

# Herne Flyer 19 – Spring Term 2025



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## A Note from our Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

Hope you've had a good week and managed to stay dry!



### Xin Nian Kuai Le (gōng xǐ fā cái)

This week we wished all our families with Chinese heritage a Happy New Year and celebrated in school with an Assembly on Monday looking at Chinese culture and history. The Chinese New Year started on Wednesday 29th January - it is the year of the snake.

In school we are preparing for National Internet Safety Day on February 11th. On this day we will be refreshing this topic with all year groups. If you'd like to mark the day and do something to reinforce this important safeguarding area, there are ideas on the link below. <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025>

**Safeguarding:** Could we please ask that if your child is late for school, they are not left at the school gate but accompanied in, so that you can talk to the office staff about why they are late while they go to class. Not only is it unsafe to leave an unaccompanied child outside locked school gates, it is parental responsibility to get a child into school on time. Please don't put your child in the position of having to explain - many are embarrassed enough with being late and having to explain why just adds to a bad start to their day. It also leaves the office with an additional task of ringing you.



Thank you to the current Year 3 parents who've signed up for the new Year 4 residential trip to **Grittleton House** next Autumn. We'd have loved to have stayed with Avon Tyrrell but they couldn't accommodate our numbers in the period we wanted to go. A reminder that Monday is the final day for our extended deposits date. We are delighted that so many have signed up and that we have been able to support some families to enable their child to access this trip. If you'd like to see the venue - it comes highly recommended by several local schools - and despite being slightly further away, comes in at a more reasonable cost, please click on the link below. <https://www.grittleton-adventures.co.uk/>

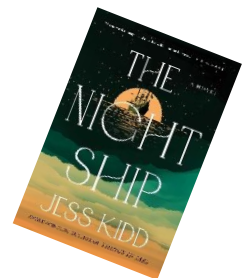
**And Finally**...whatever you are up to this weekend, enjoy. More yoga for me, a trip to London to the Fresh Art Fair at Alexandra Palace, a brisk walk along the Thames and Tapas at one of our favourite restaurants. Yum!

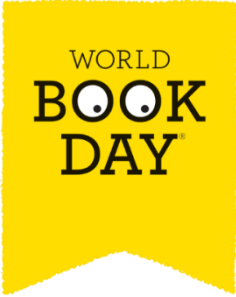
Best wishes

*Sue Sayers*

Headteacher

P.S. Mrs Loader has recommended that my next read should be, "The Night Ship." by Jess Kidd. If you've read it, do let me know if it floated your boat or capsized!





## World Book Day

This year World Book Day is on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March**. To relieve the pressure on parents, we have made the decision as a school to dress up every other year. This year is dress up year, so we would love for the children to come into school dressed as a book character. Please do not feel it is necessary to buy a new costume/outfit, usually the more creative the costume, the better! It is important that these costumes are appropriate and allow the children to take part in a normal school day. If they have a copy of the book that the character they have

chosen to dress up as at home, please bring this on the day too!

Year 6 – If your child would like the opportunity to participate in music tuition when they move to their secondary school, please click on the link below provided by Hampshire Music Service.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScwgAlmFezaEc0euXYqsl3ciQrSIJUNSKw-ggDe8VrCbSsa3w/viewform?usp=sharing>



## Twilight members – Spaces, Sessions & Child Care Vouchers

The new more flexible booking seems to be working. Thank you for your cooperation with this. We now have spaces if anyone would like to sign up for afterschool care, please get in touch through [admin@hernejunior.com](mailto:admin@hernejunior.com).

Sessions to Easter are now available to book on ParentPay. For those of you who use vouchers, please remember to order vouchers before the half term so we have enough time to credit your accounts to enable you to book.

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February		March	
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	School breaks up at <b>12.30pm</b> for Half-Term	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> of March	Parents' Evening
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>INSET DAY</b> – School closed for training	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> of March	Parents' Evening
		Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> of March	<b>INSET DAY</b> – School closed for training
		April	
		Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> of April	School breaks up at <b>12.30pm</b> for Easter