



Term 1

Herne Bay Infants School and Seashells Nursery



Welcome back.

It has been lovely to see the children coming back to school looking extremely smart in their school uniform. They have settled well into their new classes and seeing all the smiley faces they certainly seem pleased to be back. I have also enjoyed seeing our parents and families, without face masks! As part of our gradual easing of Covid related restrictions we have reintroduced families coming onto the school premises at the end of the school day. I know there was initially some confusion over the arrangements for Grey and Rosen classes, thank you for your patience.

New Staff

We have two new members of our teaching team this year. Katie Morgan, our new Deputy Headteacher, who has joined us from Davington Primary School and Chloe Ralph-Harding, Donaldson (Reception) class teacher, who joins us from Ellington Infant School. We are thrilled to have them on our team and welcome them to the Herne Bay Infants and Seashells family.



Miss Morgan
Deputy Head



Mrs Ralph-Harding
Donaldson Class teacher

Stuart Adams rejoined us at the end of July to take up his previous position at Site Manager, it is good to have him back!

Covid-19

There have been some changes to the guidance in how schools manage reducing the risk of Covid-19 infection. We no longer have bubbles and children can mix more freely than previously. We will be reintroducing assemblies in the hall, although initially these will be in year groups. We are no longer responsible for contact tracing of positive cases within the school, this will now be carried out by NHS Test and Trace. This means we will not be sending whole classes home if we have a positive case in the school. In addition individuals who have received both vaccinations and children are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone who has tested positive. However, if your child is exhibiting any of the symptoms of Covid-19 they should not come to school and a PCR test should be arranged as soon as possible.

If we experience an 'outbreak' (more than 5 cases of confirmed Covid-19 within 10 days of each other) at the school we will reintroduce some of the measures, such as bubbles and facemasks, in place last academic year.

Waterbottles

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.

Year 1 and 2 'meet the teach'

We will shortly be sending out information for parents to organise a virtual appointment with their child's new class teacher, put a name to a face. This is an opportunity to 'meet the teach' and to tell them all about your child.

Dogs on school grounds

We love dogs! Walking our furry friends to school is a great opportunity to exercise pets.



Unfortunately, dogs do tend to have a wee (or worse) in unexpected places!! Unless you have a dog small enough to carry (and therefore can ensure no accidents) please do not bring them onto school grounds. This includes the year 1 drop off area by the gates. Thank you for your understanding.

Security

Please can I remind parents not to enter the school building through any of the doors on the playground. If you need to talk to the office staff please come round to the front of the building and use the main office entrance.

Amazon Wishlist

As explained in our last newsletter we did not hold a summer fair, which was 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. We decided instead to create 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 had hoped to have this ready last term but with the end of term madness it fell off our 'to do' list. Here is the link if you wish to support our school and purchase a book.

<https://amzn.eu/b2BEDZe>

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

New Class Names

Our children seem to really enjoy the new class names and finding out about the authors and the books they have written. As a reminder here is a list of the new class names and their teachers.

Reception

Carle Class – Mr Bourton



Eric Carle

Hendra Class – Mrs Vernon and Miss Collett



Sue Hendra

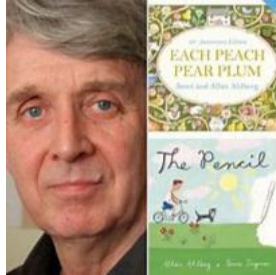
Donaldson Class – Mrs Ralph-Harding



Julia Donaldson

Year 1

Ahlberg Class – Miss Spiers



Allan Ahlberg

Seuss Class – Mrs Adby



Dr Seuss

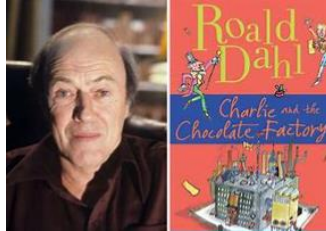
Jeffers Class – Miss Fitzsimons



Oliver Jeffers

Year 2

Dahl Class – Mr Gingell



Roald Dahl

Grey Class – Mrs Scanlon



Mini Grey

Browne Class – Mrs Vincent



Anthony Browne

Rosen Class – Mrs Reed and Mrs Amos



Michael Rosen

Nicky Brown
Headteacher

Autumn fun fact

Did you know...

We typically think of 'fall' as the North American version of the word 'autumn', but it was in fact in widespread usage in England until relatively recently. Originally a shortening of the phrase *fall of the leaf*, the phrase was common in England in the 17th century. The word autumn entered English from the French *automne* and didn't become common usage until the 18th century.

