



# NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



## Headteacher's Comment:

Welcome back to school community and families. It has been lovely to see everyone return after the break, and the children have once again settled quickly into their routines and have approached the week with enthusiasm and focus.

It has already been a busy start to this short half term! This week, it was wonderful to hear our Year 6 children share how much they enjoyed their Harry Potter trip. They spoke so positively about the experience, and I was equally pleased to hear that they represented the school well. Their behaviour was exemplary and the staff were very proud of them.

We were also pleased to welcome Ms Arnold into school this week. Mrs Whannell has organised for her to work with some of our children as a sports specialist, delivering gymnastics sessions across the half term. On this note, we kindly ask that all children ensure their PE kits are in school and left here, as PE sessions may change or children may be invited to take part in additional activities where their kit will be needed.

Reception and Year 3 took part in a dental health workshop this week, where the children learnt how to look after their teeth and why good oral hygiene is so important. These early messages around healthy habits are vital in helping children understand how to care for themselves now and in the future.

Our School Council have been focusing on Healthy Eating as a school initiative, and this week we welcomed Ms Jadav from Pabulum, our school catering company. She led an assembly with the School Council, talking about the importance of a healthy, balanced diet. It was a really informative session, and the children asked thoughtful questions and showed great engagement. The School Council are looking forward to continuing this project over the coming weeks.

All classes were also fortunate to take part in a workshop delivered by HSBC, focusing on financial matters. These sessions help children begin to understand concepts such as saving, budgeting and making sensible choices with money, developing important life skills in an age-appropriate and engaging way.

Before half term, it was lovely to see so many parents come into school to view their child's artwork displayed in the hall. There was also the opportunity to purchase artwork through the PTA. This was a fundraising initiative, but more importantly, it was about celebrating the children's creativity, valuing their work and giving them a real sense of pride in seeing it shared and appreciated by the school community.

We are very much looking forward to World Book Day next week and I can't wait to see the wonderful characters the children choose to come dressed as. It is always such a wonderful celebration of reading and imagination.

Finally, we have seen some lovely glimpses of sunshine this week and seeing the children enjoying their playtime outside in the warmer weather. Long may it continue! Wishing you all a relaxing, sun-filled weekend.



## Diary Dates

**Tuesday 3 March** – 100% attendance party

**Wednesday 4 March** – Year 2 class assembly

**Thursday 5 March** – World Book Day & PTA book sale

**Tuesday 10 March** – One Plan Meetings

**Wednesday 11 March** – Year 1 class assembly

**Friday 13 March** – Year 1 start Forest School

**Friday 13 March** – PTA special person sale

**Wednesday 18 March** – Voice in a Million

**Thursday 19 March** – Parent meeting with Mr Duff

**Friday 27 March** – Non-uniform day & PTA Easter disco

**Please note that some dates unavoidably may change.**

**Apologies if this does happen.**



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## Weekly Attendance

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Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	100%	93.8%	99.1%	95.7%	89.3%	84.7%	97%	94%

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Reception	Year 2	Year 6



## Yearly Attendance

### Yearly Attendance – from 1 September

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	98.3%	96%	98.2%	94.8%	89.2%	92.9%	95.5%	94.6%

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Reception	Year 2	Year 1



## Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Dolly	Jaxon	Noa	Lenny	Ruby-Rose	Laicee	Olivia



## Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

Well done to Elsie in Year 3 for receiving the Headteacher's Award for consistently showing kindness and respect and for being an exemplary role model to others. We are very proud of her.



## Important reminders

If your child is absent, please ensure you inform the school office by 8.30 on the first morning of their absence, and then every subsequent day of absence. You can do this by, calling the office on 01277 372341 or emailing [office@kelvedonhatch.essex.sch.uk](mailto:office@kelvedonhatch.essex.sch.uk) Please leave a reason as to why they are absent.

There is no entitlement in law for pupils to take time off during term-time to go on holiday or be otherwise absent for the purpose of leisure or recreation. All applications for a leave of absence must be made in writing in advance.



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# Reading at Home

Class	This table shows the number of children and percentages of children that have read this week.						Percentage reading 4 times or more
	Number of times children have read this week						
	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more	
Reception		2 (20%)	2 (20%)		3 (30%)	3 (30%)	6 (60%)
Year 1		3 (18%)		1 (6%)	2 (12%)	9 (56%)	11 (69%)
Year 2			1 (3%)	1 (3%)	2 (8%)	19 (86%)	21 (94%)
Year 3	4 (18%)	1 (5%)		2 (9%)	2 (9%)	14 (64%)	16 (73%)
Year 4			1 (4%)	1 (4%)	2 (8%)	22 (84%)	24 (92%)
Year 5	3 (16%)			1 (5%)	1 (5%)	14 (74%)	15 (79%)
Year 6	3 (10%)	1 (3%)			8 (27%)	18 (60%)	26 (87%)

Well done to Year 2 and 4, where over 90% of their pupils read four times or more this week.



Thank you to Ongar Garden Centre for donating these flowers adding a burst of colour to our school grounds.



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# What to do

## Advice on childhood illnesses



Go to school; if needed, get treatment as required



Some restrictions for school attendance



Don't go to school and see the GP

What it's called?	What it's like	Going to school	Getting treatment	More advice
<b>Asthma flare up</b>	Worsening of usual symptoms		Follow your care plan	Stay off school if feeling too unwell
<b>Chicken pox</b>	Rash begins as small, red, flat spots that develop into itchy fluid-filled blisters		Pharmacy	Back to school five days after on-set of the rash, or when all lesions are crusted over
<b>Common cold</b>	Runny nose, sneezing, sore throat		Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
<b>Conjunctivitis</b>	Tearry, red, itchy, painful eye(s)		Pharmacy	Try not to touch eye to avoid spreading*
<b>Flu</b>	Fever, cough, sneezing, runny nose, headache, body aches and pain, exhaustion, sore throat		Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene*
<b>German measles/ Rubella</b>	Fever, tiredness. Raised, red, rash that starts on the face and spreads downwards		GP	Back to school four days after the rash has started, if feeling well enough. Please let the school know, as pregnant members of staff may be affected.
<b>Glandular fever</b>	High temperature, swollen glands, sore throat; usually more painful than any before		GP	*
<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth disease</b>	Fever, sore throat, headache, small painful blisters inside the mouth on tongue and gums (may appear on hands and feet)		GP	Attend school while monitoring symptoms
<b>Head lice</b>	Itchy scalp (may be worse at night)		Pharmacy	
<b>Impetigo</b>	Clusters of red bumps or blisters surrounded by area of redness		GP	Back to school when lesions crust or 48 hours after start of antibiotics
<b>Measles</b>	Fever, cough, runny nose, watery inflamed eyes, rash		GP	Back to school four days from on-set of rash, and if feeling well enough
<b>Ringworm</b>	Red ring shaped rash, may be itchy, rash may be dry and scaly or wet and crusty		Pharmacy	
<b>Scabies</b>	Itching rash, commonly between fingers, wrists, elbows, arm		GP	Back to school after first treatment
<b>Scarlet fever</b>	Fever, unwell, red tongue, sandpaper rash		GP	Exclusion period during first 24 hours of antibiotics*
<b>Shingles</b>	Pain, itching, or tingling along the affected nerve pathway. Blister-type rash		GP	Only stay off school if rash is weeping and cannot be covered
<b>Sickness bug/ diarrhoea</b>	Stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea		Pharmacy	Contact GP if symptoms persist after 48 hours
<b>Threadworms</b>	Intense itchiness around anus		Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
<b>Tonsillitis/ Strep throat</b>	Intense sore throat for more than 1 day		Pharmacy	See GP if temperature lasts more than 48 hours or cannot swallow. Only need to stay off school if feeling too unwell
<b>Whooping cough</b>	Violent coughing, with a 'whoop'		GP	Exclusion period during first five days of antibiotics
<b>Covid</b>				Visit <a href="https://www.nhs.uk">www.nhs.uk</a> for latest guidance

\*Attend school while monitoring symptoms.

This information is a guide and has been checked by health professionals. If you are unsure about your child's wellbeing, we recommend you contact your pharmacy or GP to check.

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Should my child go to school/nursery today?

Hertfordshire and West Essex Healthier Together for further information  
<https://www.hwehealthiertogether.nhs.uk/parentscarers>



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