

# Herne Flyer 16

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## Happy New Year & Welcome Back

We hope you had a lovely Christmas and New Year. It was great to see the children back in school all refreshed and keen to learn. This half-term is very short; just the five weeks, but we're aiming to pack a great deal in and need your help as parents along the way.

## Home School Agreement

Each time a family joins our school, we all sign a Home-School Agreement, which is required by law. However, if you signed this when your child joined in Year 3, we imagine that you haven't had a moment to look back on this and to think about how best to support your child throughout their time in junior school. In order to help, we are now sending out an annual reminder of how parents can support the school and their child with some simple things which we have listed on the attached document (pages 3 & 4). This will go out in September each year, but as it is a new idea, we've sent this out today and would of course be happy to receive any useful feedback before the end of July.

## Support with Reading

We really couldn't help your child without your support to listen to them read at home and we thought we'd have a theme during this term to give some ideas about how to help your child with their reading (especially if they are a little reluctant to read!) We will be sending letters to families when we see that their child needs additional support with reading. The intention is to really push this key skill and if you have any concerns about this, please get in touch so that we can support you.



**Teaching reading will only help:** Sometimes, parents are told early teaching is harmful, but it isn't true. You simply can't introduce literacy too early. Many people start reading to their children on the day they were born! The "dangers of early teaching" has been a topic of study for more than 100 years, and no one has ever found any convincing evidence of harm. Moreover, there are hundreds of studies showing the benefits of reading to your children when they are young.



"Outside of a dog, a book is your best friend, and inside of a dog, it's too dark to read!" Groucho Marx

## Funding for Schools

The local news has included a campaign for headteachers to lobby parliament to secure better funding for schools in some Local Authorities. Hampshire schools are amongst the worst funded in the country and Mr Markham has been invited to make the case for Hampshire schools directly to the Education Select Committee in parliament next week. In the meantime, we have a census next Thursday and will get extra funding for Herne if your child is eligible for Free School Meals or if they are from an armed services family. In both cases, this can be tracked back to the last six years. If you qualify for this but do not currently claim please contact us in the office.

## Herne's Got Talent

Our very popular Friends of Herne talent show is making its return this term. Children.....Can you sing? Can you dance? Can you play an instrument? Do you have a talent?

Sign-up will be next **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 12.45pm** in the Herne Hideout. This year the auditions will be held after school in the hall. The lower school auditions will be on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 3.30 – 5.00pm and upper school's will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 3.30 – 5.00pm. You can sign up for an individual performance or a group. The final will be held in the TPS Studio in March.





### Christmas Card recycling

Marks and Spencer are no longer recycling Christmas cards for the Woodland Trust. We have googled alternative ideas but the only suggestions are to dispose of them with your own household recycling as long as they do not contain glitter, tinsel, ribbon, bells, baubles, fluffy bits etc... if they do, they have to be disposed of with general waste. ☹ We will take any cards left with us to our own recycling bins, so they won't be wasted.

### School Games Gold Award

Herne has been awarded the prestigious School Games 'GOLD' award for the second year in a row. This is in acknowledgement for the amount of sporting events the school takes part in, the amount of children who participate in extra curriculum sport and how we involve the children in organising sport at Herne. Big congratulations to all the children, staff and helpers for achieving this award for the school.



### Change to Lunch Menu

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January the kitchen will be serving the Census Day Lunch. The choices on that day will be Meatball Sub or Vegetarian Sausages; both will be served with peas, sweetcorn and wedges. Dessert will be Jelly Delight. Please Note: This will be the only choice available on that day.

### ParentPay

Please remember that your child's lunch account must be in credit to access lunches and snacks. We do send reminders via ParentPay to let you know your account needs topping up, but you can also set up reminders via email and text yourself, by logging into your account. Get practising everyone!

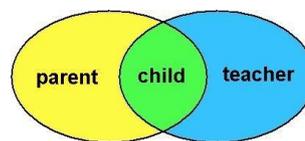
### Dick Whittington - Festival Hall Panto 12<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> January

Some Herne pupils are appearing in this panto along with Mrs Lacey's husband as Idle Jack! More details are on the flyer your children brought home earlier this week.



DIARY – Spring Term 2018			
January 2018		February	
Thu 25 <sup>th</sup>	PCSO Paul Humphrey talking to children about e-safety	Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	Finish for HALF TERM
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	Mid-year assessments for following two weeks.	Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Back for Spring Term #2
February		March	
Thu 1 <sup>st</sup>	OPEN SCHOOL – a chance to come into school and see your child's books.	Thu 1 <sup>st</sup>	World Book Day – details to follow...
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	NSPCC Number Day – details to follow...	Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	PARENTS' EVENING
		Tue 13 <sup>th</sup>	PARENTS' EVENING

# Home-School Agreement



## Annual Renewal Summary (Years 4, 5 & 6)

**At Herne Junior School we strive to get to know your child incredibly well.**

**We know their happiness links to their capacity to learn and links to the happiness of their family.**

**It is only in partnership with parents and carers that we can achieve the best for your child by working closely together.**

**Here is a summary of some simple things that will make your child's time at Herne a happy and successful experience.**



- ❖ Parents should help their child achieve physical and emotional well-being by ensuring they have a good bed time routine, appropriate lunch/snacks, excellent attendance and arrive punctually at school in order to maximise their learning.
- ❖ Children must adhere to the homework agreement, homework must be completed to an expected standard and handed in on time. Children should read at least 5 times a week for a minimum period of 10 minutes.
- ❖ Children must be sent to school in full, correct uniform, not trainers, with no jewellery, nail polish or extreme hairstyles and with long hair tied back.
- ❖ Children must have a full PE kit and a water bottle in school at all times.
- ❖ Parents must support the school in enforcing its Good Behaviour Policy.
- ❖ Parents should attend parents' evenings on a regular basis to check on their child's progress and endeavour to maintain open communication with the school. Grievances should be brought to the attention of the school and not aired over social media.

*If you like what we do – tell others. If you don't like what we do – please tell us! ☺*

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# HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Childs Name..... Class.....

We have read and support Herne Junior School's Home-School Agreement

Signed by:

Parents/Carers.....

Signed by the child: .....

Date.....

Signed on behalf of the school by:



Tony Markham

Headteacher

## AUTHORISATIONS

I give permission for my child to take part in local offsite activities  
(e.g. walks to Petersfield town for local studies)  (please tick)