

Knowing Every Child – Inspiring Every Mind – Achieving Every Day

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

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## Have a Break from Home Learning

### Message from the Headteacher

Half-term is finally here and, once again, it has been a very unusual time for us all since the start of this term. I know that for our staff, children and for parents/carers, it has been extremely challenging. The best message I can give to you all today is ... **Take a Break!**



As you may already know, the government have said that they will give two weeks' notice to school leaders regarding the wider opening of schools, so we are led to believe that an announcement will be made on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. ITV Meridian has already been in touch with me today to do a live interview at 6 o'clock on that day to give my reaction...no pressure there then, especially as the briefing is likely to be at 5 o'clock from Downing Street!

If you would like to contact me, you can email me as always on: [headteacher@hernejunior.com](mailto:headteacher@hernejunior.com) Apologies in advance if you don't get a swift reply, but I will reply!

**Stay Safe. Best Wishes & Good luck! Tony Markham (Headteacher).**

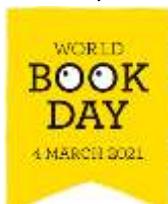
### Latest COVID-19 News

Sadly, as you will know from our letter to all classes on Monday, we have had another positive COVID-19 case in one of our Year 4 pupils this week. This then had the impact of closing both Year 4 Critical Worker Bubbles due to staff needing to self-isolate. We have checked the data for the Petersfield area (within 3 miles of our postcode) with the NHS and **you will see that there has been a slight rise in cases in the last week.** This emphasises the need to keep vigilant and maintain HANDS-FACE-SPACE during half-term and to keep to the National Lockdown rules and laws. Thank you for your anticipated co-operation. Here is the NHS link: <https://digital.nhs.uk/dashboards/coronavirus-in-your-area>



### World Book Day – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021

In 2021 World Book Day, just like everything else, will be different. The organisers have adapted to make sure that World Book Day sends a powerful and positive message about books and reading, even in lockdown. **Here is a message from them:**



*"We are thrilled to share with you all the exciting new developments we have in store for this year's World Book Day campaign. We have the new World Book Day Book Club and Share a Story corner, as well as the exciting new line-up for 2021's £1 books. Our Author & Illustrator Academy videos are now live! These include all of our brilliant £1 book authors and illustrators, with lots of exciting challenges and activities to make reading even more fun and interactive. Check this out here: <https://www.worldbookday.com/2020/09/world-book-day-2021-announcements/>*

*Our Share a Story Live Events will encourage even more children to get involved in reading for pleasure, so be sure to save the date and tune in. Check out all the new World Book Day books here. Alongside the 12 new titles, we have one exclusive World Book Day Ireland £1 book and a new World Book Day Welsh title. We're also offering you sneak peeks inside all the brilliant new £1 books, to help you decide which one to pick!"*

We think it would be fun for the children if they would make a prop or dress up as a favourite character on that day, even though the majority of the children will be at home. More details will follow after half-term. 😊

### Reading at Home – The Real Thing!



If you're worried that your child isn't engaging with digital copies of books (Oxford Owls, Wheelers etc.) or have limited books at home, then please get in touch with us on [admin@hernejunior.com](mailto:admin@hernejunior.com) as Mrs Pitt can put together little book packs to take you through to the end of this term. We'll pick up any requests in the first week back after half-term. As you know, we love our reading here at Herne and we don't want the library books at school to get too dusty and we'd much prefer our lovely children to have access to them. 😊

## CM Sports Supporting Herne at February Half-Term

During half-term, Herne has partnered up with CM Sports to provide a club for some of our children who may need additional support during the holidays. Please click the link below to find out more information: <https://www.cm-sports.co.uk/feb> or phone [02392 987 881](tel:02392987881).



We are also negotiating to see if a club, run by CM, could take children from across the school during the Easter holidays, probably in the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Keep an eye open for more details in March. ☺

## Supporting Art at Home

As mentioned previously, Vicki Osterson of **Tree Frog Art**, has designed and launched a new range of Animal Art Bags. With all the materials needed to make one of the 5 animals and its baby, step by step instructions and a fascinating fact sheet, these kits are perfect for lockdown. To order simply email Vicki on [vickiostersen@gmail.com](mailto:vickiostersen@gmail.com) £12.50 each, including local delivery in Petersfield.

In addition, Mrs Osterson has made two films to help families do some art projects at home. These little instructional videos are really easy to follow through the YouTube links and many children would be able to follow these independently. More films are on the way later in the term. ☺

See Mrs Osterson's art website here: [www.treefrogart.co.uk](http://www.treefrogart.co.uk)

Here is the link for a video all about "Paper Hearts" <https://youtu.be/qyFnkclL89M>

And another link to make "Folded Paper Flowers" <https://youtu.be/H2you10KCN8>



## Half-Term Moon Model Activity



This might be of interest as a free ½ term activity for Herne pupils. "[Build Your Own](#)" have just launched a free Moon Model that children can download, print and make at home. It has oceans and seas, craters, moon landings and other things on it so it is educational too! It also comes with a stand so that children can display their Moon.

Have a look at this here: [byo-makes-moon-model-03.02.21.pdf](http://byo-makes-moon-model-03.02.21.pdf) ([buildyourownkits.com](http://buildyourownkits.com))

## Twitter – Breaking News!

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This week, we have been running a 'close-up' quiz just for a bit of pre-half-term fun.

We also post this Flyer on there every Saturday and put out links to other local and national news.



## Our Next Flyer – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

With the prospect of a further announcement for the reopening schools due out on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, we will be sending out an Interim Flyer No. 29 the following day on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.



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