

# Herne Flyer 36 – Summer Term 2025



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## A Note from our Headteacher

### Dear Parents & Carers

Forgive me...I'm writing as truly exasperated of Petersfield this week! I should be on residential with Yr6 but spent most of last week unpicking **a significant safeguarding issue** involving a group of girls in upper school and their Smartphone use out of school hours! Hence, I'm back at base catching up on outstanding things! Lots to read this week!

For that reason, and as part of our joint schools' **Smartphone Free Childhood** campaign, we will, from September be following the lead taken by TPS in banning Smartphones for pupils. We will continue to have a form for parents to request permission for a Yr5 or 6 child only to bring a phone. IF they are walking alone BUT it will need to be basic, non-smart phone which only sends and receives calls and messages. We have the right to turn down an application for a child to bring a phone into school and those accepted and brought in will be locked away for the day. Our policy is clear – any abuse of this privilege or phones brought in without parental permission will result in the phone being removed and the permission being denied. There will be a formal letter from all local schools going out to all parents.

Going forward, we cannot spend huge amounts of staff time and we cannot be responsible for children's online activity outside hours. We do not have the capacity or jurisdiction for these investigations but it does affect children's relationships in school quite significantly. In future, we will be logging these safeguarding incidents on our system, recognising and dealing with friendship issues relating to them and contacting the Community Police officers for further investigation. We are also encouraging parents whose children receive abusive message/photos to contact the police.

We've tried to turn this into a positive learning opportunity by asking parents at drop off and pick up how they keep their children safe online. Thanks for sharing! There seem to be some really simple golden rules which make a huge amount of common sense:

1. Don't let your child take their phone to bed. You can't possibly know what they are watching, interacting with or who they are talking to if they have unchecked access. In addition, blue screen time has been shown to actively inhibit sleep.
2. Set your Internet access to stop at 7 or 8pm for their device.
3. Make sure your firewall is up to date and parental controls are switched on at home.
4. Make sure you have your child's passwords and check their phone and their browsing history at least weekly. (Are you aware that Snapchat deletes messages after 24 hrs? No record of your child's use or of anyone else messaging them!)
5. Be firm with your child about age limits on messaging sites and stick with your principles despite peer pressure.
6. Put messaging sites such as Snapchat, Instagram etc. or any other sites with a 13/14 year old limit on your blocked list for their phone.
7. Don't let them have access to YOUR phone or your passwords (or that of any other adult) for any reason at all...even playing games! You are an adult, your use is your prerogative but children could access your messaging, browsing history or apps which may not be age appropriate.
8. Talk to them about why they don't need a phone at Primary school. Stem that wave of peer pressure!
9. Start early by embedding good practice even before children get to KS2 and model it yourself with your use. Greet your child with a smile not a Smartphone at the end of each day.

**NOT SURE WHERE TO START?** There are some amazing resources here on the Hants Police Website <https://www.safe4me.co.uk/resources/>

**On a much more positive note.** Year 6 have had a wonderful week either in Ironbridge or on day trips (Explorers). It's been a glorious week for them and they have had a lot of fun. The Facebook photos are testament to that. Sadly, we heard last week, the YHA are selling one of the sites we stay on so will not be able to offer this going forward – they are returning our holding deposit as they cannot offer any alternatives anywhere near Ironbridge. Our options are to find another site or do 2 trips, with half the year group each week. Watch this space! We are exploring all options.

We are delighted to let you know about the appointment of **4 new teachers for September** and some teaching staffing changes.

**Mrs Cleo Gordon** will be joining our Year 6 Team to replace Miss Isabelle Burrows, who is not returning after a long period of ill health. Similarly, Mrs Catherine Castle, one of our part-time teachers, has also resigned through ill health. We wish Isabelle and Catherine every luck with their recovery. They have been wonderful to work with and hope they become well enough to return to the classroom in the future!

**Miss Hannah Jordan-Norris** will be taking over from Miss Tiffany Gore in Year 5. Tiff is going to be working across the school in several roles next year.

**Miss Jessica Duncan** is replacing the teaching vacancy left by Miss Amy Buckle as she moves out of class to be our Assistant Headteacher.

**Miss Joanna Turner** is going to be covering Mrs Claire Bishop's Maternity Leave in Year 4. No news of baby Bishop yet! Thanks to Mr Matt Pascoe who has covered the end of the summer term for Year 4.

Mrs Alice Blandford-Stanley is also moving on. Alice has completed her NPQSL and has decided to specialise in SEND so is moving to a trainee SENCo post. We know she will be super at this and wish her every luck.

Huge thanks also to Mrs Vicki Boyns and Mrs Roz Orchard who have done a great job in Year 3 this year, job- sharing Oak class. As we are dropping to 3 form entry in Year 3 next year, they were both here temporarily. They are looking forward to the break from being class teacher for a while. Thank you both for making Oak children's first year so positive.

The children will find out who their teachers are for next year- and there might be some surprises in there as some staff have fancied a year group change! This is excellent for career development as it helps them to understand the needs of all pupils across the school. We are interviewing for Support Staff next week so will update you then.

**And Finally** – whatever you are up to this weekend, enjoy! Think we are going to a Tapas lunch in Guildford and I'm doing a hot yoga sound bath morning in the glasshouse at RHS Wisley!

Best Wishes

*Sue Sayers*

**Headteacher**

**A Very Important P.S.** We expect pupils who walk through **St Peter's graveyard** to have respect for the graves. There have been pupils walking on the wall just inside the gates and behaving in a disrespectful way. We have had complaints from people tending or visiting their loved one's grave. This is very embarrassing for our school as **serving the community** and showing **respect** are two important principles for us. Please talk to your child if they walk that way or check their behaviour choices if you are accompanying them. Just a simple reminder of what those graves mean to the families of the deceased should encourage them to show more respect in that area.

**Kooth.**

<https://www.kooth.com/> is a free, anonymous, online counselling and emotional wellbeing service available to young people in Hampshire. You can visit Kooth using any device that has internet access. There are no waiting lists, and you can access counselling from a qualified therapist up to 10pm every night, 365 days a year.

### Sports Day – Monday 14th July 2025

The sports day events will start at 9:30am, so children will begin the day in class, as normal. Please enter the school via the Hoadlands gate from 9am, if you are coming to watch. Please be mindful when parking so that surrounding roads aren't impacted. The Hoadlands gate will be the only entrance/exit to school for sports day.

We aim to finish all events by 12:15/12:30pm. Once all events have been finished, children will return to class, giving the teachers a chance to check everyone is present. Once children have vacated the field, families are free to set up for their picnics. Please remain in spectator areas and do not set up for picnics before this time as you will be asked to return to the designated spectator area.

Children whose families are staying to have a picnic, will be taken back to the field with their LSA, to meet and have lunch with their families, please wait on the field for your child. Unfortunately, we cannot allow children whose families are not staying for the picnic, to join other families, they will eat their lunch with the lunchtime supervisors as normal.

In the week before sports day, children will bring home their 'Sports Day Programme' which will include a detailed site map and your child's starting event.

**Monday's Arts and Crafts club:** There will be no club on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Monday 14<sup>th</sup> of July will be on as usual next week.

**History Club:** Following on from Miss Morphew's email this week, please note that History Club has finished for this term.

**Class & Year 6 Leavers Photos** – Closing date for ordering photos is Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

### Vacancies

We have a vacancy for an Admin Office to join our busy school office from September. If you are interested in this role details can be found on the Hampshire Education Jobs website: [Admin Officer | 14 July, 2025 | Jobs and careers with Hampshire County Council](#). The closing date for applications is Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

**Community News-** please see our community board on our website.

JULY		SEPTEMBER	
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> of July 12 noon to 3.30pm	Year 5 Swimming Gala Petersfield Open Air Pool	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> of September	INSET Days
9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> July	HAFs discos: Yrs 4 & 6 and Yrs 3 & 5	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	School re-opens to all students at 8:30am
11 <sup>th</sup> of July	Changeover Day		
14 <sup>th</sup> of July	Sports Day	OCTOBER	
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> of July	Last day of term: <b>School closes at 12.30pm</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Y4 Grittleton Residential Trip