

Herne Flyer 11 – Autumn Term 2024



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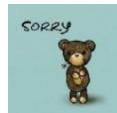
A Note from our Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,



Chilly week! Children have red noses & sore ears from the cold after playing outside - it's time for everyone to have hats and gloves please. As I'm typing this, the snow is falling at my window!

This week, we met with Councillor Russell Oppenheimer, residents from Love Lane and the **Hants Highways Team**. They will be making changes in terms of road markings at the end of Love Lane and a flashing school sign installed. We are grateful that they are working with us in an attempt to make routes to school safer. We are also looking at our own signage to remind people to dismount from their bike/scooter when on site if they are coming from the Love Lane footpath rather than cycling in on the pavement.



Can I please offer an apology? Wednesday was a fairly busy day in the office with lots of children needing first aid (and TLC/warming) and a couple of significant Safeguarding items which involved urgent paperwork. The office staff did not get time to get all messages to children before the end of the school day – this is most unusual - **we really are very sorry.**

What would really help the office team is if you could think about whether your message is really urgent. Changing your collection spot is a choice, reminding children about a club isn't necessary – we need to be building their independence. Anyone who hasn't worked at a school would be amazed by how many calls the office get each hour - the large majority of these are not urgent. Please help them by thinking carefully about whether you need to ring in or not. I'm going to meet with the office team next week to look at streamlining our systems so they can focus on children's needs. **Watch out for these changes next week!**

Huge thanks to the small group of parents who came to our **Multiplication Tables** workshop and to staff for running it. We hope it was helpful to you in supporting your child.



We've had more children's workshops this week on **Internet Safety** thanks to the Breck Foundation. breckfoundation.org The organisation was founded in 2014 in response to the tragic loss of Breck Bednar, a 14-year-old boy, who was groomed and murdered by someone he met online. Their work aims to prevent this from happening again. I'm sure you'll agree that this is a very important issue to address. Thank you to our new HSLW, Mrs Tandy, for organising this.

Parent Governors: We had lots of enquiries but, sadly, no applications. Several people said the election process (a parent ballot) really put them off. We're not surprised! If there are only 2 candidates, this isn't necessary as we have 2 spaces. There are 7 meetings a year at either 8-10 am or 4-6 pm, childcare options are available, as are remote access options. If you are interested, please do come and have a chat to me **before the end of November**, then we would be in time for our December meeting.

Just a reminder – unless a teacher has emailed you directly, please send all emails via admin@hernejunior.com. We have recently discovered that a few emails have gone (or not gone) to non-existent accounts, e.g. headteacher@, deputy@ or SENCo@. Sending emails via admin@ means that they can be diverted to the right person as quickly as possible and in the event of a staff absence can go to a Senior Leader.

And finally, whatever you are up to this weekend, enjoy! Another quiet weekend for us...it's going to be a weekend for snuggling up and keeping warm, methinks!

Best wishes,
Sue Sayers
Headteacher

P.S. Just a reminder that Senior and Premises Staff who are out on duty most mornings (when they don't have early meetings), are there to help children and parents, not to deal with traffic issues – we have no jurisdiction on the road. We also do not have enough staff to man each of our 4 gates, every morning. This is particularly true during periods of staff illness when we are covering. Often while on duty, we will be called to help with an issue which takes us away from the gate – this is what we are really there for. I'm sure

as parents you would agree that, in those instances, helping you to get a tearful child into school or helping with an urgent family issue has to be prioritised.

We choose to make our focus on the children, with catch up or booster teaching groups running from 8.15 a.m. We also choose to have two staff, per class, on duty in every classroom from 8.30 a.m. to meet every child with a warm hello, help them with morning work and take handovers from any parents who need to make contact first thing with their teacher or Learning Assistant. This enables much more effective, and private, conversations and prioritises children's needs at the start of the day. We are, however, revisiting this ready for the Spring Term...watch this space.

Travel Survey

Our school is developing a travel plan, and we need your input! In collaboration with Hampshire County Council's Travel Planning Team we've launched a travel survey to hear about your school run experience. Your feedback will help us identify initiatives to make school runs safer and healthier. Please complete the school travel survey before the 29th of November.

<https://hampshirecc.welcomesyourfeedback.net/HerneJuniorSchoolParentSurvey2024>



Wraparound Care – Twilight and Breakfast club payments by Child Care Voucher

Please can we politely remind parents to always email admin@hernejunior.com to inform us when you have paid by voucher. Please tell us where to allocate the money to, by club and in the case of siblings, by child. It takes the guess work and the need to amend records out of our processes. Many thanks.



Primary Maths Challenge

A big congratulations to Daniel, Larry and Sorcha in Year 6, who have all achieved magnificent Gold Awards in the national Primary Maths Challenge. They all scored a stunning 20 out of 25 in the recent challenge and we now wait to see if they have qualified for the second round of competition. Congratulations to our young mathematicians!

Citizens Advice Bureau coming to Herne

Is that the cost of living becoming trickier to manage? Whether you work or not, there is help available for you to ease the cost of living for you and your family. A representative from CAB will be at Herne on Tues 3rd Dec from 9.00-10.00am. Come along and find out in a friendly environment how you can access the help you need and have a cuppa and a chat while you are here. Please note this session will not be for individual advice but is aimed at giving everyone general advice, signposting and leaflets to help, and remember whether you work or not we may be able to help you.



POPPY APPEAL

A big thank you to everybody who donated to the Poppy appeal. Collectively, the school raised £366.50!

The Breck Foundation

Thank you to those parents who were able to link in to listen to Richard Cox talk about the Breck Foundation on Wednesday. The presentations were well received by the children. The Breck Foundation do have a website [Online Safety | Breck Foundation](https://www.breckfoundation.org.uk) and also a Facebook page if you wish to follow it with up-to-date information. The parent meeting failed to record on Wednesday so Richard has sent me a link to another presentation that he made to another group of parents so please feel free to watch. Please be aware that we only have the link available to us for 7 days.



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Friday After-school Football Club

Next Friday (29th Nov), will be our final football club this term because of the light levels and increasingly muddy pitches. We will start the club again in February, watch out in the Flyer for the exact date in the new year.

November		December	
Wed 27 th	HAFS Year 4 Winter Disco 17.15-18.30	Mon 2 nd	Open School 3.30 – 4.30pm
Wed 27 th	HAFS Year 6 Winter Disco 19.00-20.15	Thurs 12 th & 13 th	Year 3 Christmas Performances
Thurs 28 th	HAFS Year 3 Winter Disco 17.15-18.30	Fri 13 th	RockSteady Concert
Thurs 28 th	HAFS Year 5 Winter Disco 19.00-20.15	Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th	HAFS Christmas Activity Week
Monday 2 nd December – The Herne Christmas Post Box will be going up in the link.		Mon 16 th	Year 5 Christmas Carol Service (St Peters) 2pm
		Fri 20 th	Final Day of Term (12.30pm finish)
		January	
		Mon 6 th	Start of Spring 1 half-term