



Term 6

Herne Bay Infant School and Seashells Nursery



Welcome back.

Traditionally Term 6 is always a busy one, in addition to the learning activities planned there are transition opportunities for children, end of year assessments and events (like sports days and summer fairs) and end of year celebrations which we share with our families. Understandably, this year we will not be able to have these events in quite the same way. We hope that, for our Year 2, we will be able to host a leavers' celebration for the individual classes, however this will be weather and infection rate dependent. We will send out information on this at the beginning of July.

Newsletters

We will now be sending out termly, rather than weekly newsletters. Additional information that needs to be shared during the term will be communicated via our social media accounts, the school website and email. Please let the school office know if your email address has changed. Termly year group newsletters will remain the same.

Covid-19

Although it feels like it is the beginning of the end with the gradual easing of lockdown we still need to be careful and work together to ensure we do not have another wave of infections. Several local schools have had positive cases reported recently and as a school we are remaining vigilant and adhering to the actions laid out in our Risk Assessment <https://www.herne-bay.kent.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/HBIS-Risk-Assessment-update-June-2021.pdf> For the

time being we are still asking that parents/carers wear face coverings when dropping/collecting their child; we have many younger parents who have not had their vaccinations yet and we want to ensure school is as safe as it can be for every member of our school community.

We are aware that children will have normal coughs and colds however we are still required to ask anyone, adult or child, displaying any of the following symptoms to book a Covid test.

- a high temperature
- a new continuous cough
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste

We have been advised that a PCR test is needed, rather than the quick result Lateral Flow Tests (LFT). The PCR tests are more sensitive and reliable. LFT should only be used for people displaying NO SYMPTOMS in order to pick up asymptomatic carriers of the virus. If your child has a positive test result please call the school immediately. If the school is not open, we can be notified through testresults@herne-bay.kent.sch.uk

Sunshine

At long last the sun is out! Please can you apply sunscreen to your child before school and make sure they have a hat and water bottle in school. Please can these bottles be filled with water only. We have a lot of children coming to school with squash or flavoured waters, these drinks are high in sugar or artificial sweeteners. Even



flavoured water drinks can also contain a surprisingly large amount of sugar.

Reports

We will be sending out reports at the end of this term and there will be the opportunity to discuss these with the class teacher if you wish. The reports have been adapted slightly to reflect the amount of time children have lost this year.

Transition

The area-wide transition date, where children move up to their new class or school, is 1st July. However, we have arranged several additional transition sessions for children. We will let parents know their child's new class and teacher by Thursday 24th June.

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) policy consultation.

The Government outlined new statutory requirements for the teaching of RSE to be implemented in September 2020 (this has been extended to July 21 due to COVID). The Government publications and information relating to this can be found here

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education> Our policy has been drafted and is out for consultation with parents and carers and can be found here – <https://www.herne-bay.kent.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/HBIS-RSE-policy-2021-draft.pdf>

As an infant school we do not teach 'sex education' and, for us, not a great deal has changed from our previous practice. Our RSE curriculum focusses on;

- Giving pupils an understanding of relationships and the importance of health and hygiene
- Helping pupils develop feelings of self-respect, confidence and empathy
- Creating a positive culture around issues of relationships
- Teaching pupils the correct vocabulary to describe themselves and their bodies
- Providing a framework in which sensitive discussions can take place.

If you would like to respond to this consultation please email office@herne-bay.kent.sch.uk and clearly put RSE Consultation Response in the subject box. The consultation period closes on 25th June 2021.

Facebook



In the questionnaire that parents were invited to respond to last term, only 22% of those who use social media use Twitter, however 100% reported to use Facebook. Therefore, we are launching our new Facebook page. We can be found by searching for our school. Please like our page to follow and find out about news and activities happening in school. This is a new venture for our school, and we might run into a few teething problems. Please let us know if you spot any mistakes and, as always, we welcome suggestions on how we can improve our communication with families and the wider community.

Summer Fair

We will not be holding a summer fair this year, which is disappointing. Fairs and other fundraising activities raise a lot of money for our school; we are hoping to raise money over the next few years to support establishing a school library. Instead of a fair this summer we will be opening an Amazon Wishlist, full of books, that can be purchased and sent directly to the school. These books will be for all children to enjoy. We would welcome your support with this and will send out details over the next couple of weeks.

Sports Day and Race for Life

Sports Day is during the week beginning 28th June. Please ensure your child has a

water bottle in school and sun cream as the weather could be very warm. The children will be taking part in different activities on the Junior School field.

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions this event is not open to parents/carers this year.

Race for Life – The children will take part in this event on the 15th or 16th of June. Pictures will be taken and added to the website and Facebook. Please return your sponsorship forms or donate through the school Just Giving page. [Herne Bay Infants | Cancer Research UK Giving Pages](#)
Thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting this worthwhile charity.



Nicky Brown
Headteacher

Summer fun facts

Did you know...

Summer is the warmest season because the Earth is tilted toward the sun.

Thunderstorms happen more in summer because of the warm humid air.

The Summer Solstice is the longest day of the year.

The Earth wobbles when it spins, meaning that the Summer Solstice does not always fall on the same day every year.

June 21st is the first day of summer.

The last day of summer is September 22nd.

