

Herne Flyer 4 – Autumn Term 2023



Knowing Every Child – Inspiring Every Mind – Achieving Every Day

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A Note from Mrs Sayers

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm so sorry about this...I try to avoid this on Flyers but I need to have a good grizzle!! **Parking** is not only becoming the bane of our lives, it is becoming dangerous and taking up far too much time away from focusing on the children!



This week there were 4 significant issues. Firstly, a parent parked right over a neighbour's drive! Luckily the new Community PC was around but it caused grief to the house owner and the driver. Secondly, staff were unable to leave school as parents had double parked in the car park. On several days this week, staff couldn't park and come into work on time as there were so many parent cars in the car park. One of these resulted in really choice language in front of children when the parent was asked to move her car. Today, a parent decided to overtake several cars instead of waiting as they left school, caused an accident and was highly abusive to another driver, again in hearing of small children. Huge thanks to all those who have come forward as eye witnesses – the accounts of today's accident will be passed onto the Police and I have called 2 parents this week to discuss their behaviour and language choices. Come on folks, we are a Harmony Values school! Sorry – told you it was a grizzle. Thank you so much to all those who do behave well, drive carefully and park with courtesy to neighbours.

I know we are all busy but please do not park in the staff car park in the morning or end of the school day unless you have a Disability pass. **Drop and go please.** In the afternoon, after clubs, there are often empty spaces at 4.30 pm+, you may use spaces in the first section of the car park but please do not park in the section nearest to school (opposite the minibuses) OR park over other cars OR leave your engine running while you "nip out" as this leads to a tailback not to mention the danger of exhaust fumes!

OK...grizzle over...please help us!!

Other than this, **the week has been a joy!** I have been in classes, observing in Lower School and it really was superb! Such great teachers with children engaged and enjoying their learning. Happy Headteacher! The remainder of our Year 3 classes went out to Gilbert White's house and outdoor centre. Our Services Children and History Club went out on an archaeological dig on that very, very wet day but came back pink cheeked and smiling – thank you Mrs Elliot-Smith and Miss Morphew for organising this! Year 4 have also been out to Butser Ancient Farm. We work hard on providing exciting "hooks" at the beginning of topics to build future learning upon. These experiences are wonderful in motivating children.

And finally, whatever you are up to this weekend, enjoy. I'm still on the search for wood flooring and a ceiling light!!

Many Best Wishes,

Sue Sayers (Head Teacher)

P.S. Just finished, "The Last Devil to Die!" by Richard Osman. I didn't think I'd enjoy this series (Dad sent the first one to me!) but they are lovely stories which deal with old age, friendship and loss in a sensitive way. The characters are easy to love and they set the world to rights in unusual ways! We've all got an Auntie Joyce!



Our Gardening Angel

For the last 16 years, our wonderful librarian Mary Pitt has tended to our flower beds, planters and hanging baskets all in a volunteer capacity, not claiming a penny for her hours of work around the school site. Growing the majority of plants from plugs or seeds in her greenhouse at home, she has been an absolute superstar in massively improving the outside environment at the school. Mary has decided that it is finally time to hang up her gardening gloves and as a school, we just wanted to say a massive THANK YOU to her years of hard work and tremendous service to the school. Thankfully, Mary will still be tending to our magnificent library.

Butser Hill Challenge



A big congratulations to the team of children who represented Herne at last week's Butser Hill Challenge. Miss Podger and Miss Whitehead said the children represented the school magnificently and they were so proud of our young runners. A special mention must go to Barney Greaves (Lime Class) who came a very impressive 2nd in his age category (Wow!). Shine Radio also did a podcast about the event, check it out here

<https://omny.fm/shows/petersfieldstories/the-p-pod-petersfield-personalities-18th-september>

MEDICAL NOTE: Herne is a NUT FREE SCHOOL

We do have several children with severe allergies, so please double check that you do not send in any break or lunchtime food that contains nuts. Thank you for your support with this.



OPEN MORNING FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS FOR HERNE & TPS

On Friday 6th October at 9.15am, Herne Juniors will be open to prospective parents who are looking to get their children into local primary schools, especially Petersfield Infant School. This event will open with a chat from Mrs Sayers followed by a guided tour of the school by our Year 6 children, for approximately one hour. TPS have their open day on Saturday 23rd September 9am – 1pm.

Free Parking at the Festival Hall

We have teamed up with EHDC to provide **FREE parking permits** for the Festival Hall (these will be available from the school office). They are for parents/carers with children at Herne only or with children at BOTH Herne and Petersfield Infants to be used for morning drop off times and afternoon collection times.



Electrician Needed – Can you help us please?

We are very keen to get electrics into our new wooden lodge (near Palm class) and we were wondering if we had a parent who was an electrician that could give us a very special bargain basement price – if you think you could help please give the office a ring or email.

Doodle Back-to-School Competition

Doodle are running a competition to celebrate a new school year. If you paid for a subscription for your child last October they are entitled to enter the competition. The Back to School Competition starts at **00:00 on Friday the 22nd of September 2023 and finishes at 23:59 on Thursday the 5th of October 2023**. Days during this 14 day period will be counted in the competition. By taking part, your child will be incentivised to complete their 10 minutes of daily Doodling, helping to fill gaps in knowledge and prevent learning loss. They can earn a virtual back-to-school badge, an exciting reward designed to promote healthy learning habits and celebrate their hard work!



Over 60% of pupils who achieve a 7-day streak in Doodle go on to achieve a 14-day streak – and if children use Doodle for 10 minutes a day for 30 days, that's an additional five hours of learning each month! Encourage your child to be working in the green zone (by achieving their target number of stars) for 14 consecutive days from **Friday the 22nd of September until MIDNIGHT on Thursday the 5th of October**. Doodle will also be awarding prizes! The renewal of Doodle licences will be available very soon so there will be an opportunity to sign them up very soon at a bargain price!

COMMUNITY MESSAGES



Alice in Wonderland

Do we dare to mention Christmas already? **Mia Kisogloo**, Cedar class, will be performing in this year's production of **Alice in Wonderland on Ice** at Guildford Spectrum. She'd love it if some of the Herne Junior School family were able to make it to see her in one of the shows! Let Spectrum Ice transport you to a winter wonderland this Christmas, as the popular ice show **Alice in Wonderland** returns. The fun-filled festive show will run from **8th to 10th December** and will feature performances from some rising skating stars! Discover the magic and madness of Alice in Wonderland. Follow Alice down the rabbit hole and join her on an enchanted adventure with the unique characters of Wonderland. *One of the region's best value Christmas shows, this adaptation of a classic story promises to have all the ingredients of a truly spectacular family treat.* Mia is only performing in the evening performances, so bear that in mind when booking! To book visit: <https://www.guildfordspectrum.co.uk/ice-skating/alice-in-wonderland/>

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE HERNE CHILDREN WHO HAVE THEIR FINAL PERFORMANCES OF PETERSFIELD YOUTH THEATRE'S 'CHITY CHITY BANG BANG' THIS WEEKEND!

September		October	
Mon 25 th	Damson Class to Selborne	Tues 3 rd	Cedar Class to Planetarium
Thur 28 th	Quince Class to Selborne	Thurs 5 th	Beech Class to Planetarium
Fri 29 th	Mimosa Class to Selborne	Fri 6 th	Open Day / Lime and Pear Classes to Butser Ancient
		Tues 10 th	Rowan Class to Planetarium
		Thur 12 th	Maple Class to Planetarium
		Mon 16 th	Parents' Evening
		Wed 18 th	Parents' Evening
		Thur 19 th	Year 4 Saxon vs Viking day
		Fri 20 th	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR TRAINING
		Mon 23 rd – Fri 27 th	HALF-TERM