



# Term 5

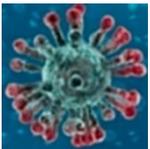
## Herne Bay Infant and Nursery School



### Welcome back.

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and were able to enjoy the lovely weather! We have our fingers crossed that the sun is going to stick around so please do remember as it gets hotter to make sure your child is wearing sunscreen and brings a bottle with them to re-apply themselves through the day.

### Attendance and Covid-19



In the aftermath of the pandemic the rules have changed for isolation if you have been in contact with someone with Covid

and pre-pandemic rules around attendance now apply. We are aware, and extremely sympathetic that many families have had delayed holidays due to lockdowns over the past 2 years however, these do not constitute exceptional circumstances and, as such, we are unable to authorise these absences from school.

A brief summary of new government guidelines around Covid and sending your child to school can be found at the end of this newsletter.

### Library

Miss Fitzsimmons and Mrs. Senft have nearly completed their challenge of swimming the length of the English Channel to raise money for our new library!



They are very close to meeting their goal so if you would like to support them and the school by donating or find out more about their challenge, please follow the link: [https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-create-a-library-at-herne-bay-infant-school?utm\\_source=customer&utm\\_medium=copy\\_link\\_all&utm\\_campaign=p\\_cp+share-sheet](https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-create-a-library-at-herne-bay-infant-school?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link_all&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet)

### Fire Safety

Last term we had a visit from the Kent Fire and Rescue service. The Education Officer did a fantastic presentation to the children and told them all about how to keep themselves safe. The Kent Fire and Rescue Service offer free visits to homes which have children under 5 living there. If you meet this criteria and would like to find out more about this then please follow this link.

<https://www.kent.fire-uk.org/home-fire-safety-visits>



### Jubilee Celebrations



As you will be aware, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee will be celebrated this year. Whilst the formal celebrations are in the May half term, Herne Bay Infant and Junior School are

planning their own celebrations for the children on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. We will send out more details nearer the time.

### Sports Day

We are looking forward to having our Sports Day this year on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June. This will be an event where parents will be invited along to cheer on the children whilst they take part on lots of different sports challenges on the Junior School field. If the weather is not looking good enough to hold the Sports Day on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June, then we have a reserve date of Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June instead.

### Wanted – Parent Governor

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Governing Body. This is a voluntary role which allows parents to share their views about decisions being made in the school. We would like to have a diverse selection of parents which represent all parts of the school including the Nursery. Details about the role and how to apply will be sent out to all families next week.

## Coronavirus (Covid-19) Symptoms in Children:

Children and young people aged 18 and under can get coronavirus (COVID-19), but it's usually a mild illness and most get better in a few days.

Symptoms of COVID-19 can include:

- a high temperature or shivering (chills) – a high temperature means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- shortness of breath
- feeling tired or exhausted
- an aching body
- a headache
- a sore throat
- a blocked or runny nose
- loss of appetite
- diarrhoea
- feeling sick or being sick

The symptoms are very similar to symptoms of other illnesses, such as colds and flu.

### What to do if your child has symptoms

Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have symptoms of COVID-19 and they either:

- have a high temperature
- do not feel well enough to go to school, college or childcare, or do their normal activities

They can go back to school, college or childcare when they feel better or do not have a high temperature.

If your child has mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or mild cough, and they feel well enough, they can go to school, college or childcare.

Encourage your child to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue when they cough or sneeze, and to wash their hands after using or throwing away tissues.

Most children who are unwell will recover in a few days with rest and plenty of fluids.

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day, they took the test. The risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower after 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature. The school has the right to insist on this for the safety of others.

### General Guidance for Pupils with Infectious Diseases:

Prompt exclusion (staying at home) of children, young people and staff who are unwell with an infectious disease is essential to preventing the spread of infection in education and childhood settings.

Children with mild, respiratory symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education or childcare setting.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>



### NIVEA SUNCREAM

Product warnings are circulating about Nivea sun-cream now containing almond oil. Due to nut allergies PLEASE use an alternative brand of sun-cream on your child in school.

### WATER BOTTLES

As the weather heats up, please can families remember to send children in to school with their water bottle.

## Fun facts about May Day

- ✓ This day is celebrated throughout the world. In many countries it is a major holiday such as the United Kingdom, India, Romania, Sweden, and Norway.
- ✓ May Day has changed throughout history. In Greek and Roman times it was a day to celebrate spring and specifically the goddesses of spring.
- ✓ Traditional English maypoles were sometimes made from old ship's masts.

