



Next Week, After Easter - Week 1

Attendance reporting procedures - to speed up the process of recording morning daily absence, late arrivals and appointments, and ensure we have accurate records of symptoms, we are now asking parents to report children's absence by 08:30 each morning using our [online google form](#) which can also be found on the school website. This form can also be used to report future absence e.g. dentist appointments.

Please see Pages 3 and 4 for changes to measures and guidance for managing COVID-19 from 1 April and an update from Hertfordshire County Council.

Wellbeing

As we near the end of the spring term and go into the holidays, the Ashlyns 6th form Wellbeing Ambassador Team has been hard at work writing the next edition of the [Wellbeing Newsletter](#) which is full of great activities to do over the holidays, as well as film recommendations and wellbeing tips.

Congratulations to the following students who won our '5 ways to wellbeing' poster competition. They will each receive 50 points for their House and their fantastic entry will be displayed in school.

Yr 7 - Caitlin BM, Kallum G

Yr 8 - Emily B, Elodie B, Jess D, Izak W

Yr 9 - Emma G, Ethan M

6th Form

Congratulations to our 6th Form Dragon's Apprentice teams who put their entrepreneurial skills to the test and won two awards at the Dacorum Dragon's Apprentice awards ceremony on Monday evening.

Careers

Year 9 Investing to Improve Climate Change Workshop : Thursday 28 April 10-11am

This virtual careers workshop hosted by The Investment Association will help students understand how good investment decisions can deliver a positive return in addressing climate change and environmental issues. Students will hear from sustainability experts and understand how environmental topics in subjects such as geography and science come to life in jobs in investment management. If your child is interested in a career in these fields, please complete the form [here](#).

Student Achievements

Congratulations to Vita B, Y8, who has auditioned for and got into The National Youth Music Theatre again this year. Vita will be performing in venues over the summer.

Elodee W, Y8, recently won the 11-13 age category for the Berkhamsted Rotary Young Photographer of the Year Competition. She has gone on to win the

Key Dates

- 19 April: Start of term
- 28 April: Y8 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening
- 2 May: Bank Holiday
- 29 May: Half Term

Communications

- [Letter from The Headteacher](#)
- [Sports Tour 2022 Payment Details](#)
- [Year 11 Prom](#)

House Points

Current house points				
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven	
35258	35102	32774	33984	
1 st	2 nd	4 th	3 rd	
01/04/2022				

Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance w/e 25 Mar:

7H2 97.7%

8R2 99.3%

9B2 96.9%

10H1 97.8%

11C1 95.2%

Vacancies

Support Staff

- [Exam Invigilator](#)

Teaching Staff

- [Teacher of Computer Science](#)

Music Lessons

If you wish to withdraw or change music lessons for the Autumn Term 2022, please email

SchoolsDirectInvoicing@hertfordshire.gov.uk by **MONDAY 16th MAY**. HMS will be doing some system maintenance over the Easter period so

regional heat for her age group too and has been entered into the national competition, well done Elodee.

Safeguarding

TikTok Updates Parental Controls with Family Pairing Feature

TikTok is an app used by many teenagers and sometimes children younger than 13 (despite its terms and conditions!) There is a new Family Pairing feature that will help support parents/carers to guide their child's TikTok experience in a safer way.



Some of these features are:

- Search - you can decide what your child can search for, including the content, users, hashtags or sounds.
- Screentime management - how long they can spend each day on TikTok
- Discoverability - you can decide on whether their account is private, which allows you to decide who can see their content or whether it is public, which allows anyone to search and view content.

Some other useful checklists for parents/carers to help you ensure that their child is as safe as possible whilst using the different social media platforms can be found [here](#).

Netball

Please click [here](#) for a write up of the Netball season at Ashlyns.

Football

Congratulations to the U16 girls football team who are now County Cup champions beating Presdales School 3-1. It was a fantastic event held at Cheshunt FC on Wednesday night and the support was amazing from parents and students. All the girls should be proud of their achievement.

Sports Results, week commencing 28 March

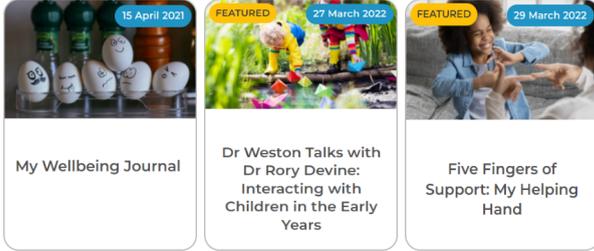
U13 Girls Football District Cup Tournament	District Champions
Y10A Boys Football vs Laureate	Won 2-0
U15 Girls Football District Cup Tournament	6th
U16 Girls Football County Cup Final vs Presdales	County Champions
U13B Girls Football vs KLS	Lost 5-1
Y11 Boys Football vs Laureate	Won 4-0

should you wish to sign up to any music lessons, please do so after the Easter break.

Textiles Donations

The Textiles department is asking for any old denim/jeans and fabric sample books as they are trying to reuse rather than buy in their bid to save the planet! Please drop donations off at reception or students can take them directly to the Textiles room.

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston



The holidays might be just around the corner, but we are still busily adding resources to the Tooled Up library. In fact, the Easter break provides the perfect opportunity for tweens and teens to use our updated 14 day [Wellbeing Journal](#). Following useful feedback from some of the young people who've enjoyed it, we've changed things up and given it a new, more usable, booklet format. [Check it out now!](#)

We can't believe that we've recorded nearly 100 podcasts with leading researchers from around the world! We've just published number 95, a fascinating interview with [Dr Rory Devine](#) about interacting with children during the early years, where we learnt lots of simple ways that parents and educators can make a positive difference to outcomes.

In response to a request from our community, we've also added two simple activities to encourage primary-aged children to seek help when they need it. One encourages them to name [five people who are there to support them](#) and the other nudges them to [consider what might make them reluctant to ask for help](#) (the latter can be used as a prompt for discussion in class or at home).

If you've got a YouTube lover in the house, you might want to read our latest [Wednesday Wisdom](#) and our March [Researcher of the Month](#) posts. Both focus on fascinating new research examining the impact of influencers and advertising on children and young people and are eye-opening stuff!

We hope you all enjoy some R&R over the break. Should you hear the dreaded phrase, "I'm bored", don't forget that we have [just the thing to help](#) in the library.

Changes to measures and guidance for managing COVID-19 from 1 April

The latest guidance can be found here: [next steps for living with COVID-19](#)

- 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, college or childcare 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

Message from Hertfordshire County Council

As we step into spring, we're encouraging residents to be kind and stay healthy by following simple steps to live life safely with COVID-19, stop the spread and protect others. For up-to-date information go to <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/covidliving>

The simple steps people are encouraged to follow are:

- Be kind – respect people wearing masks or keeping their distance from you. They may well be very vulnerable to infection
- Be informed – know your level of risk and get good, trusted advice on managing it
- Be vaccinated or boosted – ensure you and those around you are vaccinated when invited
- Be safe – manage your risk when socially mixing (hands, face, space, fresh air)
- Be prepared – if you get Covid, stay at home and get early treatment should you need it
- Be supported – as well as your family and friends, HertsHelp can offer support

COVID-19 vaccination

Vaccination continues to offer the best protection for ourselves and others around us from becoming seriously ill from COVID-19. There are lots of walk-in options available locally for first, second doses and boosters, you can find your nearest vaccination centre and also book an appointment at: <https://covid.healthierfuture.org.uk/>

The national booking system for healthy 5- to -11 year olds to receive their COVID-19 vaccination will open from 2 April. Parents and carers can book appointments at larger vaccination centres and in some community pharmacies. Appointments will also be available at some GP run sites, if so they will contact you directly and you can book through your practice.

Vaccinations are already available for clinically vulnerable 5- to 11-year-olds, and children in this age group who live with someone who has a weakened immune system. Until now vaccinations for this 'at risk' group of children have been available through GPs and special schools, but parents and carers will also be able to book through these through the national booking service from 2 April.

For more information on vaccinations for this age group visit:

<https://covid.healthierfuture.org.uk/vaccine-information-for-young-people>

Stay at home if you have symptoms

Guidance remains that if you have symptoms of COVID-19, **(a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste)**, you should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, regardless of a positive test result. [Get advice about staying at home and avoiding contact with others](#)

There is support available locally to help people who need to self-isolate, call HertsHelp on 0300 123 4044, email info@hertshelp.net or visit www.hertshelp.net

Please don't send children and young people back to school following the Easter holidays if they have any symptoms or feel unwell. There continues to be a high number of outbreaks across Hertfordshire's childcare and education settings – they need our support to help protect our communities and have the least disruption to children's learning and development as possible.

We'd like to once again say thank you for continuing to play your part and for helping to keep yourselves and others safe. We hope you enjoy a great Easter break.

Hertfordshire County Council