

Herne Flyer 1

Knowing Every Child – Inspiring Every Mind – Achieving Every Day



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Welcome to Herne Junior School 2019-2020

Welcome to all of our new children and their families and a huge welcome back to all of our previous children and parents.

We've reminded the children about our high expectations for neat, tidy uniform (no trainers!), kind behaviour and respect for each other. We're really going to focus on reading yet again, as this is not only a key skill for education and life, it is also a benefit for pleasure and well-being. Finally, it is vital that every child comes to school feeling safe and cared for and the leaflet coming out next week will help to ensure that this happens. 😊

Morning Groups (CAP and PPP)

Just a reminder to parents whose children are beginning our morning CAP - Compulsory Acceleration Programme (8.10am) or one of our PPP groups (8.30am) that they all begin week commencing 16th September. CAP children are to meet in the ICT Suite and PPP children will be informed where to meet by their lead adult next week. All children are to enter the school through the main reception door. Thank you.

Safeguarding Our Children

On Monday, every child will receive a hard copy of this important annual publication from the school which highlights how we work with parents and other people to keep our children safe here at Herne. Here is the front cover, so please look out for this in bags next week. We'll also post it through Twitter and on our website. In the meantime, **one key message is that it is vital that your child knows where to meet you after school.** If you are delayed, or your child can't find you for any other reason, please say to your child to come into the front of the school and speak to someone in the office to let us know. We can then call you to see what has happened and reassure you that they are safe. This routine also relies heavily on us always having your most up-to-date contact number, so if you change your mobile number, please tell us IMMEDIATELY. We will be sending out the current contact for you next week, so please amend this sheet if it is not up-to-date. Thank you.



Methods of Communication – How do I get in contact with my child's class teacher?

- 1) **School – Home Link Books** – these books are checked daily in every class by the child's teacher or the learning support assistant. If the issue is of a confidential nature you can always request that the child's teacher gives you a phone call back.
- 2) **Email admin@hernejunior.com** - this email address is monitored constantly. So if you would like to send a more detailed message to your child's teacher, the office will ensure that the teacher gets forwarded the email straight away. We obviously do not encourage teachers to have their emails open whilst they are teaching, so it is more likely they will respond to this email at a suitable non-teaching time. If the email includes a message that you have requested the teacher reads as soon as possible, the office will also print the email and take it directly down to the class teacher.
- 3) **In person** – if you would like a quick word with the class teacher before or after school, you are welcome to pop into the office and ask if they are available, however this is not always possible due to meetings, workshops and other commitments. The office will be happy to get the teacher to ring the parent back when they are free to arrange a meeting. For the first few weeks, the Year 3 teachers will be available at the end of the day by their classroom fire door, to ensure a successful transition. Mr Markham is usually available every morning on the playground from 8.30 if you'd like to have an informal word about something. It's rare that anything is regarded as trivial because if it's important to you, then it is important to us!

Facebook Update & Communications to Parents



Listening to feedback from parents and in a review of our ability as a school to keep all communications updated within our own resources, we have decided to remove our Facebook page. There is still a Facebook group for parents, run by parents, so please join this group to help share information. Our preferred methods for communications include our website, Twitter, emails, letters and, on occasions, direct texting.

This weekly Flyer is our primary source of information for parents.

If in doubt, give us a call on 01730 263746.

Uniform

Just a polite reminder that the children should not be wearing trainers in school, unless it is PE or football at lunchtimes. Our uniform policy can be found on our website.

<https://www.hernejunior.com/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=35>

Wearing the agreed uniform in school is an important part of school life as it forms good habits ready for secondary school. It also has the benefit of not having endless arguments with children about what they can and can't wear!



Reading at Herne



The phrase, '**we couldn't do it without you**' is absolutely true when it comes to encouraging our children to read. They need to be brought to books at home in a way that opens up a world of excitement, entertainment and interest. Try to make this as much fun as possible. Reading is the corner stone that is absolutely essential in opening up the world of education for every child. To help your child develop their understanding of what they are reading, it is really important that you ask them questions about the text. We have attached on today's flyer questions that could help them develop these skills.

“At Herne we have high expectations that every child should read at least 5 times a week for a minimum of 10 minutes a day. In this way, every child will master an essential life skill, providing them with life-long learning and unlimited potential to be whatever they want to be.”

Don't forget to check out our recommended book lists for each year group that can be found on our website: www.hernejunior.com (Click 'Curriculum' then 'Reading Support') and please, please, please keep up to date with filling in your child's School-Home Link Book. Children are often asked to read in school in some of their free time (Values time, Lunchtimes, etc.) if we do not have enough evidence of them reading regularly at home. **For children to win a coveted Platinum Award – they will need to read 6 times a week for the whole term.**

Book Bands

We know that parents, especially our new Year 3 parents, are sometimes mystified why children seem to repeat or access books differently when they come to Herne. We have agreed the plan below with the infant school for this coming year. Please don't forget that children can have a Herne library book as well as a graded link book AND they can join the Petersfield library!

		Relevant year
Book band	Colour	
Band 1	Pink	KS1
Band 2	Red	
Band 3	Yellow	
Band 4	Blue	
Band 5	Green	
Band 6	Orange	
Band 7	Turquoise	
Band 8	Purple	
Band 9	Gold	
Band 10	White	
Band 11	Lime	Year 3 - secure
Band 12	Brown	
Band 13	Grey	Year 4 - secure
Band 14	Dark Blue	Year 5- secure

Meet the Year Team and an Introduction to the Year Ahead



We are going to be giving parents an opportunity to come in and meet their child's Year Group's Team of Teachers. The meeting will just be a short 15 – 20 minute presentation by the Year Leader about the year ahead and then a chance to ask the teachers any questions or clarify any additional information (children are welcome to come to the meetings as well). If you come to the school office we will direct you to the relevant meeting room. If any parents cannot make these meetings, don't worry, as each year group will be sending **curriculum letters** home in the next week or two.

Year 3 – Wednesday 18th September 3.45pm

Year 4 – Thursday 19th September 3.45pm

Year 5 – Wednesday 25th September 3.45pm

Year 6 – Monday 16th September 3.45pm

Break Snacks

Children can buy a kitchen fresh-baked bread roll on their lunch card on certain days of the week. See the rota below so that you know when this is available. The reason it is split like this is because the queues were taking far too long when all of the school were trying to buy snacks at the same time. Please note that all other products, including drinks, have been withdrawn from sale due to the plastic packaging.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 3/4	Year 3/4	Year 5/6	Year 5/6	All

Parking at Herne – Drop Off and Collection

As last year, we are allowing parents to enter the school site in the mornings to loop around our car park to drop off the children. However, some people are parking in the school's car park at the morning drop off and our staff are then unable to park to come to work. Please can we kindly ask that parents do not park in our school car park, unless you have express permission to do so (e.g. for children with disabilities).



Some children are arriving at school at just after 8am and we need to remind those families that supervision at the school does not start until 8.30am. ***We will monitor this and if this continues, then the children will be put into Breakfast Club with the consequent costs associated with that.***



At the end of the day, please note that we will be closing our gates as we did during last year, so please do not park in our car park. Collection of the children is always much more problematic, as parents can end up blocking the car park and this restricts vision for people walking out of the school. This is a safety hazard and could end up with a child getting injured, as children do not always look where they are going in their excitement to go home. You must not park on Zig-Zag lines outside of any school and people doing so will be photographed and the number plates/evidence will be passed to the police. This is an important safety issue, so your help with this is essential. Thank you.

Park & Stride...

We know the school run can be a nightmare, especially if you have little choice but to use your car. With this in mind, we were the first school in East Hants to run the hugely successful PARK & STRIDE scheme. Permits are available **FREE OF CHARGE** from the school office from next week, with special permits for parents to park at The Festival Hall car park, including extended parking for those with children at both the infants and Herne. Please help to keep traffic to a

minimum. If your child walks, cycles or scoots to school, they will contribute to their class winning an award AND it will keep them fit and healthy too!

Football Trials

This is for any children who would like to join the Boy's Year 5 & 6 Football Club and the Girl's Year 4-6 Football Club (which will be on Fridays afterschool 3.30 – 4.30pm starting on Friday 20th September). We will be holding trials next week at lunchtime:

Year 4, 5 & 6 Girls – Tuesday Lunchtime

Year 5 Boys – Thursday Lunchtime

Year 6 Boys – Friday Lunchtime

The children can bring their own football kit in to wear for the trials or can just wear school PE kit, Boots and shin pads must NOT be worn for this trial. The potential players are to meet the teachers out on the school field at the start of the lunchtime. A message will be sent round before lunchtime to remind the relevant children.

CM SPORTS

Our friends at CM Sports are offering three sports clubs this term, which are open to the whole school. They are:

Tuesday – Netball 3.30 – 4.30pm

Wednesday – Football 3.30 – 4.30pm

Thursday – Multi-Skills 3.30 – 4.30pm

To register for these clubs please visit the CM Sports Website (www.cm-sports.co.uk) or phone ([02392 987 881](tel:02392987881)).

SECRETS OF THE HEATH

FREE EVENT

7 & 8 September 11am-5pm
Petersfield Heath

A weekend of free family fun celebrating the wildlife and history of our heaths.

- ▶ Watch beetle re-enactments
- ▶ Meet the snakes and lizards of the heath
- ▶ Watch falconry display and meet birds of prey
- ▶ Take part in a heathland bug hunt
- ▶ Come face-to-face with the highway women
- ▶ Meet the cows and sheep that graze the heath
- ▶ Enjoy hot snacks, local beer and ice-cream.

Petersfield Heath

Please note that parking on the site is limited. Easy to reach by bus and just a short walk from Petersfield train station. Visit southdowns.gov.uk/gettingaround to discover another way to travel and plan your day in the South Downs.

Heathlands Revisited, HERITAGE FUND, SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK, PETERSFIELD

DIARY – Autumn Term 2019

September		October	
Mon 16 th	3.45 Year 6 Meet the Teacher	Thu 3 rd	OPEN MORNING alongside Petersfield Infants. This is for prospective parents 3.30 OPEN SCHOOL – come and see your child's books.
Wed 18 th	3.45 Year 3 Meet the Teacher	Wed 9 th	Parents' Evening – details to follow
Thu 19 th	3.45 Year 4 Meet the Teacher	Sat & Sun 12 th & 13 th	. Tina Allingham photoshoot in School Hall
Fri 20 th	Individual School Photos	Thu 17 th	. Parents' Evening – details to follow
Wed 25 th	3.45 Year 5 Meet the Teacher	Fri 25 th	Finish at 3.30pm for HALF-TERM