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Friday 6th September 2019

Welcome back to a new school year!

On Tuesday morning, we welcomed the Year 3 children to our Herne Bay Junior School family. They entered the school eagerly and confidently, greeting their teachers and TAs with bright smiles. We were also happy to see our Years 4, 5 & 6 children return and settle well into their new classes.

It has been a busy week for the children as they get to know their new classes and the daily routines. I am sure that they will be ready for a rest this weekend!

YEAR 6 SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

Today, in assembly, we revealed our Year 6 school reps. I am confident that these children will represent the school with confidence, pride and enthusiasm.

Congratulations to:

Barnaby Grace
Faith Penfold-Killick
Brooke Saunders
Oliver Edwards
Lily Weigh
Edward Wiltshire
Aston Francis
Mia Sallis
Sophie Ashby
Jenna Thompson
Amy Burr
Finlay Giles
Finlay Hudson
Maddison James
Euan Irvine

NEW STAFF

We welcome a number of new staff to the school this term:

Mrs Ingram (Year 3 class teacher)
Mr Chaplin (Year 4 class teacher)
Miss Foad (Year 4 class teacher)
Mrs Evans (Year 5 class teacher)
Mrs Sutherland (Year 6 TA)
Mrs Peaks (Year 3 support TA)
Miss Campbell (Year 4 support TA)

SAFEGUARDING

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) in school is Mrs Evett-Collins. Mrs Kingman, Mr Thomas, Miss Black and Mrs Edwards are also trained DSLs. The children have been

reminded that it is the responsibility of all adults in school to ensure that the children are safe and of who they should turn to if they need a trusted adult to talk to.

The children were also reminded of the 24 hour NSPCC Childline number - 0800 1111.

NEW PHONE SYSTEM

We are swapping to a new phone system on Monday the 9th September. We will be keeping our usual number and nothing will change about the way you contact the school. However, there may be a few minutes on Monday when the usual number will not connect. If you do need to contact the school on Monday, please use the usual school number in the first instance. If this fails to connect, dial the following temporary number: 01227 649093. This number will only be operational on Monday 9th September.

KENT TEST (Year 6)

The Kent Test takes place on Thursday 12th September. Please ensure that your child is in school and on time.

WEAR RED INSTEAD

Next Friday 13th September, we will be holding a 'Wear Red Instead' day in aid of the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance. Everyone may wear red clothing to school in return for a £1 (or more) donation. It costs £11 million each year for the Air Ambulance crew to continue their life-saving work. David Fagg from the Air Ambulance team will be coming in to school on Monday 16th September to receive the donations and deliver an assembly to the children.

CLAIRE MURDOCH VISIT

On Monday 9th September we will be welcoming Claire Murdoch, NHS England's Mental Health Director, to the school. She will be accompanied by Kathryn Pugh, Deputy Head of Mental Health, Children and Young People's Mental Health Programme Lead. During their visit we will be sharing our journey to achieving Silver status through the Carnegie Centre of Excellence Mental Health in Schools Award, as well as the approaches that we use in school to promote positive well-being for all. Claire will be delivering an assembly to the children in Years 3, 5 & 6 during the afternoon. BBC South East has expressed an interest in documenting the work of the school in supporting pupil and staff well-being. A crew will be in school filming next week and some children will be involved in this. We will inform you of when we expect the bulletin to be aired.

MR EGYPT

On Monday, the children in Year 4 will be learning exciting facts and general knowledge about Ancient Egypt. The topic

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will be enriched by our visitor, Mr Egypt, through his interactive and engaging workshops.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Yesterday, all the children brought home a list of key dates for the year. These will be added to throughout the year and updated through the weekly newsletter.



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STAR OF THE WEEK

YEAR 3 3VH 3CC 3AR 3LI	Beau Facey Sofe Irvine Ken Bui Connor Pressley-Ward
YEAR 4 4HO 4CW 4MC 4SF	Bertie Newman Charlie Bath Samuel Dillon Evie Earwicker
YEAR 5 5EW 5LS 5JN 5BK	Seth MacDonald Piers Jenning Ellese Hannington Summer Wallace
YEAR 6 6SE 6AT 6PP 6KO 6RW	Emma Ottoway Tyler Moore Joshua Tuck Jake Scollon Brooke Saunders

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