



Friday 30th September 2022

TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

Next week

- 3rd – 6th October – Book Fair 3:20pm in the Old Hall
- 3rd October – 4OS parent drop-in session (Accelerated Reader) 2:30pm
- 4th October – 4KD parent drop-in session (Accelerated Reader) 2:30pm
- 5th October - 3BW and 4WK parent drop-in session (Accelerated Reader) 2:30pm
- 5th October – Whole School Sponsored Event
- 6th October – 3AR and 4JL parent drop-in session (Accelerated Reader) 2:30pm

- 13th October – Year 5 parents Harvest assembly and visit to classrooms 2pm – 3pm
- 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 news that I am very proud to share with our whole school community.

Due to our recent solar panel installation and the work undertaken to develop our extensive Forest Area, our school was nominated for a Canterbury Climate Action Partnership (CCAP) award. Mr Foreman, Mrs Evett-Collins and I attended the ceremony last Sunday afternoon held at the Augustine Hall in Canterbury.



To our pleasure and surprise, out of all the schools that entered, we won; Mr Foreman proudly collected the award on the school's behalf.

During today's assembly, our prestigious achievement was shared with the children and staff. We look forward to building on, what we hope is, the first of many green awards for our school!

At breaktime the tuck shop sells healthy snacks for your child to purchase. Each item costs 50p or less. Children can choose from a carton of juice, raisins, fruit, carrot sticks or bread sticks depending on availability. Alternatively, you can send your child in with their own snack.

Please help support our healthy schools' status by only sending in healthy snacks such as fruit, vegetables, yoghurt tube or a plain biscuit.

A reminder that next week the children will be completing a sponsored circuit event to raise money for a new defibrillator. Please support your child to collect sponsors in time for the event.

Yesterday, I emailed a letter to you all to inform you of the outcome of the Parent Governor election. Mrs Amanda Hills' application was not opposed; therefore, she has formally joined the board for a 4-year term of office as a Parent Governor. We look forward to working with Amanda who will bring her own expertise and greater capacity within our governing board.

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 95.55%. Overall attendance to date is 95.72%.

Well done to 3AR, 3BW, 3WH, 4WK, 5EW, 5JN and 6ALT who achieved 97+% attendance this week.

52 late arrivals were recorded in Year 5 alone this week; this is a concern. Please be reminded that the gate closes at 8:45am.

Well done to Year 6 who greatly improved their punctuality; only 6 late arrivals were recorded this week.

280 children remain in the 100 club.

280 pupils currently have attendance of 98% or above.

HOUSE POINTS

Red House are the winners this week with 307 points – well done!

Green House – 299 points

Yellow House – 299 points

Blue House – 276 points

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CLEANER REQUIRED

We currently have a position for a cleaner. If you would be interested in this post, please apply via the following link:

www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=107297

If you would like to know more about the role, please speak to Mr Foreman, our Site Operations Manager.

TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR AT HBJS

Hooray! Our fantastic Book Fair is here once again and will take place in the old hall after school next week from Monday 3rd October – Thursday 6th October. There really will be something for everyone, with over 200 titles to choose from and prices starting at only £2.99. This could be a great time to get started on your Christmas shopping! Please come along with your children and have a look as there will be some great books to purchase. Don't forget that every book you buy from our Book Fair can help us at school to get more books for our library, as we earn commission from your purchases. ***Please be advised, purchases can be made using cash or payment can be made online by scanning the QR code displayed at the book fair.*** We hope to see you there!

If you would like to browse the online catalogue before your visit then use this link:

book-fairs-september-invite-2149206.pdf (scholastic.co.uk)

LEARNING NEWS AND INFORMATION

Year 6 Herne Bay High banding test:

If you are looking to apply for a place at **Herne Bay High**, your child **will need to sit a banding assessment**; it does not guarantee your child a place at the school, but students **will not be offered a place** if they have not sat the assessment.

This year, the banding assessment will be held at Herne Bay High. There are three possible dates to choose from:

- Saturday 12th November at 9:00-11:00
- Saturday 19th November at 9:00-11:00
- Thursday 24th November at 16:00

You will **need to book** a place on one of these dates **before** Wednesday 9th November using the link below:

[Open Events 2022 - Herne Bay High School](#)

Year 7 Open Days

A number of local secondary schools are now publishing details of their open events for current Year 6 pupils. Where available, information has already been emailed out to parents, but is also collated below:

Herne Bay High School	Open mornings are taking place on 11 th , 13 th and 21 st October between 9:00am and 10:15am. Open evening – 5 th October between 6:00pm and 9:00pm. For more details use the link below: Open Events 2022 - Herne Bay High School
The Whitstable School	The open evening will take place on Thursday 13 th October. School tours can also be booked between 17 th and 21 st October. Click the link below for further information. The Whitstable School - Open Evening 2022
Barton Court Grammar School	Open mornings are happening on 17 th , 19 th and 20 th October between 9:00am and 10:30am. (Booking is not required) Open evenings are happening on 6 th and 18 th October between 5:00pm and 8:00pm. Booking is required for the Headteacher's presentation only (use the link below for further details). Open Evenings & Mornings 2022 - Announcements - Barton Court Grammar School
The Langton Grammar School for Boys	The open evening is on Wednesday 19 th October from 5.45 pm until 8 pm. No booking is needed for this event. If you would like to visit the school during the school day, you can book onto one of our OPEN WEEK tours. Please contact reception on 01227 463567 in order to book a place. We will not be able to accommodate you if you have not phoned to book. Dates/Times available are as follows: Monday 17 th October – tours available at 9.30 am; 11.30 am and 2.30 pm Tuesday 18 th October – tours available at 9.30 am; 11.30 am and 2.30 pm Wednesday 19 th October – tours available at 9.30 am; 11.30 am only Thursday 20 th October – tours available at 9.30 am; 11.30 am and 2.30 pm <i>Note: 9.30 am tours on all days are now full</i> Admissions (thelangton.org.uk)
Simon Langton Girls' Grammar School	Open mornings are taking place on the 12 th , 13 th , 14 th and 17 th of October. You will need to book a place using the link below. An 'Open Evening' will take place on Thursday 13 th October 2022 from 5:30pm-8:00pm. (Booking for the open evening is not required – please use the link below for further details)

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	https://www.langton.kent.sch.uk/admissions/year-6-open-mornings-and-open-evening
Chatham & Clarendon Grammar School	<p>Open mornings are taking place on 18th, 20th and 21st October. Places will need to be booked using the link below</p> <p>Open evenings are taking place on 18th and 20th October between 5:15pm and 7:30pm. Use the link below to find further details.</p> <p>Year 6 Open Events for Year 7 Admission 2023 - Announcements - Chatham & Clarendon Grammar School - CCGS (ccgrammarschool.co.uk)</p>

INCLUSION TEAM NEWS

Online Parent Workshop: Understanding Autism

Do you have questions about Autism? Has your child just received a diagnosis? Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to support your child?

You are invited to a workshop about understanding symptoms of Autism. We also discuss helpful strategies that you can use at home to help support your child. The workshop will be held on Monday 3rd October, 6-7.30pm. To join, just click the Teams link on the poster attached to this newsletter.

INCLUSION BEAR

Nominations:

Mr Senft nominated Jack and Becky in 6LS. "In PSHE, we have been looking at 'Where chocolate comes from?' As a class we discussed our favourite chocolate bars. The next morning, Jack and Becky came in with my favourite bars as a gift for me. It was a lovely gesture from them both."

Miss Oliver nominated Nevaeh in 4OS. "On Wednesday, a child in our class came into school upset as she felt ill. I was settling another child into class and Nevaeh kindly looked after the child and asked her if she was ok. Nevaeh then went to the office to get a cup for her as she didn't have her water bottle. This really helped me as I was the only adult in the class at the time"

Izzy, in 4WK, nominated Miss O'Donnell for "being really kind to me during forest area time and giving me a poppet to fiddle with because I was sad and it cheered me up."

Alisha, in 5BR, nominated Amelie for being a kind friend and always cheering her up when she feels sad.

Jess nominated Becky, in 6LS, for always looking after her.

Demi, in 6LS, nominated Jess for helping her in any way possible.

Emma, in 5BP, nominated Ayden for never giving up in football.

Tilly, in 5BR, nominated Emmie because "she is always kind, helpful and thoughtful, always a friend to play with and a wonderful role model to our class, school and her sister, Elsie."

Awarded to:

Athena nominated Mrs Donaghy for when she was upset she came to talk to her and gave her a hug. "She is a star with a big heart of love and she shares it with us all".

#WAKEUPWEDNESDAY

How to be green with your tech

Right now, humans aren't living sustainably: we're taking too many resources and not leaving the world in a fit state for future generations. Old tech products are a clear example: if we throw them away, the poisonous lead and mercury inside can get into the food chain through the soil. Recycling tech, though, has its own issues: it's often exported to countries where the law doesn't protect people from hazards. Whole villages (including children) sort through discarded devices to remove useful parts and substances like gold, silver and copper – often putting their health at risk. Finding ways to re-use tech is the greenest option. In the guide attached to the newsletter, you'll find a number of tips such as donating your old devices to charity, reusing your smartphones and recycling the batteries.

ROCKING READERS

4WK are the Rocking Readers this week. Since returning to school, they have consistently increased both their average minutes spent reading and their quiz scores – 20 minutes average daily reading and 93% in their quizzes: that's fabulous team work!

SPORTS AWARD

Last weekend, Mr Hobbs travelled to Germany to run the Berlin Marathon. In assembly this morning, he awarded his completion medal to Tifarah in 4JL, by way of recognition of her dedication to running. He hopes that she will be inspired to run a marathon herself one day!

This weekend, Mr Hobbs and Miss Black are both running the London Marathon. We wish them both the best of luck!

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STAR OF THE WEEK

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

3AR Archie-Lee Grimes
3BW Musab Mutlu
3MC Lennon Morgan
3WH Ronnie Heaton

4JL Faith Gale
4KD Lilly Wheeler
4OS Mia-Rose Hoang
4WK Izzy Gaskin

5BP Evan Law
5BR Emmie Burrell
5EW Isabella Zoil
5JN Mollie Adams

6ALT Edward Simson
6CC Harper Cotter
6LS Ronnie-Jay Tumber
6SE Hayden Cracknell

Despite the sudden autumnal weather this week, the forecast looks to be warmer this weekend. I hope that you and your family are able to enjoy some time outdoors together.

Best wishes,



Melody Kingman
Headteacher

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