



Friday 28th January 2022

## COVID-19 INFORMATION

You must self-isolate straight away and book a PCR test if you have any of these 3 symptoms of COVID-19: a high temperature, a new continuous cough, a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

You must self-isolate straight away if you've tested positive for COVID-19 by LFD test.

Please see [Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection) ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)) for isolation guidance.

If someone you live with is isolating due to testing positive, you **do not** need to self-isolate if any of the following apply:

- You're fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine
- You're under 18 years, 6 months old
- You're taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial
- You're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

If the above applies, and you are aged 5 years and over you are strongly advised to:

- Take an LFD test every day for 7 days, or until 10 days since your last contact with the person who tested positive for COVID-19 if this is earlier
- Take this daily test before you leave the household for the first time that day

If you are unsure whether you or a family member should self-isolate, please visit [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus) or call 111 for further advice. Mr Foremen and Mrs Botzet are also available via the school office.

This last week has been the most challenging to date for HBJs throughout the pandemic. A significant number of children, especially in Year 3 & 4, have tested positive and we are beginning to find staff affected too. I too have been in isolation along with other members of the leadership team, however, we are each making a good recovery and hope to resume normal practice next week.

Please continue to test your child with an LFD daily as this has undoubtedly helped in identifying children that are asymptomatic.

If you, your child or other family member have been affected, we wish you a speedy and full recovery.

Due to the high numbers of absence this last week, the PTA have extended the Coin Collection for another week. There is still plenty of time to sort through the loose change and fill our class containers with those annoying little coins! Every penny raised will go towards projects, on a small or larger scale, that our school budget simply cannot extend to. Thank you for your support 😊

Next week our school library will be closed for borrowing books at lunch time. Instead, Mt Tadman, our librarian, will be holding storytelling sessions. A timetable has been put up for the children to select from. Each day, a different genre of book will be shared. These are to include: Sci-Fi/Fantasy, Family & Friends, Adventure/Mystery, History & Animals. I'm sure that this will be a lovely shared experience that many of our children will benefit from.

## ATTENDANCE

It is not surprising that the week's attendance figure dropped to 89.92%. Our current whole school percentage to date is 94.71%. Well done to 6SE though who managed 97.15%.

90 children remain in the 100 club.

## TEACHING & LEARNING

### Isolating? How to access work online

With the recent increase in the number of asymptomatic cases of COVID, it seemed a good time to remind families of the resources that are available to support children with home learning. As soon as we receive confirmation that your child is needing to stay at home, they will be added to a Home Learning Google Classroom which contains enough work to cover their isolation. Engaging with this work will not only support them with their learning, but it will also keep them connected with school life, help the time pass more quickly and will also ease the inevitable stress that comes through home learning for parents.

Login details for Google Classroom can be found within the front page of each child's Learning Journal and are also available via the office if needed. Furthermore, if a Chromebook laptop is needed, please ask. Of course, if your child is unwell, they need to focus on getting better rather than completing school work.

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## INCLUSION TEAM NEWS

Our SEN Surgery continues to be a useful resource for parents who wish to discuss the needs of their child, processes to secure additional support and information regarding assessments. The appointments are 30mins long and held over the phone hosted by three members of staff, Sammy Black (SENCO), Tracey Hewitt (SEN Assistant), Rowena Evett-Collins (Deputy Head Teacher for Inclusion). We would always advise a conversation with your child's class teacher initially to ensure that you have the full picture of how your child presents in school.

SEN Surgery runs on Wednesday afternoons this term with appointments available at 1:15pm, 1:45pm and 2:15pm. Please call the office and ask for one of the above adults, to book in a slot.

## #WAKEUPWEDNESDAY

### What parents need to know about YouTube

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It is an astronomically popular platform and has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities. In the guide attached to the newsletter, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as connecting with strangers, inappropriate content and high visibility.

## KENT ADULT EDUCATION COURSES

Kent Adult Education offer many free, online courses aimed at families. Adults can book themselves on at any time; the courses are fun, boost learning, and help provide a bit of variety. We have attached the course catalogue to this newsletter.

If you are interested in any of the courses or would like some more information, please contact them by emailing [businesssupport2@kent.gov.uk](mailto:businesssupport2@kent.gov.uk) or calling 03000 41 40 25.

## THE 2 MINUTE FOUNDATION

The 2 Minute Foundation- [www.beachclean.net](http://www.beachclean.net)

Have you heard of them?

The 2 Minute Foundation is a registered charity that is devoted to cleaning up our planet 2 minutes at a time. They believe that simple, achievable acts can add up to make a great difference, and that it is positivity, people and passion that will change our world for the better.

Why don't you organise something to do over the weekend or half term?

Have a look at the 2-minute guide to reducing waste, attached to this newsletter, for some ideas.

## INCLUSION BEAR

### **Nominations -**

Miss Oliver nominated all the adults in Year 4. It's been a tough couple of weeks with Covid but everyone has pulled together as a team and supported each other.

Mrs Easton nominated the TAs in year 6. "Without their hard work, team work and dedication we would not be able to manage. They are an amazing bunch of people."

Mrs Court nominated 6CS. They have had a lot of change this term in class but have managed it brilliantly. Mrs Court said "The children have been absolute troopers adapting to their changing environment and showing so much respect to whoever has been teaching them. I would like to thank them for hanging on in there and being a great support for Mrs Kingsland and I."

Pariya nominated Felicity in 3WH for helping her put a mat back in PE yesterday. She stopped what she was doing to help when no-one else did so she was very grateful.

### **Awarded to -**

Miss Black nominated Ellis in 4IK. She said "On Friday at breaktime, Ellis was seen collecting a piece of rubbish from the floor and popping it into the bin. It wasn't his rubbish nor did he know who had dropped it. He wasn't asked to pick it up nor sought praise for doing so. Thank you, Ellis for looking after our environment. We need more eco-warriors like you!"

## ROCKING READERS

4IK were awarded the Rocking Reader trophy this week. This class have consistently increased their average quiz scores over the last 3 weeks and being winners recognises the hard work they have put in to achieve this. Well done children!

Both 5JN and 6LS are the highest scoring classes in quizzing with each class achieving an average of 94%.

5BP are the class with the highest number of minutes read closely followed by 3WH and 6SE. Well done to all!

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## STAR OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children for being identified as our Stars of the Week.

3AR Cohen Leggatt  
3BW Sebastian Fowler-Vincent  
3CC Tommy Gray  
3WH Thomas Cairo

4HO Evan Law  
4IK Kyle Parsons  
4MC Victoria Howlett  
4WK Eva Lawford

5BP Yusa Mutlu  
5EW Sankeeth Kannan  
5JN Ryley Mullender-Knight  
5PS Sasha West

6CS Faith Hodder  
6KDO Tulisa Chambers  
6LS Blake Zacharia  
6SE Lily-Mai Mears

I hope that you all remain safe and well.

With my best wishes,



Melody Kingman  
Headteacher

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