusion
- Creativity
- Happiness
- Empathy
- Diversity
- Community

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They offer a social prescribing, non-medical approach to providing wellbeing support. Happy Here utilises and encourages people to improve their mental health by identifying and recommending activities and resources based on an individual's needs, interests, and capabilities.

For more information, please click here: [Home | Happy Here](#)

INCLUSION BEAR

Nominations -

Tilly in 5EW would like to nominate Mrs Hager in 6SE. During lunch this week when Tilly was having some friendship troubles, Mrs Hager looked after her. She was meant to be having her own lunch break but Mrs Hager waited so that Tilly had someone to keep her company.

Mrs Edwards nominated Bentley in 4HO. Mrs Edwards said "When I was walking through the corridors, he stopped what he was doing and held open the door for me". Bentley has a great week.

Emmie in 4WK had two nominations this week from Krystel and Imogen. Krystel said that Emmie is always kind and cheers her up when she is sad. Imogen said that she is always supportive. Well done for being such a caring person, Emmie.

Awarded to -

Demi nominated 5EW for helping her with her autism as they are always there to support her when she needs it. Demi said "Thank you all very much" to the whole class.

SPORTS AWARD

Mr Hobbs presented this week's Sports Award to Fred Wheatley, recognising how he now responds so positively when games and sports do not go his way. The smile on Fred's face in assembly today showed just how much this meant to him. Well done Fred!

ROCKING READERS

Despite it being a shorter week, all classes have shown excellent effort with their reading and quizzing. Year 6 have averaged over 22 minutes of reading, but one class stood out above all others, with over 36 minutes of reading – well done to 5BP who are this week's Rocking Readers winners.

All classes have shown excellent quizzing average scores, but 3CC have the highest average of 91%. Well done.

The number of outstanding books has reduced significantly this week too. Thank you to everyone for your efforts with this.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children for being identified as Stars of the Week. All these children's efforts were recognised in this morning's Celebration Assembly.

3AR Mikaela Sami
3BH Isla Hewson
3CC Maya Nae
3IW Felicity Thornhill

4HO Robert Gregory
4MC Delilah Grimmer
4WH Bobby Willmott
4WP Imogen Francis

5BK Oliver Stamp
5DE Leon Williams
5JN Abhinav Sujith
5LS Alfie Robertson

6CS Maddison Friend
6KDO Mia Gallacher
6LS Charlie Weigh
6SE Suella Norton

With my best wishes,



Melody Kingman
Head Teacher

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