

Herne Flyer 33 – Summer Term 2022



Knowing Every Child – Inspiring Every Mind – Achieving Every Day

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SATS – The Return!

Message from the Headteacher

Many people in education who work with our children, were hopeful that the Year 6 SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) would have been modified in the wake of the pandemic. Personally, I can understand that the government would like to have some sort of benchmark of how well our children are doing after the last two years of disruption. However, putting the children back under the usual pressure they feel when assessed by external tests is a missed opportunity. I had hoped that those in education could have been invited to engage with others in power, and come up with a better solution to how we measure the accountability of schools and the progress of pupils. Talk of pupil well-being feels hollow when well-reasoned arguments seem to fall on deaf ears.



This poem, reproduced here, sums up the thoughts of many educators and parents alike! As my mum always told me, 'You can only do your best', and, as a child, in my world at home, my best was always good enough. **Good luck to all of our Year 6 children!**

Best Wishes & Good Luck - **Tony Markham, Headteacher.**

SATs don't measure sports
SATs don't measure art,
SATs don't measure music,
Or the kindness in your heart.

SATs don't see your beauty,
SATs don't know your worth,
SATs don't see the reasons,
You were put upon this earth.

SATs don't see your magic,
How you make others smile,
SATs don't time how quickly,
You can run a mile.

SATs don't hear your laughter,
Or see you've come this far,
SATs are just a tiny glimpse,
Of who you really are.

So sitting at your table,
With a pencil and your test,
Remember SATs aren't who you are,
Remember **you're the best!**

Promoting Good Behaviour

Part of our school improvement plan for this year is to review how we promote good behaviour in our school community. We are keen to hear from parents your views on what we can do to develop this important area and to involve you in your child's successes and how we can best share with you when things are not on track. If you would like to send us feedback on this, please email admin@hernejunior.com or come along to our Parents in Partnership meeting (see below).

Parents in Partnership – Next Meeting

We have re-started a termly opportunity for parents to meet with senior leaders face-to-face. We call this a **Parents in Partnership** and it can cover a multitude of issues, depending on what parents and carers may want to raise with us. This strives to be an informal meeting,



where people can have a quality conversation in a relaxed atmosphere (including tea and biscuits!) and bring to our attention things that we could change or improve upon. Foci for the meeting, which is scheduled for Tuesday 17th May, 9am – 10am in the staffroom, is to get your views on promoting good behaviour and reviewing our Home-School Agreement in readiness for our new Year 3 children in September.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Art Competitions

We have two competitions running for children to produce some art work to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The deadline for the Rams Walk competition was today, but we have had very few entries! We have extended the deadline to Wednesday 11th May and, given the low number of entries so far (a grand total of two!), it is highly likely your child's art would take pride of place on Rams Walk on a banner...come on, why not give it a go? ☺

This is a mock-up of what this will look like, with your child's artwork in pride of place!

Please bring your artwork entries to the school office. It would be great to show off your talent!



PC Monitors

After a huge investment in our IT infrastructure at Herne, we have a few PC monitors in school that are available and looking for a free home. Please email Mrs Tandy L.tandy@hernejunior.com for more information if you would like a monitor for your home.



DOODLE MATHS AND DOODLE ENGLISH



The Spring challenge came to a close on April 30th so we will be hearing from Doodle by the end of May with the names of those children who completed the target of earning 450 stars (or 350 stars if your child was born on or after 01/09/14) and achieved a 7-day streak during the Spring Challenge period.

Message to Year 6 Parents – Repeat Message

SATS week is next week from Monday 9th May till Thursday 12th May. SATs tests have to be sat in a specific order, so if a children were to miss a test (because they are absent from school), it would mean they would have to be kept separate from the rest of the year group until they have completed the tests they have missed. Obviously, if your child is extremely poorly we would not expect them to come in, however if at all possible, it makes the whole week run so much smoother if we have excellent attendance from our wonderful Year 6 pupils. If in the morning you are unsure if your child is well enough, please just ring the school, as we can talk through different options with you, as having to isolate children away from the rest of the year group is always a last resort.

The Big Plastic Count

This national initiative is raising the awareness of how much plastic we use in everyday life by counting it all over a week, as a household. This would include recyclable and non-recyclable plastic. The results are tallied and sent to the government to raise awareness of the increasing problem of plastic pollution. We would do the following:

1. Add to flier and staff update - share with pupils, families and staff
2. As a class, share a PowerPoint presentation on what it is about and how to complete the tally sheet
3. Pupils tally their household plastic use every day for a week.
4. As a class - Collate the results and send them in. (5 mins per child)

More details to follow from Mrs Knight next week! ☺



Children Supporting Charities



We have always supported children running little projects to raise money for charities. On Monday 9th May after school, we have two charity sales. One group of Year 4 pupils (Pixie, Pippa & Issy) will be selling books to raise money for the Air Ambulance and the Bloodrunners (SERV Wessex). Both of these charities work together to ensure there are always blood and plasma supplies on the air ambulance.

To complement this sale, a group of Year 5 children (Erin, Charlotte & Sophie) will be selling bookmarks at 50p each, with all money raised going to the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC) to support people in the Ukraine.



HAFS News



Sunflower Project

A reminder to keep watering your sunflowers and get them out in the sunshine this weekend! Remember,

****We will be giving a prize for the first five sunflowers to reach a metre tall!****

(All you need to do is to post a picture of your child standing next to their 1metre sunflower on the HAFS Facebook page or email it into the school if you would prefer).

Whenever you are ready to sell, please either post into the Ukrainian Appeal box in the foyer at school or donate directly to the DEC charity or a charity of your choice. <https://donation.dec.org.uk/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>



Sponsored Litter Pick



A reminder that children now have two extra weekends to complete their sponsored litter pick to help clean up our local area. Sponsorship forms and money are due in by Monday 16th May.

There are plenty of prizes and certificates up the grabs and the class with the best participation will enjoy a nature session with activities around the school pond during the week beginning 16th May.

No sponsorship amounts are too small. Why not post a picture of your child taking part on the HAFS or Little Community Heroes Facebook page to spread the word about this important work?



Quiz Night



You should have found a letter about HAFS first quiz night on Thursday 27th May in your child's bag this week. Forms need to be handed in by 20th May. It is set to be a fantastic evening so do start getting your team together or come along and join others to form a team on the night!

Design a cake fit for a Queen!

Look out for a letter going home in bags giving your child the chance to enter a cake designing competition- no need to make it, **just design it**. The winning design will be made by a local cake maker and year group winners will receive a prize too!

Year 6 Hoodies

The Year 6 Hoodies are due to arrive at the end of next week! HAFS will spend the following week checking the orders and then arranging distribution to the children. Year 6 pupils will then be able to wear them to and from school and in the playgrounds (as well as part of their PE kit on cold days) from the week beginning 23rd May all being well.

Summer Dates for your Diary

Thursday 26th May Quiz Night 7.30pm
Friday 27th May Jubilee cake and ice-cream sale 3.30pm
Sunday 3rd July Herne Festival 2-5pm – details to follow
Thursday 7th July Year 3 & Year 5 Summer discos
Thursday 14th July year 4 & Year 6 Summer discos

HAFS Communications

Just a reminder that if you would like to keep up to date with HAFS and you have not already joined the HAFS Facebook page, please search for HAFS (Herne Association of Families and Staff). If you would like to volunteer or get involved, please message Roz on 07960049737 or Becky on 07966616242 or email hafs.contact@gmail.com

Travel to School –

Joint Letter from Herne Junior School and Petersfield Infant School

We have attached a separate letter, jointly written by Mrs Hodgkinson and Mr Markham, with news from the Travel Survey from the autumn term. Please look out for this as a separate document.



SUMMER TERM CLUBS AT HERNE

Please see page 4 of today's Flyer for a list of all of the clubs that will be available this term.

This is always an emerging list, so further clubs are likely to be added in due course.

May		June	
9 th – 12 th	Year 6 SATS Week	30 th May - Jun 3 rd	Half-Term
Wed 11 th	Deadline for Rams Walk Art Competition	Mon 6 th	INSET Day – Herne Juniors Closed
Tue 17 th	9am - Parents in Partnership Meeting	Thu 16 th	Y6 Whole Year Group Photo
Thu 26 th	HAFS Quiz Night	Tue 28 th	TPS Y6 Transition Evening
Fri 27 th	Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Afternoon School Celebration		
Fri 27 th	HAFS Ice cream & cake sale at 3.30pm		
		July	
		Fri 1 st	Change Over – School Transition Day

HERNE JUNIOR SCHOOL CLUBS: Summer 2022

Club	Day		Contact	Cost & other details
Piano	Monday	12.50 – 3.30	Mrs Peacock (office)	Teacher: Mr Thomas - £90.00 per term.
Mindful Art Club (Year 6)	Monday	3.30 – 4.15	Miss Gore and Mrs Knight	Fully Booked (from applications in autumn term).
Rounders (Year 5 and 6)	Monday	After School 3.30 – 4.30	Mrs Tigwell (Willow Class)	Starting after half-term – see Mrs Tigwell to express interest.
Creative Craft (Year 4)	Tuesday	12.20 – 12.50	Mrs Lee	See Mrs Lee to register interest.
Skipping Club	Tuesday	12.50 – 1.20	Mrs Clack	See Mrs Clack to register interest.
Interhouse (Year 6)	Tuesday	12.50 – 1.20	Mr Castle / CM Sports	See Mr Castle to sign up (Basketball starting after next week's Netball final).
Jogalong - a – Tongalong <i>Running Club</i> (Year 5 & 6)	Tuesday	1.00 -1.20	Mrs Tong	See Mrs Tong to register interest.
Violin	Tuesday	1.45 – 3.15	Mrs Peacock (office)	Teacher: Mrs Moore - £80.00 per term.
CM Sports Netball (Year 3 & 4)	Tuesday	After School 3.30 – 4.30	https://www.cm-sports.co.uk	Booking and payment through CM Sports Website.
EAL Community Club	Tuesday	After School 3.30	Miss Edmondson	More details about this coming out soon...
Running Club (Year 3)	Tuesday	After School 3.30 – 4.15	Miss Murrell and Miss Podger	See either teacher to sign up.
Art Club (Year 5)	Tuesday	After School 3.30 – 4.15	Mrs Castle	Fully Booked (from applications in autumn term).
Top Tumps Club	Wednesday	12.00 – 12.30	Mrs Thakore	See Mrs Thakore to sign up.
Eco Club (Upper School)	Wednesday	12.50 – 1.20	Mr Markham & Morwenna	Year 5 - See Mr Markham to sign up.
Chess Club (Year 5 and 6)	Wednesday	12.50 – 1.20	Mr Zenklusen and Mr Leung	See Mr Zenklusen to register interest.
Country Dancing (Year 3)	Wednesday	12.30 – 12.50	Mrs Markham (Damson)	See Mrs Markham to register interest.
Netball Club (Year 5)	Wednesday	12.50 – 1.15	CM Sports/Mr Castle	This is a free club where each Year 5 class are doing 6 sessions throughout the year. See Mr Castle to sign up.
Creation Station Art Club (Year 3)	Wednesday	3.30 – 4.40	https://www.thecreationstation.co.uk/finder?location=Petersfield	Go to their website to book.
CM Sports Football (Year 3 & 4)	Wednesday	After School 3.30 – 4.30	https://www.cm-sports.co.uk	Booking and payment through CM Sports Website.
Brass	Thursday	1.30 – 3.30	Mrs Peacock (office)	Teacher: Mr Thomas - £80.00 per term.
Jubilee Choir	Thursday	After School 3.30 – 4.30	Mrs Maybrey and Miss Morphew	Fully subscribed. New children can sign up in the Autumn Term.
Allotment Club (Year 3 and Year 4)	Friday	Lunchtime	Mrs Armitage	See Mrs Armitage to register interest.
Woodwind	Friday	1.00 – 3.00pm	Mrs Peacock (office)	Teacher Dr Stasiak - £80 per term.
Herne Football Squad (Upper School Boys and Years 4-6 Girls)	Friday	After School 3.30 – 4.30	Mr Edwards, Mr Leung, Mrs Butcher and Mr Castle	Carrying on from Spring term.
Open Library	Friday	After School 3.30 – 4.45	Mrs Garforth	All children and parents welcome.
Rock Steady	Friday	Afternoon	External Company	https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/ see their website to book a place and pay.