



Friday 19th April 2024

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A Note from our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a good spring break. I had an unexpected break...literally...my left arm. I'd like to report that this was the result of a dramatic cycling accident, but no! I managed to lose my footing after getting off the bike.

As a result, I've been out of school this week, after surgery to plate the bone back together. I'm going to be out for the next two weeks while recovering but will be keeping abreast of safeguarding and other essential items when I can - those new ways of working during Covid have come in handy. Mr Castle and the team will be holding the fort for the next few weeks and will keep me in the loop.

Many Best Wishes

Sue Sayers
Headteacher

Help needed for our Forest School area.

Our Herne Forest School area has had quite a bit of use this year and is in need of some TLC, ready for September. On Thursday 30th May (during the May half term), we will be here and would love some willing volunteers to help us! We have already had a few kind parents offering to help. More details to follow nearer the time. Please email: s.balmer@hernejunior.com for further information.



Confirmation of INSET days 2024-2025 (Reminder)

Just to confirm that our INSET days for next academic year are on:

Monday 2nd September 2024 (shared with PIS)

Tuesday 3rd September 2024 (not shared with PIS)

Friday 14th February 2025 (shared with PIS)

Friday 28th March 2025 (shared with PIS)

Friday 23rd May 2025 (shared with PIS)

Job Opportunities

We have three exciting job opportunities open up at Herne:

Receptionist and Admin Assistant
Learning Support Assistant including lunchtime supervision
HLTA/NVQ Level 4 PPA Cover



Please go onto our website to find out more details. <https://www.hernejunior.com/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=62>



DOODLE SPRING CHALLENGE

Did you purchase DoodleMaths or DoodleEnglish for your child? If so, please visit this link to sign them up to the Spring Challenge. [SpringChallenge-ParentGuide-RGB-23.06.13-1.pdf \(doodlelearning.com\)](https://www.doodlelearning.com/SpringChallenge-ParentGuide-RGB-23.06.13-1.pdf)

DoodleMaths and DoodleEnglish Challenges are designed to encourage your child to Doodle 'little and often', promoting healthy learning habits. The last day to register for the challenge is the 24th April. Please make sure you claim rewards for your child by midnight on the 30th April. Most excitingly, they can earn a pin badge (see image) and a downloadable certificate for each Challenge they complete!

Home Link Corner

PARENT COFFEE MORNINGS – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Wednesday 1st May at 9.30am

I will be jointly hosting another Parent Coffee Morning with the School Nursing Team. This is a fantastic opportunity to get advice around behaviour, routines, healthy eating and other parenting challenges.



Wednesday 22nd May at 9.30am

Lisa James, Senior Employment Coach for Abri Housing in the East Hants area will be joining us. Lisa can provide support if you need more confidence to find a job, take that next step on the career ladder or start your own business. Lisa can offer a range of support, including CV writing and getting back into work or training after a break. Although this support is for Abri tenants, all are welcome.

Wednesday 26th June at 9.30am (Year 6 parents only)

Andrea Phillips (Welfare Manager) from TPS, will be joining us to answer any questions that Year 6 parents may have regarding their child's transition to TPS.

Any of these will also hopefully, just be a lovely way to meet other Herne parents and have a chat and a slice of cake. 😊

Please email: s.balmer@hernejunior.com for further information.

Sonja Balmer
(Home School Link Worker)

ARE YOU AWARE OF THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILDREN WHEN USING WHATSAPP?



We are reminding all parents that WhatsApp has a minimum age limit of 16+ years and other social media sites are generally for 13+ years. We recommend visiting these links for more useful information. ([Is WhatsApp safe for my child? | NSPCC](#)) [What is social media? | NSPCC](#)

Clubs

Next week we see the return of our remaining teacher led after school clubs ie choir, history club, running club and forest school.



Painters Needed

Over the summer holidays, we are hoping to start transforming our **school library** into a 'Midnight Forest' so that it is a more immersive space for the children when choosing and reading books. HAFS have kindly given some money towards this project but with the cost of living and materials being so expensive, we are having to complete this project using skills from the local community and from staff members. Involved in the project so far is Petersfield Arts Society and the Men's Shed, which we are incredibly grateful for. Our next plea for help, is for any painters and decorators that would be willing to give up some time (and skills) to help give the walls in the library a fresh coat of paint. Ideally, this would be voluntary, so that the remaining budget could be put towards furniture and items for the library. If you think you could help, please contact Mrs Castle on c.castle@hernejunior.com.

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April		June	
24-26 th	Avon Tyrell (Year 5 residential)	Wed 19 th	Summer Disco (Years 4 and 6)
		Thurs 20 th	Summer Disco (Years 3 and 5)
May		July	
Fri 3 rd	Year 3 Healthy Hero Day	Mon 1 st – Fri 5 th	Ironbridge (Year 6 residential)
Mon 6th	BANK HOLIDAY – May Day	Tues 2 nd	Swimming Gala (Year 5) – times to be confirmed
Mon 13 th	SATS Week	Fri 12 th	Changeover Day
Wed 22 nd	Rainbow Theatre (Year 5 and 6)	Mon 15 th	Sports Day 9.30 – 12.00
Thurs 23 rd	Rainbow Theatre (Year 3)	Mon 22 nd	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 7-9pm
Mon 27th – Fri 31	HALF TERM (Thursday 30 th Forest School Ground Force Day)	Tues 23rd	Last day of term. (12.30pm finish)