



Friday 25th November 2022

TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

Next Week:

30th November – CACOT Children's Forum – Swalecliffe School (Years 4 & 6 School Council members only)

1st December – Pantomime – 6:30pm meet at The Marlowe (9:45pm pick up)

6th December – Year 2 Parents Open Morning 9:15am

7th December – Years 5 & 6 Christmas Dinner (children may wear their Christmas jumper)

8th December – Years 3 & 4 Christmas Dinner (children may wear their Christmas jumper)

9th December – Years 3 parents invited to see children's termly projects 9am

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9th December – Years 5 parents invited to see children's termly projects (time to be confirmed)

12th December - Year 6 Christmas party

13th December - Year 5 Christmas party

13th December – Years 3 & 4 Nativity Service at Christ Church William Street 9:30am (parents welcome)

14th December - Year 3 Christmas party

15th December - Year 4 Christmas party

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15th December – Year 6 parents invited to see children's termly projects 2:15pm

16th December – End of term **School closes at 1:15pm**

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 – Start of Term 3

It is hard to believe that we are heading into the last week of November already! The mild temperatures that we have experienced these last few weeks, alongside the excitement of the World Cup, is making it hard to believe that Christmas will soon be upon us! That said, we have many preparations for the festive season and this all begins next week!

On Thursday 1st December, children who have tickets for the Pantomime will excitedly take their seats for this year's performance; Sleeping Beauty. Information has been sent home to parents by Mrs Williams, this week. Please ensure that your child arrives at the theatre on time (6:30pm) and that you return to collect them at 9:45pm.

Attached to this newsletter is a letter from Mrs Edwards who will soon be launching our annual 'Giving Tree' present collection, next week. With consideration to the cost of living crisis and how this is having a significant impact on families in our community, the generosity and spirit of others is needed this year more than ever before. We hope that you will consider taking part in this community event.

During the Christmas holiday, the Holiday Activity and Food programme will be available for children who are in receipt of Free School Meals; you will already have received information about your eVoucher if your child is eligible. Attached to this newsletter is information from Inclusive Sport who run the HAF holiday club at HBJS including details of how to sign up.

On Tuesday 6th December we will be holding our Open Morning for parents. This is open to any families looking for a Year 2 place in September 2023 for their child, including those not currently at Herne Bay Infant School. Please let parents of Year 2 children know about this event; an information flyer is attached for you to share.

WHATSAPP GROUPS - "SHOULD PARENTS BE CONCERNED?"

It has been brought to our attention that there are a number of WhatsApp groups involving some of our older pupils. The content of messages has ranged from sexualised comments, homophobia and disability discrimination. Please talk to your children about their use of WhatsApp and how they should be using social media in a respectful, kind and informative manner.

The Online safety Alliance Organisation has published a link that asks the question- "Should parents be concerned?"

www.onlinesafetyalliance.org/whatsapp-should-parents-be-concerned/#:~:text=Some%20of%20these%20people%20may,abusive%20messages%20and%20sexual%20content

Please also see the WhatsApp parent/ carer advice flyer attached to this week's newsletter.

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ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 91.72%. Overall attendance to date is 94.34%.

There were no classes achieving 97+% attendance this week.

128 children remain in the 100 club with 100% attendance.
214 pupils currently have attendance of 98% or above.

127 late codes were recorded in the last week. Please ensure that your child arrives at school **by 8:45am** each day.

HOUSE POINTS

Yellow House are the winners this week with 227 points – well done!

Red House – 187 points

Green House – 164 points

Blue House – 152 points

SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM

From Monday 28th November, second hand uniform will be available for you to purchase via your child's School Money account. Individual items will be listed as a shop item, each priced at £1.00.

Items will be ready for collection from reception on the Friday of the week it has been purchased. Please collect between 8:45am and 3:05pm. Additional uniform will be added to the online shop at the start of each week.

Proceeds will be used to buy additional resources for the children to support learning and play.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

We are pleased to inform you that, if you recently ordered your child's Christmas card design, these will be coming home next week.

LEARNING NEWS AND INFORMATION

Home learning projects

As we near the end of term 2, it will soon be time for the children to bring in their Home Learning Projects. We're looking forward to seeing and celebrating what they've been working on and how they've taken their interests, questions, curiosities and learning forward.

If you are able to attend, we would love to celebrate your child's projects with you and provide an opportunity for the children to present their projects to an audience. Dates for when Year groups will be inviting in parents can be found in the key dates for the term (at the top of the newsletter). If your child hasn't started their project yet, there is still time and classes teachers are happy to support with suggestions and ideas.

INCLUSION TEAM NEWS

SEN Grotto opening @ Canterbury Garden Centre

The Canterbury Garden Centre have advertised that the grotto is available for children with SEN and their families on Saturday 10th December and Monday 19th December 9-10am. It is possible to book these slots online. Please see the attached poster for more information.

SEN Surgery

SEN Surgery continues to be popular for families to discuss concerns of difficulties they are experiencing. The 'Surgery' is a phone call with Sammy Black, SENCO and Tracey Hewitt, SENCO Assistant, where questions can be answered and agencies for further support can be advised.

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING NEWS

Understanding Anxiety: online parent 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?

The Emotional Wellbeing Team are running an online workshop that 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 attend the workshop on 1st December, 5.30-7.30pm, all you need to do is click the link in the poster attached.

INCLUSION BEAR

Nominated:

Jacob, in 4KD, nominated Mr Hobbs for all the kind things he does and for being a great sports teacher. He loves forest, PE and morning sports.

Millie, in 4OS, nominated Jess because when she is feeling sad, Jess cheers her up. Millie said that Jess really brightens up her day.

Willow M, in 3AR, nominated Jalen for being her best friend. Willow said that when she is sad or she has hurt herself, Jalen makes her laugh because he is really kind.

Awarded to:

Phoebe nominated Rosie, in 4KD, for Patch Jr this week. Phoebe said "I would like to nominate Rosie because I have been through some rough times lately and Rosie helps me all through my journey and when I am sad, she always makes me happy. She always plays with me and when we look at each other, we laugh. Rosie has always been a good friend and she always will be."

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#WAKEUPWEDNESDAY

How to Combat Online Bullying

Defined as “ongoing hurtful behaviour towards someone online”, cyber-bullying makes its victims feel upset, uncomfortable and unsafe. In the digital world, it has numerous forms – such as hurtful comments on a person’s posts or profile; deliberately leaving them out of group chats; sharing embarrassing images or videos of someone; or spreading gossip about them. Cyber-bullying can severely impact a young person’s mental health ... so, in support of Anti-Bullying Week last week, we are sharing a list of tips to help trusted adults know what to look for and how to respond to it. In the guide attached to the newsletter, you'll find tips such as playing online games with your child, talking about your child’s online life and being prepared to listen without showing any judgement or criticism.

ROCKING READERS

3MC are this week’s Rocking Readers! In the last week they have been reading, on average, for 24 minutes a day. In addition, their quiz score average is 84% - unsurprising when they dedicate so much time to their reading every day! 😊

The top quiz scoring class this week is 6CC with 92% - well done to this class too!

SPORTS NEWS

In today’s assembly, we were joined by 3 lovely boys from Herne Bay Infant School. On Wednesday afternoon, Frankie, Bodie and Jasper joined with Charlie, George and Lennon from Year 3 to attend a Unihoc Cornerball Competition at Herne Bay High School. I had the pleasure of presenting the boys with their medals from the event where the boys demonstrated their spirit of participation and sportsmanship.

On Tuesday evening, our Girls football team travelled to Bysing Wood Primary school in Faversham to take part in a match. They worked brilliantly as a team and won 8-0! While the girls were busy playing their match our Boys Development Team were taking on the Boys team. They played brilliantly and came away with a 3-2 win!

Well done to all our sporting participants!

SPORTS AWARD

Mr Hobbs identified one of the Girls Football team to receive the award, this week. Arabella received the recognition for taking on the penalty at Bysing Wood. Not only did she score brilliantly, she also then went on to score a second goal helping to secure the 8-0 win. Well done Arabella!

CONGRATUALATIONS

This morning in assembly, 3 girls from 6ALT bravely performed a song to the rest of the school. Lacie, Isabella and Poppy-Ann managed their nerves as they presented their Christmas themed rap written by Lacie. Following, Isabella said “Lacie is an excellent songwriter.” She is clearly an inspiration to her peers!

STAR OF THE WEEK

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

3AR Isaac Mortlock-Allan
3BW Harry Bui
3MC Robyn Emptage
3WH Charlie Birnage

4JL Willow Barrett
4KD Antonia Nicolae
4OS James Butler
4WK Jack Rose

5BP Erin Dew
5BR Starr Fletcher-Preston
5EW Eva Clark
5JN Tyler Woods-Barlow

6ALT Isabella Hando
6CC Tobias House
6LS Amelia Hills
6SE Sasha West

Good luck to England in their match against the USA this evening!

Have a lovely weekend, all.

Warm wishes,



Melody Kingman
Headteacher

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