



Friday 4th November 2022

TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 14th – 18th November – Anti-bullying Week
- 14th November – Odd Sock Day (Celebrating differences)
- 14th November – School Council Tombola – 3pm – 3:30pm in the school courtyard
- 15th November – School Choir opening the Canterbury Garden Centre Christmas Shopping Event 5:30pm onwards. All welcome.
- 18th November – Non-uniform Day to raise money for Children in Need (HBHS annual Dance Dash)
- 14th – 18th November – Year 3 AR drop-in sessions for parents: 14th - 3MC, 15th - 3BW, 16th - 3WH, 18th - 3AR (time to be confirmed)
- 23rd November – Year 6 Solar for Schools Workshop
- 25th November – PTA fundraising event 7:15pm 'Delilah and Anita's Bingo'**
- 6th December – Year 2 parents Open Morning
- 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
- 9th December – Years 4 parents invited to see children's termly projects 9:30am
- 12th – 15th December – Year group Christmas parties (dates to be confirmed)
- 13th December – Years 3 & 4 Nativity Service at Christ Church William Street 9:30am (parents welcome)
- 15th December – Years 5 & 6 Nativity Service at Christ Church William Street 9:30am (parents welcome)
- 16th December – End of term **School closes at 1:15pm**

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 – Start of Term 3

Welcome back and to Term 2! I hope that you all had an enjoyable half term break. We have a very busy term ahead so I have listed key dates for your information at the top of this newsletter. These will be updated weekly as additions or amendments occur.

The change in the clocks has coincided with a shift in the weather which now has a more seasonal feel. This brings a timely reminder for children to bring a suitable coat to school for outdoor activities which will continue despite the fall in temperature. I am constantly bewildered by the number of coats and sweatshirts that we hold in lost property. Named clothing makes it quick and easy for lost property to be returned so do please ensure that your child's clothing is fully named.

Poppies will be on sale in school next week. We will be observing the national 2 minutes silence at 11am on Remembrance Day.

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 92.04%. Overall attendance to date is 94.95%.

Well done to 3BW, 3MC, 3WH and 5EW who achieved 97+% attendance this week.

186 children remain in the 100 club with 100% attendance.

206 pupils currently have attendance of 98% or above.

HOUSE POINTS

Yellow House are the winners this week with 173 points – well done!

Green House – 140 points

Blue House – 139 points

Red House – 137 points

Y6 END OF DAY EXIT

It has been noticed by staff that the exit for Y6 pupils has been made unsafe by cars parked across the car park exit and yellow lines.

We need to consider the safety of all by ensuring this exit is clear for all children leaving the school site at the end of the day.

Thank you for your support with this.

CREATIVE EDUCATION - TRIAL COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

As a school we have been using Creative Education for training courses and CPD related to all aspects of child development and education. Courses accessed by staff vary from education, mental health and well-being to safeguarding.

We have felt many of the courses and resources available would be extremely beneficial to parents and therefore have requested a trial period for parents to access this material.

The trial will run until 9 December 2022.

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Each training course/ webinar is presented as a video and is very flexible, meaning you can complete the course in one sitting or a module at a time.

There are currently over 360 courses/ webinars within the library.

We would also value your feedback regarding the courses accessed by following this link:

www.creativeeducation.co.uk/add-yourself-to-your-school-or-colleges-membership/?ca=11503683f0398fb6753316f87c7a66db

Please see the attached flyer for further information about the courses offered and to gain access to this valuable platform.

LEARNING NEWS AND INFORMATION

Termly home projects and homework

Each term we ask that the children complete a home learning project linked to the learning they have been doing in school. It is a wonderful opportunity to work alongside your child to produce a project driven by their curiosity, questions or knowledge about the term's learning. The first of this year's home learning projects are due in at the end of this term, so now is the time to encourage and support them in coming up with a project idea. Class teachers have sent home possible suggestions for you to explore and develop further. Taking a little time each week to work on the project will help to consolidate their learning and ensure that there is not a rush to get it completed in the last week of term. We have seen some fantastic projects come in over the years and we look forward to celebrating the children's efforts together when we invite parents in at the end of the term to share in your children's work and see the work of the other children in their classes.

Alongside the termly home learning projects, we continue to set weekly spellings, reading and times tables tasks. Finding a little bit of time each day to complete these tasks will be more beneficial than one longer session once a week for both retention and minimising anxiety that can come with homework. If homework is an issue or you would like help in supporting your child to complete their homework, please get in contact with your child's class teacher via the office or by speaking with them at the end of the school day. Parents in years 3 and 4 can continue to see how their child is getting on in their AR reading quizzes through the Home Connect system.

INCLUSION TEAM NEWS

This week HBJs have hosted two sessions designed for parents to support their children in managing their emotions. The informal sessions brought together parents wanting to support their child with managing change, anger, anxiety, fear and the unknown. I've reflected on the sessions what I think are the most useful nuggets of information to share:

- Model your own regulation of emotions. Talk aloud about how you are feeling, name the emotion and then speak about what strategy you will use to help you.

E.g. "I can feel myself getting worried. My hands and head are beginning to feel hot. I need to take a break as I don't want to reach meltdown. I need to take a few minutes in a calm space until I'm ready to tackle this challenge".

Physically follow through with this so your child can see you managing the journey that emotions send adults on as well as children. Talk to your child openly about the journey you've been on and how you used a strategy to make it better.

- Use positive affirmations towards your child (see 40 Positive things to say to children attached). We want a child's inner voice to hear these and say them too but that begins with us using them.
- Preparation for upcoming events in visual reminders. Prepare your child for their day or week by writing or drawing appointments into the calendar. Talk through what to expect. If the event is something totally new, can you visit the location online or drive past it in person. Knowing what to expect can really help your child.
- If you're not sure of what is causing the extreme emotions, keep a record. Write down the time, day and place of the event. Record what behaviours your child is displaying and the impact/consequence. Use an ABC sheet to record (see attached)
- If worries are the difficulty for your child, write them down at the start of the day or before the event. Once it is over, return to this with your child and reflect on whether it was necessary to have worried so much. Repeating this will support your child in noticing that most of the time, their worries don't amount to any disaster and they didn't need to waste that energy.

The next workshops will cover Sleep Hygiene (dates tbc). If there is something that you would like more support with, do contact Sammy Black as we would like to react to the needs of the families in our school.

Emotional Wellbeing Team Parent Workshops

Please see attached the schedule for all of the workshops being led to support parents this term.

Understanding your Child's Behaviour is on 14th November and Supporting your Child with ASD is on 16th November. The attached documents contain direct links to the TEAMS meetings for these workshops.

SEN Surgery

Our SEN Surgery continues to run every Wednesday afternoon this term. Parents can book in a 30min phone call to discuss their child's needs, assessments, reports or concerns they might have. Please call the school office and ask to speak to Sammy Black or Tracey Hewitt to book your spot.

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Inclusive Football

A club for children with additional needs has been set up and is running locally in Herne Bay. A flyer is attached to this newsletter with more information.

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

NHS Emotional Wellbeing Practitioner (EWP)

“Hello, my name is Clare and I am an Emotional Wellbeing Practitioner. I help children and young people with their emotional wellbeing. When supporting primary school-aged children, I typically work with parents/carers to support with understanding children’s emotional wellbeing needs as well as strategies to help children and families move forward with any difficulties they may be experiencing. I support parents/carers through delivering one-off workshops or more targeted long-term support through either 1-1 sessions or group sessions. Occasionally, the Emotional Wellbeing Team delivers workshops and assemblies to children in the school too.”



Clare will have a stall in the front courtyard next Friday morning as the children arrive at school. Please say hello and ask her any questions you have about the Emotional Wellbeing Team and the support they can offer.

Kooth

Kooth is designed to support the wellbeing and resilience of young people and is available for 10-25-year olds in Kent. Kooth is running **free** online parent/carer information sessions which are designed to help you understand how Kooth can support your child with their mental health and wellbeing.

The session will cover:

- An overview of Kooth
- A Live tour of the Kooth site
- An opportunity for Questions & Answers about Kooth

If you would like to attend a session, you will find the registration link on the on the parent/carer information sheets attached to the newsletter.

INCLUSION BEAR

Nominated:

Arthur in 4WK nominated Jack for cheering him up at running club and making him feel happy during break & lunch times.

Tilly in 4KD nominated Phoebe because she is always happy and smiling. She is good friend all the time.

Holly 3in AR nominated Mrs Roman because “she always helps me if I am stuck on work. She is a kind teacher and a very nice teacher. She helps everyone when children are stuck”.

Effie in 3AR nominated Mrs Roman as she made her feel so welcomed to the school. She said “when she walks in the room Mrs Roman smiles at me and this makes me feel even more welcome”.

Awarded to:

Izzy in 4WK as when Cheyanna was sad Izzy helped and played with her.

ROCKING READERS

3BW are this week’s Rocking Readers. Since starting in Year 3 they have consistently been reading for an average of 19 minutes each day and, this week, have achieved their highest average quiz score to date: 86%!

There are 459 books currently overdue in the library. In assembly today, Miss Wilkinson asked the children to ensure that they are returning their books on time so that our shelves remain well stocked. It would be appreciated if you could support your child to ensure that they are returning or re-issuing their book loans on time.

SPORTS AWARD

Isaac Prevett was awarded the Sports Trophy this week in recognition of his focus and determination during PE this week. He enjoyed participating in Bench Ball and was supportive of his team mates.

CANTERBURY GARDEN CENTRE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENT

Our Choir will be singing at the opening of the Christmas Shopping Event at Canterbury Garden Centre on Tuesday 15th November. Attached to this newsletter is a flyer detailing this festive family event.

CONGRATULATIONS...

... to Grace Vivash in 3AR for coming 1st in a dance competition last term. Also to Abigail Wilders in 3AR for earning a certificate in her gymnastics competition. Well done girls!

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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 Fred Byron-Love
3BW Ivy Austin
3MC Anni Stylianou
3WH Leon Wyllie-Hanna

4JL Gabriel Marr
4KD Phoebe White
4OS Imogen Mortlock-Allan
4WK Arthur Angel

5BP Ruby Towell
5BR Lily Peeks
5EW Isabella Zoil
5JN Max Abbs

6ALT Connor Pressley-Ward
6CC Jamie Kavaja
6LS Leon Williams
6SE Flynn Townson

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable firework night and a very happy weekend.

Best wishes,



Melody Kingman
Headteacher

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