



HERNE BAY JUNIOR SCHOOL

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For safeguarding, the school office will be closed from 8.35am-8.50am and 3.15pm-3.25pm daily. This is to allow the children to enter and exit the site safely. Please call or use the intercom during these times for assistance.

Friday 10th May 2024

TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

Next week:

- 13th – 16th May – Year 6 SATS week
- 13th – 17th May – Mental Health Awareness Week
- 15th May – Move with Mr Hobbs (parents invited) – **see Move with Mr Hobbs timetable attached for your child's class slot**
- 17th May – Wear it Green day – wear green to raise awareness of the Mental Health Foundation
- 17th May - Parks and Shakespeare classes swimming

- 20th May – Art Ambassadors art session
- 21st May – Year 5 Parents Kent Test Meeting – 5:30pm
- 24th May – **End of Term 5 (finish 3:15pm)**

TERM 6 BEGINS – MONDAY 3rd JUNE

We are already past the mid-way mark of term 5 and the diary is getting busier. Next week, we have Year 6 SATs tests and we wish all our children well. Alongside, it is Mental Health Awareness week, and we have a lot planned. All the information can be found in this newsletter and updates and reminders will be shared daily on our social media platforms.

Our Year 5 children have taken their CAT tests this week and the results will be shared with you ahead of the Kent Test meeting on 21st May. If you have a child in Year 5, please try to attend this meeting where information will be shared about the grammar school selection process which opens on 1st June.

It finally feels as though the warmer weather is on its way. It's at this time of year when our lost property increases as children discard their sweatshirts on the field or playground. If these are named, we will do our best to return them. However, you will appreciate that it is impossible to return unnamed items leaving some children without. Please check that everything is named for your child to help us reduce waste; inevitably, most items end up being bagged and never returned.

We have a second-hand clothes rail with items to buy via School Money; please consider this before buying new. All proceeds support the school to provide additional resources for our children.

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 92.7%.
Overall attendance this year to date is 92.93%.

Well done to Dali class for achieving 97+% attendance this week.

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

51 late codes have been recorded this week:

- Year 3 – 8
- Year 4 – 133
- Year 5 – 19
- Year 6 – 11

All children must arrive at school **by 8:45am** each day to avoid being coded as 'late'. A late arrival results in a disrupted start to the day. Learning begins at 8:45am: a child arriving late will find it difficult to join in a lesson that has already started.

Early Morning Sports Club is free of charge and open for all children to attend. It starts promptly at **8:20am** each day. Please consider this if your child is held up by you dropping siblings to other schools.

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HOUSE POINTS

Eagles are the winners this week with 163 house points – well done!

Hawks - 154 house points

Kestrels – 146 house points

Falcons – 137 house points

SAFEGUARDING

Road safety outside school

It has been brought to our attention that an increasing number of parents are waiting to collect children from outside the school gates.

This is creating a risk for those trying to walk along the pavement safely, whereby they are needing to step into the road. Please can parents ensure they wait within the courtyard area for collection at the end of the day.

Thank you for your support with this.

TEACHING & LEARNING NEWS

Year 6 SATs – Next week!

Next week, Year 6 will be completing their statutory assessment tests (SATs) for Key Stage 2. It is an important week for the Year 6 students. With the support of the Year 6 staff, they have been working really hard to prepare over the last few weeks and we are proud of their efforts and attitude. They deserve to do well and be in the best place to demonstrate the knowledge they have gained over these past four years. Therefore, we ask that you support them by ensuring that they are in school on time and that they are well-rested. For those who have signed up to the early morning breakfast of a sausage sandwich, we'd like to remind you that the school gate will open at 8:15 until 8:20 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Morning sports will continue as normal and Year 6 children who usually attend this are welcome to grab their breakfast and join Mr Hobbs and the rest of the children who attend on the playground. If your child is not attending the breakfast or morning sports, the school gates open at 8:35 and close at 8:45. It is so important that the children arrive on time - late arrivals result in a delay to testing that impacts all those who are taking part. We wish all the children in Year 6 good luck for next week and know that they will do their best to make themselves proud.

SEN NEWS

Y4 parents of children with EHCPs.

It sounds crazy but now is when you need to start thinking of secondary school. At the start of Year 5, my advice is that you take the opportunity to visit as many schools as you can. These are advertised as Year 6 open days but you need to attend also. It's important that you speak to the SENCO when you visit to find out what provision can be expected for your child. If you are hoping your child will access specialist provision, use the following link to find out which schools cater to which needs.:

<https://webapps.kent.gov.uk/KCC.SchoolSearch.Web.Sites.Public/Default.aspx>

SEN Magazine-latest edition link: [SEN129 March/April 2024 \(senmagazine.co.uk\)](https://senmagazine.co.uk)

There are some fantastic articles for families and teachers this month. Staff at school are sent this link also to keep them informed with current provision for children with SEND.

#WAKEUPWEDNESDAY

What you need to know about Helldivers 2

Within the last few months, Helldivers 2 has propelled to immense popularity in the gaming community, with players of all ages enjoying its frenetic combat, humorous presentation, and challenging gameplay. Whether they're cooperating with friends or competing with strangers, the game has attracted many young players despite its higher age rating.

As can be expected from an online game – especially one rated 18+ – there are several inherent online safety risks posed to children and young people who play Helldivers 2; from the content of the game itself to the dangers of interacting with strangers online. The guide attached highlights the most prominent hazards of Helldivers 2 and provides you with top tips for keeping its younger players safe.

FAMILY SUPPORT AND WELLBEING

Mental Health Awareness Week

A reminder that next week is Mental Health Awareness Week.

'**Change to Make a Change**' - We kindly ask that children bring in any change lying around the house to go towards our fundraising effort for the Mental Health Foundation: [Mental Health Awareness Week | Mental Health Foundation](#)

'**Move with Mr Hobbs**' - On Wednesday 15th May, Mr Hobbs will run around a track on the field for the entire afternoon. Each class has been given a 10-minute time slot to join him and parents & carers are welcome at that time too. Please remember, we will be 'moving' around the track. That may include running, walking, skipping, hopping, jumping etc. Class time slots are attached to this newsletter and will be shared on our social media pages.

'**Wear it Green day**' - On Friday 17th May, staff and children will wear green to raise awareness of the Mental Health Foundation [Wear it Green Day | Mental Health Foundation](#)

Red Zebra

Rachel, Social Prescribing Link Worker from Red Zebra, will be joining us in school every Tuesday, 9am - 1pm, from the **21st May**. Rachel will be based in The Hub.

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What is Social Prescribing?

"Social Prescribing is a free service that links people to organisations and groups within the local community, with an aim of improving health and wellbeing. The Herne Bay Primary Care Network is extending the provision of this service to support Children and Young People and their families in the local area and our team at Red Zebra are really pleased to be joining with Herne Bay Juniors to help support those who might benefit from what we can offer.

The support you can receive will vary and be a holistic, 'whole family' approach based on the needs of your children and your family, and "what matters to you". The types of support we can offer includes providing advice regarding housing, employment, benefits and financial matters, parenting support, physical and mental health and well-being, social isolation and much more! We can help support your children around any additional needs that they may have and empower you to learn more about how to support them by accessing organisations that can help. We can also help you access activities and resources in the local area to help you feel more connected within your local community. There is a huge amount of information out there but sometimes it's hard to know where to start! That's where your Social Prescriber can help!

For more information, please see the leaflet attached or speak to Mrs Edwards or Miss Wood.

EWT Parent Workshop

A reminder that the Emotional Wellbeing Team will be facilitating an online parent workshop on an **Introduction to Understanding Autism** on Monday 13th May, 10.30-12.30pm. We have attached the poster and below is the Teams link:

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 325 227 888 055

Passcode: RDZpDw

INCLUSION BEAR

Awarded to:

Bryan nominated Isaac, James and Jamie in Shakespeare class. Bryan said, "they deserve Patch because they always play with me, and they are kind. I am lucky to have them as friends."

Nominated:

Daniel, in Turing class, nominated Riley in Banneker class, because whenever Daniel feels upset, Riley is there to cheer him up.

Daniel also nominated Freddie in Shakespeare class. Daniel said, "At home and school, Freddie is always there to brighten my day."

Rose and Blossom, in Tolkien class, nominated Mr. Chaplin because he is so nice and caring. They said, "We will always remember him."

Toby nominated Belle, in Picasso class, because she is funny and a really good friend.

ROCKING READERS

Well done Anning class for being this week's Rocking Readers! This class have become more consistent in their AR quiz scores and are achieving an average of 30 minutes reading per pupil per day.

TT ROCKSTARS

Dali class were recognised as this week's TT Rock Stars! Although all Year 4 classes have improved in their MTC scores, Dali class have raised their average from 11.8 out of 25 in Term 2 to 20.4 out of 25 in Term 5 – this is excellent progress!

TT ROCKSTARS COMPETITION

For the last fortnight, the children have been battling in their Houses to compete in this term's TT Rock Stars competition. Today the winning house was announced: **Eagles!**

The results were as follows:

1st Eagles 455 points

2nd Hawks 427 points

3rd Kestrels 402 points

4th Falcons 362 points

Individual children were awarded certificates in assembly this morning, recognised as the most valuable players in each House:

Hawks: 1st Pariya Hothi, 2nd Ruby Towell, 3rd Emma Cooper

Kestrels: 1st Mason Miller, 2nd Max Corrick, 3rd Ellis Crowley

Falcons: 1st Violet Ellis, 2nd Daisy Ellis,

3rd Bruno Nugent-Watkins

Eagles: 1st Shruti Chinnien, 2nd Darcy White, 3rd Razvan Ion

SPORTS AWARD

Elsie Bullen in Tolkien class was awarded the Sports Cup today in assembly. Elsie is showing great promise in Sport; Mr Hobbs described her ability as 'effortless'. We look forward to seeing what she achieves as she makes her way through the school!

HERNE BAY YOUTH RANGERS – GIRLS FOOTBALL

Attached to this newsletter is a flyer from Herne Bay Youth Rangers who are recruiting for their Girls' teams for the 2024 – 2025 season. Details are included on the poster.

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MR FOREMAN'S ECO CORNER

Barking up the Wrong Tree



Chips: gotta love a chip or two, or a bag, (large), with a pickled egg, smothered in salt and vinegar. Mmmm...

And what has this got to do with eco news? Aside from making me feel hungry, there is a weak link with one of my favourite fast foods and being a bit more eco responsible: **Polystyrene.**

Many times, I've had my chips in the yellowy (is that even a word?) polystyrene packaging that, once emptied of its contents, is thrown away in the general waste bin as it can't be recycled. Yes, I know what you're going to say, papery cardboard packaging has been around for a while and our chips/burgers etc are now being served in these, but, the bottom line is, these still use paper and a tree still needs to be felled to produce this type of packaging.

Well, worry no more, the clever people at Bpacks have unveiled the world's first bark plastic packaging technology. It's a revolutionary new eco-friendly bark plastic packaging alternative made from waste tree bark (the first of its kind globally) and is hitting the market, aiming to tackle the world's mounting plastic waste crisis.



Bpacks' biomaterial bark plastic packaging can seamlessly integrate with existing plastic production equipment, eliminating the need for manufacturers to invest in costly new machinery. This clever approach

could significantly accelerate the transition away from conventional petroleum-based plastics as well as reducing carbon emissions up to 6 times lower compared to conventional plastic production as well.

According to Bpack, bark plastic packaging can fully decompose into nutrient-rich compost within just one to two months in moist soil environments and is a potential game-changer in reducing non-biodegradable waste.

So, you can have your chips and be sustainable at the same time. Good news all round!!

Eco dates this week

13th – 17th May: **Water Saving Week**

[Waterwise](#) Hints, tips and info on how to responsibly use our most valuable resource.

16th May: **National Love A Tree Day**

Did you know trees didn't exist for the first 90% of Earth's history? Before trees, our Earth had fungi that grew 26 feet tall and resembled trees – fascinating!

STAR OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children for being identified by their class teachers as this week's Stars of the Week. Certificates will be emailed to parents/carers.

Parks	Harvey Glover
Shakespeare	Evangeline Medhurst
Tolkien	Flynn Hughes

Da Vinci	Lola-Rae Lee
Dali	Joshua O'Leary
Kahlo	Ayla Sherifali
Picasso	Zane Kavaja

Anning	Zach North
Curie	India Geeves
Hawking	TJ Brewster
Jemison	Nevaeh London

Banneker	Scarlette Horn
Johnson	Isla Humphreys-Scarman
Nightingale	Monty Hughes
Turing	Bentley Gray

TA RECOGNITION AWARD

Each week, our TAs recognise those children who consistently shine as positive role models to others during break and lunch times. Certificates will be emailed to parents/carers.

This week's awards go to:

Year 3	Ronnie-Jay Watkins
Year 4	Da Vinci class
Year 5	Kardelen Coker
Year 6	William Leeks

Wishing you all a happy weekend.

Best wishes,

Melody Kingman
Headteacher

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