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

The first official day of spring brought us wall to wall sunshine and the opportunity for the children to spend more time outdoors in their learning. It also brought us news of the birth of one of our expected babies: congratulations to Mr and Mrs Dare-Ojo on the birth of their son who is doing very well despite his early arrival!

Our PTA have been busy running the Mother's Day shop this week and it has been a hive of activity with children buying and adults wrapping gifts ahead of this weekend. I do hope that the day is used to remember and recognise all those who are a parent figure in our lives.

Next week is the last of term 4. The children in Years 3, 4 & 5 will be bringing home their written reports on Friday. These will include targets that your child will continue to work towards for the rest of the school year. Year 6 children will receive an interim report ahead of their SATs next term.

There will be an early finish next Friday as follows:

Years 5 & 6 - 1:20pm

Years 3 & 4 - 1:30pm

ATTENDANCE

Overall attendance to date is 92.18%.

Well done to 4IK, 6SE and 6LS for each achieving 97+% this last week.

61 children remain in the 100 club.

We still have a significant number of children arriving to school late: 139 late arrivals have been recorded this week. It is recognised that on some occasions this is unavoidable but persistent lateness is disruptive not just for the child arriving late but also to the class. Please support your child to arrive on time each day.

TEACHING & LEARNING

The importance of regular reading

Every day children spend at least 15 minutes in school doing independent reading as part of our Accelerated Reader scheme. They love how the quizzes help them demonstrate their comprehension of what they have read. In addition to this, it is so important for children to continue reading at home. This could be their school AR reading book, another school library book or a book of their own choice. The importance of this regular reading was really highlighted in some research which was shared with teachers this week and is shared below:

| <u>Student A</u> | <u>Student B</u> | <u>Student C</u> |
|---|--|---|
| Reads at home for 20 minutes a day | Reads at home for 5 minutes a day | Reads at home for 1 minute a day |
| They will read this many words per year | | |
| 1.8 million words | 282,000 words | 8,000 words |
| They will have read for this many hours by year 6 | | |
| 851 hours | 212 hours | 42 hours |

INCLUSION TEAM NEWS

SEN News

The Local Authority have been making changes to KELSI, the website where parents can access information about supporting children with SEN. Use this link to the website where you can access information about EHCPs and the Local Offer for children in all Key Stages. [Special educational needs \(SEN\) - KELSI](#)

Another useful website is [Home | IASK](#). The website is easy to use and is designed for parents and young people. It provides information about processes to follow should a child have SEN.

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Links are also given to various websites that can support children in their learning and in overcoming barriers they may have, such as Dyslexia.

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 28th March at 5pm**. 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.

INCLUSION BEAR

Nominated:

Arabella, in 5BP, nominated Mrs Wellard for always helping everyone. Arabella said she is always bright and happy.

Robert, in 6BR, nominated Mrs Peaks as she looked after him when he was feeling unwell and he really appreciated it.

Poppy, in 4WK, nominated Tilly. One day when Poppy felt sad and alone, Tilly asked her if she was ok and invited her to play; this made Poppy feel much happier.

Awarded to:

Henry and Fletcher, both in 3BW.

Gianluca nominated Henry because he is kind. Gianluca said Henry held the door open for everyone when he didn't have to. William nominated Fletcher as he plays with him when he is lonely. He also said Fletcher has amazing ideas and is very funny.

ROCKING READERS

3AR are the worthy award winners this week. Not only are they reading on average for 20+ minutes a day, they are also scoring highly in their AR quizzing week on week – well done to them all!

Miss Wilkinson also recognised the great efforts of 4MC, 5BP, 5JN, 6BR, 6LS and 6SE this last week.

SPORTS AWARD

Isabella in 4IK was chosen for the sport award this week. Mr Hobbs said that Isabella has not always enjoyed PE but this week she shone in Hockey and showed true resilience while learning new skills. Well done!

BAY SPORTS ARENA - EASTER SPORTS CLUBS

Attached to this newsletter are two separate flyers giving details of sports clubs during the Easter holiday. These will be held at the Bay Sports Arena.

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.

BEACH CREATIVE – CYANOTYPE PRINTING WORKSHOP

Do you have an interest in print-making, photography and art in general? Beach Creative are running a Cyanotype printing and beachcombing workshop on Wednesday 20th April. Take a look at the following link for further details:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cyanotype-printing-beach-combing-tickets-299134859417?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

STAR OF THE WEEK

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

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| 3AR | David Petrai |
| 3BW | Fletcher McKinnon |
| 3CC | Raphael Chipisinov |
| 3WH | Kardelen Coker |
| 4HO | Ruby Lincoln |
| 4IK | Eddie Baxter |
| 4MC | Henry Rennells |
| 4WK | Charlie Churchward |
| 5BP | Lyndon Collyer |
| 5EW | Jaxon Morgan |
| 5JN | Isla Cheeseman |
| 5PS | Mason Sleet |
| 6CS | Alexandru Nae |
| 6BR | Sadie Low |
| 6LS | Charley Dixon |
| 6SE | Charlie Bath |

I hope that you are able to enjoy the sunshine this weekend! With my best wishes,

Melody Kingman
Headteacher

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