

## Weekly Parent/Guardian Newsletter

Week B

22 April 2022



# Tomorrow is National Picnic day!!



Welcome to this week's newsletter. Some important information is repeated for your convenience, but there is also new content to be read.

### **Changes to measures and guidance for managing COVID-19 in education settings from Friday 1 April**

On Tuesday 29th March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the [next steps for living with COVID-19](#) in England from Friday 1st April:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days
- regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in any education setting

### **Water Bottles**

Please ensure your child brings a refillable water bottle to school every day.



### **Covid Vaccinations Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

The Kent and Medway Immunisation Team is coming to school next week to give Covid vaccinations for years 7- 11 (please note year 7 students is only for students who have turned 12) – an email was sent out on Wednesday 20.4.22 with specifications for eligibility, don't forget to consent (if your child meets the eligibility criteria) or decline at this link [online consent form](#) if you haven't already.

Visit [www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms](http://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms) for more information.

You can also phone the team 0300 123 5205, text 07401320923 or use their [web chat](#) if you have any questions about your child's immunisations.

## Ukraine Appeal – our second collection is on its way!

As mentioned in previous week's newsletters, we have volunteered to be a collection point for donations in association with the KAH who is working with The British Red Cross, Invicta Rotary Club and KCC in response to the appalling and tragic situation in Ukraine. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of donations and we have just had our second collection sent off! If you would like help our friends in Ukraine and support our appeal but are worried that you may be missed your chance, please don't! We are **still** collecting, and there are a number of ways that you can get involved:

1. Donations of supplies: If you are able to donate any items on the list below, we would be very grateful indeed. We are not asking you necessarily to go out to purchase these items but would ask if you have any of these at home and they are in a good condition and can be spared then they would be gratefully received. Please bring any donations to the main office and, where possible, please package them in boxes and mark on the side what is inside, as this will aid the sorting and distribution process.

2. We need to raise money for fuel for the HGVs that will take these donations to Poland, A Go Fund me page has been set up and we are asking if you can share this far and wide especially with people that have businesses or if they are part of organisations that could support us. The Go Fund Me Page can be found [here](#)

3. We are also asking for volunteers to assist at the collection site which has been set up in Folkestone (Big Jigs in Folkestone- Unit B, Kingsmead, West, Park Farm Industrial Estate, Folkestone CT19 5EU.) If you can share this request across our community via social media sites that you are part of, we would be very grateful. Please can any potential volunteers please contact Dan File at [Elham Primary School](#)

### **Items for donation**

- baby formula (especially hypoallergenic one - huge shortage)
- baby feeding bottles, sterilising equipment (nothing electric - different sockets)
- baby food
- nappies - any sizes
- painkiller medication, especially children's
- charging banks for mobile phones
- warm socks/gloves/warm hats
- camping mats
- sleeping bags
- protein/energy bars
- anti-flu medication (Lemsips etc)
- wound dressings
- first aid kits
- warm blankets
- thermal/base layers
- hot water bottles
- insulated flasks
- female sanitary products
- any clean soft toys/teddy bears
- a letter/card of hope and support from children and families.

## **Important dates for yr11**

Please find below some of the key dates relating to Y11 final examinations. As you may know, the GCSE examinations are rather more staggered this year.

**Year 11 GCSE French and German Speaking Exams begin on Monday 25 April until Friday 6 May.**

**Monday 16th May:** First GCSE examination. Students will remain in timetabled lessons until **Friday 27th May** (the final day of term 5). After half term (**Monday 6th June onwards**), students will come in only for exams, in school uniform.

**Thursday 23rd June:** final GCSE examination.

**Monday 27th June:** Y11 Celebration: red carpet and leavers' assembly.

**Wednesday 29th June and Thursday 30th June** - Dane Court sixth form induction.

Please be aware that Year 11 intervention for English continues right up until the start of GCSE season. Lots of students are already attending and benefitting from English intervention with Mrs Channing and Mrs Jolley. As the whole school calendar is very busy this term and next, we wanted to set out the concrete dates for intervention until

**GCSE season:**

Tuesday 26.04.2022

Tuesday 03.05.2022

Tuesday 20.05.2022

Please do encourage your child to come where possible.

Mrs Channing

## **Support to explain the Invasion of Ukraine at home**

I am sure many of you are trying to manage difficult questions at home about the current situation in the Ukraine. Here are some resources to help adults support children with the issues surrounding the Russian invasion of Ukraine that you might find useful.

How to talk to your teenager about the invasion of Ukraine (BBC Bitesize/Anna Freud Centre)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zbrdjsg>

How To Talk To Your Child About The War In Ukraine (YoungMinds)

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/blog/top-tips-for-talking-to-your-young-person-about-the-events-in-ukraine/>

Worrying about Russia and Ukraine (Childline)

<https://www.childline.org.uk/get-involved/articles/worrying-about-russia-ukraine/>

Best wishes

Anita Ives

## **Aikido lessons return - 1st floor fitness suite, in the Sports Hall**

Feel good - get fighting fit - suitable for everyone

Tuesdays 7-8.30pm

Dane Court sports hall - 1st floor fitness suite

(Term time from 19th April)

Over 16s only

Contact Martyn on 07537965139 - [thanetaikido@gmail.com](mailto:thanetaikido@gmail.com)

## **Duke Of Edinburgh news**

We were very pleased to award Silver award certificates to all of our 25 candidates in Year 13 at an award presentation evening on Wednesday 26th March. Our chair of governors, Dave Robers CBE was present to award the certificates. Congratulations to all the candidates and we wish them every success in their onward journeys and imminent exams.

DOFE training continues on Wednesdays at 3.30pm in D10 for our Year 12 candidates as we draw closer to our practice expedition from 5th-7th May 2022.

Mrs Whelan and the DOFE team.

## Food department update

### Year 9 Bistro schedule

Mentor group	Teacher	Date
H	KL	26/04/22
B	JTB	27/4/22
S	ET	29/4/22
T	KL	4/5/22
N	NE	5/5/22
D	ET	21/4/22

## Parent Workshops

Our Emotional Wellbeing Practitioner team continue to offer parent workshops particularly aimed at parents of students in Year 7 and below. Anyone can join, and you do not have to attend for a student attending our school.

Please contact me for the meeting link on [holmes@danecourt.kent.sch.uk](mailto:holmes@danecourt.kent.sch.uk)

Lucy Holmes

# Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in primary school.



**NEW** Helping Your Child Move to Secondary School 9:30-11am  
Monday 25th April

Understanding Autism in Children 11-12:30pm  
Tuesday 3rd May

Understanding ADHD in Children 5-6:30pm  
Wednesday 11th May

Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears 12:30-2pm  
Tuesday 17th May

Understanding Your Child's Behaviour 12:30-2pm  
Tuesday 24th May

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### April

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

### May

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

Our online workshops offer information around key topics to help understand what is going on for your child and strategies to support them, based on the latest evidence and practice.

If you would like to join, please raise your interest with your child's school so that they can send you the link. If you have any questions please speak to your child's school.

Our workshops are held on Microsoft Teams. You do not need an account to join. You will need access to the internet.

We look forward to meeting you.



## **PE – sunscreen required**

As the summer terms are commencing please be aware of the weather forecast and when your child has PE. We recommend if it is due to be a hot or sunny day that students have sunscreen in their PE kit bags so they can protect themselves before they go outside for their one hour of PE.

Many thanks

Miss Bolt

## **Safeguarding Online safety - Report Remove Tool**

Childline and the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) have released a new tool that allows children and young adults to report an inappropriate image or video of themselves that has been uploaded somewhere online. They may also report an image or video that they fear may be uploaded to the internet at some point in the future. The IWF will then take steps to remove the image from the Internet completely and assign a 'hash' to prevent the image being uploaded by anyone after.

The tool has been under trial for a year but is now available to all as of 22nd June 2021. We urge all parents to make their children aware of this new tool as it could really help a student who may make a mistake in the future.

The reporting tool can be found via the following link:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/remove-nude-image-shared-online/>

## **Medway and Maidstone Athletics Open**

Ismae A, one of our year 7 students competed in the Medway and Maidstone Athletics Open meeting held at Medway Park on Saturday 10th April 2022. She competed in the long jump and managed an outstanding jump of 4.87m. This puts her in the number **ONE** position in the country for U13 girls in the long jump. This is an outstanding achievement considering she now sits at the top of the rankings, with 90 other jumpers below her.

She is also currently ranked 4th in the UK out of 135 other competitors in the u13 200m!!!!

Ismae has been a member of Thanet Athletics Club for nearly 5 years now and has built herself up to what looks like being an outstanding season ahead for this young athlete.



## **Car Boot Fairs!**

The Dane Court Grammar School Parents' Association are pleased to announce the dates of our popular boot fairs for this year! There's no need for stallholders to book, just turn up at 6:00am. £8 for cars and £10 for vans. The boot fairs are open to the general public at 6:30am and refreshments are available.

If any parent would like to help on gate duty at any one of these events please contact Gloria Riley at [riley@danecourt.kent.sch.uk](mailto:riley@danecourt.kent.sch.uk)

This year's events are as follows:

Saturday 14 May 2022

Saturday 11 June 2022

Saturday 9 July 2022

Saturday 10 September 2022

## Extra Curricular Activities Term 5

Day	Name of club	When	Where	Year group
<b>Monday</b>				
	Chatter	Lunchtime	Library	All
	Choir	After school	H7	All
<b>Tuesday</b>				
	Junior Book Club	Lunchtime	Library	Yr 7&8
	Athletics	After school	Field	all years
	Art club	3:20 - 4:30	ART	All years
	Calm club	Lunchtime		all years (INVITE ONLY)
	Orchestra	3.30-4.30	H7	all years
	Jazz Band	4.30-5	H7	all years
	Debating club (week A)	3:30-4:30	Library	all years
<b>Wednesday</b>				
	from 19/01 DOfE until 11/05/22			yr 12
	Mindset	Lunchtime		all years (INVITE ONLY)
	Beginner Steel Band	3.30-4.15	H7	All
	Advanced Steel Band	4.15-5	H7	All
<b>Thursday</b>				
	Rounders	afterschool	field	all years
	Cricket	afterschool	field	
	Climbing	After school	PE- climbing wall	All years (if they did the introduction in the last 2 terms)
	Drama	Thursday 3.30-4.30	H1	7-10
	Senior Book Club	Lunchtime	Library	Yr9 upwards
	Debating Club (week B)	3:30-4:30	Library	all years
	Manga drawing Club	Lunchtime 13:45-14:15	L8	all years
	Film Club (Wk A)	After school	M4	12/13
<b>Friday</b>				
	Dungeons & Dragons	3.20-4.20	Library	All years
	Chatter	Lunchtime	Library	7-13
	Yoga	Friday 3.30	PE - studio	6th form

## Lost Property this week

We have a few unnamed items in our lost property already this term. They include glasses, a coat, Tupperware, water bottles, toiletry bag, padlock and a ring. Please remember to name any items your child brings into school to help us quickly return any lost items. Photos of the easily identified items are set out below.

We have also had a member of the public find a Pe Kit at the number 82 bus stop outside Watling Tyres, the kit includes a top size 13-14 and grey adidas trainers' size 7. Please contact the main office for further details if you recognise the description of this kit.

If you recognise any of them or think that the items of unnamed uniform may belong to your child, please do contact the office on 01843 864941 to arrange collection as soon as possible.

Many thanks, Office Team



**THE END**

