



# HERNE BAY JUNIOR SCHOOL

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**HERNE BAY JUNIOR SCHOOL IS A SAFE, INCLUSIVE AND WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY. APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR AND RESPECT FOR OTHERS SHOULD BE UPHELD AT ALL TIMES.**

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 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024*

## TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Next week:

- 16<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Production matinee performance 1:30pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> July – Whole school transition activities
- 17<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Production evening performance – 7pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Service at Christ Church (Y5 children to attend) Y6 Parents welcome (only)
- 18<sup>th</sup> July – 100 Club – 100% attendance prize beach trip
- 18<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Festival 3:30pm – 5:30pm

**19<sup>th</sup> July – End of Term 6 – 1:15pm finish (After School Club closed)**

Next week will be busy – the last week of the school year. There will be a strong focus on our Year 6 children as they complete the year and their time at HBJS. We are looking forward to their production of Oliver which I am sure will be a fabulous show! On Thursday, once the stage, costumes and props have been put away for another year, the day will be focused on the children making final memories together. This will include their award ceremony and service at Christ Church in the morning and the Leavers Festival on the school field at the end of the day.

Transition events and activities will continue for the rest of the school and the children will spend more time with their new teachers and support staff on Wednesday. We hope that these additional activities have helped the children to feel better prepared for the changes in September.

We know that many children and families will be watching the England v Spain final of the European Cup on Sunday. Despite the late night, we expect the children to arrive to school at the usual time on Monday. We recognise that there may be a few bleary eyes amongst the children and staff but we will cope with this together.

We have been asked by members of the public to remind parents to park safely when dropping off and picking up children. We will be asking the traffic enforcement officer to be in attendance to ensure the safety of our children at these busy times. Please be mindful to park in the designated areas rather than pulling up on the yellow lines outside the school entrance.

Finally, I am pleased to share that Mrs Dare-Ojo safely delivered her daughter on 3rd July. We send our best wishes to all the family and look forward to meeting the new baby in the very near future!

## ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 91.11%.  
Overall attendance this year to date is 92.61%.

No class achieved 97+% attendance this week.

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

83 late codes have been recorded this week:

- Year 3 – 24
- Year 4 – 25
- Year 5 – 18
- Year 6 – 16

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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.

### Working together to improve school attendance

Has your child been unable to attend school because of medical/health needs for 15 days or more (consistently or cumulatively throughout the academic year)?

The Local Authority are encouraging schools and parents to respond to the public consultation on the Health Needs policy which closes on the 28th July.

The aim of the draft policy is to provide clarity on the arrangements which will apply when a school pupil in Kent is not able to attend school for health/medical reasons.

Please follow this link [www.kent.gov.uk/healthneedspolicy](http://www.kent.gov.uk/healthneedspolicy)

## HOUSE POINTS

**Falcons** are the winners this week with 197 house points – well done!

**Hawks** - 196 house points

**Kestrels** – 189 house points

**Eagles** – 185 house points

## TEACHING & LEARNING NEWS

### End of year assessment reports to parents

Next week, children will be bringing home their Summer term teacher assessment data report. This will detail your child's current attainment in Reading, Writing and Maths. An attendance certificate will also accompany this report, indicating your child's attendance for the year until today (Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July). If you have any questions or queries regarding your child's data, please speak to their current class teacher who will be happy to discuss their assessment decisions and where further support can be given.

Children in Year 6 will also receive their SATs test outcomes. The SATs are statutory national assessments issued by the Department for Education (DfE). They assess children's learning over the whole course of Key Stage 2 not just the content in Year 6. They are standardised tests. A scale score of 100 or more indicates that the standard has been met. You will receive your child's scores for the Reading, Maths and GPS tests as well as their teacher assessment for Writing and Science. A key can be found on the reverse of the letter to help you interpret the results.

It is important to remember that outcomes from the SATs represent just a snapshot of your child and should not define their entire experience. They reflect a single day's performance and

won't capture all the challenges they have overcome or successes they have had in their time here in school. Whether it's winning a race on Sports Day or gracefully accepting defeat; standing on a stage in front of a packed crowd to sing, dance or act; helping a friend when they needed it or gaining the confidence to ask for help when they require it, there are so many strengths your children have that cannot be captured in a test. If you do have concerns or would like further context to the scores, please speak to your child's class teacher.

### Art Ambassadors

Last term, local artist, Nick Cobb, ran a workshop for our Art Ambassadors. Part of the session involved them creating their own cartoon characters.

Some of these have been selected and transferred onto the window in Gingerbread Cafe in celebration of Herne Bay's Cartoon Festival. See if

you can spot them when you next go by!



## FAMILY SUPPORT AND WELLBEING

### Household Support Fund

The Household Support Fund is a scheme funded by the government to help lower income households. The scheme will offer energy and/or food support at a total of £100.

To apply, you must:

- Live in the Canterbury district and be 16 or over
- Have a total household income of £40,000 or less before tax - this includes any money from employment or benefits
- Not have savings above £1000
- Not be receiving free school meal support

More information, as well as the application form, can be found on Canterbury City Council's website:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/adult-social-care/paying-for-care/benefits/household-support-fund>

Please come and speak with Miss Wood if you would like support to complete the application.

## #WAKEUPWEDNESDAY

### Sharing Intimate Images Online

The sharing of intimate images online can be a dangerous avenue through which abusers seek to exploit children and young people, forcibly exposing them to explicit material, coercing them into sharing self-generated intimate images, and extorting them with the threat of sharing such images more widely. From reputational impact to potential blackmail or emotional distress,

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and even legal consequences, exposure to this harmful behaviour can have a severe impact.

It's important to remember that the creation and distribution of explicit material featuring under-18s – even by the child themselves – is illegal under UK law. The #wakeupdnesday guide attached looks at the serious concerns associated with this behaviour, and lets parents & carers know how best to address these issues and protect young people.

## INCLUSION BEAR

### **Awarded:**

Patch has been awarded to two people in Hawking class this week.

Miss O'Donnell nominated TJ, in Hawking class for Patch. She said, "During a joint Year 3&5 PE session, a Year 3 pupil was visibly struggling with an activity and feeling disheartened. Recognising the pupil's distress, TJ took the initiative to offer his assistance. With great patience, he attempted to guide the pupil through the task, providing clear instructions and encouragement every step of the way. His compassionate approach was a real joy to witness."

Mrs Wright also nominated TJ for his support and kindness to another child that was struggling this week too.

Miss O'Donnell also nominated Mrs Evans. She said, "I would like to nominate Mrs Evans for her outstanding contributions to our Year 5 team. She is incredibly supportive of everyone, always there to lend a helping hand or a listening ear. Her inspiring presence motivates us all to strive for excellence. Mrs Evans is not only a dedicated teacher but also a lovely person to work with. Over the past two years, I have had the pleasure of experiencing her unwavering kindness. She makes each day enjoyable and productive. She truly does deserve Patch today and every day."

### **Nominations:**

Hawking class nominated Miss O'Donnell for Patch. They said that she is a kind, thoughtful and caring person to be around and they will miss her when they move to Year 6.

Raya nominated Willow M, in Kahlo class, for Patch. Raya said, "Willow is like a sister to me, and I am so lucky to have her as a friend. I will always remember her."

Josie and Kardelen, in Hawking class, nominated Mrs Pardoe. They said, "During the picnic, we forgot to pack a water bottle and Mrs Pardoe kindly gave us one, without a second thought."

Miss Hobbs nominated Alfie, in Picasso class, for Patch. She said, "Alfie was kind, considerate and patient when helping a child onto the climbing equipment in the old hall. He showed them how to sit on the ladder and properly put their legs through safely. Showing him how to swing on the ladder and encouraging him when he was doing well. Alfie is always polite and understanding of this child, so I wanted to nominate Alfie, so he knows I am proud of his progress and his kindness to others."

Ella nominated Lara, in Picasso class, for Patch. Ella said, "Lara is a great friend. I have known her since infant school. Sometimes we have arguments, but we always get over it as she is my best friend and is always by my side."

Mia nominated Mrs Sutherland for being amazing and kind. Mia said, "Mrs Sutherland has helped me with my Maths. She is always there when I need her, and I will miss her next year."

Mrs Bryant nominated Antonia, in Anning class, for Patch for helping another child in the class with their Maths. Mrs Bryant wanted Antonia's caring support to be noticed.

## ROCKING READERS

The final Rocking Reader trophy award winners of the school year are Year 4! They were recognised for their consistency in both scores and minutes spent reading. On average, Year 4 have scored 83% overall and sustained an average of 12 minutes spent reading. Fabulous effort!

## WORD MILLIONAIRES

Five children across the school have become Word Millionaires – reading 1,000,000+ words throughout the school year:

Year 4 – Deborah Gomez

Year 5 - Felicity Thornhill and Jessica Pavey

Year 6 - William Leeks and Erica Prevett

In assembly this morning, the following children were awarded reading certificates by their teacher:

Year 3 - Alice Davis, Isla Dobson & Violet Hodder

Year 4 – Lily-Jean Kershaw, Larra Killick, Aubrey Jones & Jack Levermore

Year 5 – Jolene Hutton, Maya Nae, Charlie Back & Millie Robinson

Year 6 – Matilda Buss, Darcy White, Yusuf Mutlu & Alastair Thompson

100% Quiz prize winners are:

Effie Simms, Mia-Rose Alderman, Hayden Lindsay & Starr Fletcher-Preston

## TT ROCK STARS

Kahlo class are this week's Rocking Readers for excellent minutes engaged in practicing their times tables in the penultimate week of term. Well done class for an average of 6 minutes participation on TT Rock Stars this week!

There are 32 Rock Heroes in school (including 2 teachers!), each able to respond to a times table question in under a second!

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## SPORTS AWARD

Ivy Hodges was awarded with the Sports Cup this week. This was for the passion and energy she displayed during the recent girls' football match. Her drive and enthusiasm lifted the team and lead them to a 3-0 win against Eastling Primary School. Well done Ivy!



## SPORTS NEWS

Our football teams have been playing friendly matches over the last week.

Our current boys A team met with the incoming boys A team for September beating them in a high-energy match.

Our Year 5 girls team met in a friendly tournament with Whitstable Juniors and Whitstable & Seasalter Endowed. The girls won all of their matches!

Our Year 6 girls met with Eastling Primary school and won 3-0!

## MR FOREMAN'S ECO CORNER

### A Bug's Life

I haven't honed in on an eco-date for a while so I thought I would do this week. National Be Nice to Bugs Day is an annual event on the 14<sup>th</sup> July that raises awareness about the importance of bugs in our ecosystem, to encourage people to learn, respect and acknowledge their existence instead of swatting at them out of fear.



Bugs play a key role in balancing our ecosystem but do you know why we need them? Here's a few facts to help spread a little bug love.

Bugs help to breakdown and dispose of waste, dead animals and plants.

They are the sole food source for many amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals.

On average, a ladybird consumes more than 5,000 insects in a lifetime.

Grasshoppers and dragonflies existed before the dinosaurs.

Caterpillars have 12 eyes, six on either side of their head.

Bugs and insects are found everywhere except Antarctica.

Bugs help to maintain healthy soil, recycle nutrients, pollinate flowers and crops and control pests.

By breaking down and burying animal waste, dung beetles can reduce overall methane emissions on dairy and beef farms .

Bugs are also harvested and eaten by people in some cultures because they are a rich source of proteins, vitamins and minerals.

Unfortunately, many bug populations (like bees, grasshoppers, beetles and ants) are seeing a decrease in numbers. Up to 40% of the world's insect species may go extinct owing in part to habitat

loss. The increase in pesticide use, artificial light pollution and climate change are also threatening bug populations.

So, we need to give our 6, 8, 10 and even more legged friends a little more help and help protect them for the future. Maybe build a bug hotel and see how many bugs move in, I think you'll be surprised!

### Eco dates this week.

#### **National Be Nice to Bugs Day – July 14**

A day that raises awareness about the importance of bugs in our ecosystem and stops their unnecessary killing

#### **Big Butterfly Count – 12th July to 4th August 2024**

The [Big Butterfly Count](#) is a UK-wide citizen science survey that helps Butterfly Conservation – a butterfly charity – assess the health of the environment. To take part simply take 15 minutes and count the amount and type of butterflies (and day-flying moths) you see in that time. Check out the website for details.

## SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY – QUIZ TRAILS

Quiz Trails are educational - a great way of sharing **local history** which comes under the requirements of the National Curriculum. Healthy, an outdoors walk exploring and a break from digital.

**Quiz Trails** are an **Approved Activity** by the **Children's University Kent**. Quiz Trails have clues for adults PLUS an extra set of clues for children - aimed at 5 to 11 year olds.

**Quiz Trails** are a **Community Interest Company, approved by the HMRC** as a business whereby profits go back into the community rather than private shareholders. They deliberately keep our trails low-cost at only £5.99 so that a family or group can spend many hours having fun together and achieving for a very low cost. Only one copy is needed as they're made for sharing.

## KENT COUNTRY SHOW

The Kent Country Show will be held on the 25th & 26th August at Quex Park.

This is the event with something for everybody including amazing main ring attractions, cookery demos, stunt rings, magic, Punch and Judy and so much more!

Please see the poster attached for details.

## WIZARD STORIES – HERNE BAY

Wizard Stories, Herne Bay's resident professional storytellers, are performing at The Seaside Museum during the Herne Bay Festival 2024. Tickets are free!!!

Attached to the newsletter is a flyer giving further information.

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## 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	Whole Class
Shakespeare	Lennon Wightman
Tolkien	Lilah-May Newman-Lindridge

Da Vinci	Lennon Morgan
Dali	Olly Lofts
Kahlo	Oliver Thomson
Picasso	Bobby Nichol

Anning	Rosie Kelly
Curie	Amanda Ukwuaku
Hawking	Mila Hill
Jemison	Mia-Rose Hoang

Banneker	Ava Austin & Daisy Ellis
Johnson	James Collins
Nightingale	Flavius Petre
Turing	Ellen Foxley

## 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	Rose-Courtney McCracken
Year 4	Jaxon Couldwell
Year 5	Harley Parker
Year 6	Elsie Mandeville

With my best wishes,



Melody Kingman  
Headteacher

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