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A Note from our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm working hard on the physio and aim to be coming back part time in the week prior to half term with a view to being back properly from half term.

Thank you for your lovely messages. I've had some really gorgeous notes and gifts from children...the plastic unicorn and glitter particularly warmed my heart and have definitely aided recovery.

Huge thanks to Mr Castle, Mrs Marshall and the Senior Leadership Team for all their hard work in covering for me over the last month. I am SO looking forward to being back.

Best wishes

Sue Sayers (Headteacher)

Important Safety Notice

We have had two close misses over the last 2 weeks, with children very nearly being hit by cars on their way into school. Can we please ask all parents to:

- **Drive at a sensible speed** when dropping off and collecting their children.
- Please **do not park near a junction**. The highway code states that you should be at least 10m away from a junction if you are parking. This is still happening on Love Lane and on Moggs Mead.
- Please talk to your children about **not crossing the road between parked cars** (we will speak to them about this in assembly as well)

We really appreciate your support with this to keep all our children safe.

Blue Peter Badge Winners



A big CONGRATULATIONS to four of our wonderful Reading Ambassadors for recently being awarded Blue Peter badges for a collection of work that they had produced, including book reviews, character research and artwork. Our reading ambassadors are now on a mission to hunt down missing link and library books, so please do have a search at home for any books that have not been renewed since before Christmas.

Help needed for our Forest School area.

Our Herne Forest School area has had quite a bit of use this year and is in need of some TLC, ready for September. On Thursday 30th May (during the May half term), we will be here and would love some willing volunteers to help us! We have already had a few kind parents offering to help. More details to follow nearer the time. Please email: s.balmer@hernejunior.com for further information.



SATS Week

Due to Mrs Sayers, Mr Castle and Mrs Loader's offices being used for writing SATS papers next week, we would like to limit the number of phone calls and visitors to the office. **Please try and ensure your child has all their belongings with them in the morning. A box will be placed at the gate where you are welcome to leave any items as your own risk.** Please ensure these are clearly marked with your child's name and class so we can distribute items at lunch time.

Penalty Notice Fines

The **national framework for penalty notices** in England has been established to ensure consistency across all schools. Attached is a flyer showing the changes which will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024. Money raised via fines is used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system and to fund attendance support.



Job Opportunities

We still have two exciting job opportunities at Herne:

Learning Support Assistant including lunchtime supervision
HLTA/NVQ Level 4 PPA Cover

Please go onto our website to find out more details. <https://www.hernejunior.com/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=62>



Year 3 Healthy Heroes

A big THANK YOU to Tesco Petersfield and CM Sports for supporting last Friday's fantastic Healthy Hero day. Tesco gave our Year 3 children additional free fruit for their smoothies and CM Sports kindly let us use their inflatables at a special rate. Wonderful community spirit.

Walk to School Week (reminder)

During the week of **20th May - 24th May**, Herne will be promoting, '**Walk to School Week**' in order to encourage children not only to be more active but to become more road aware, reduce congestion at the school gate and of course be more environmentally friendly.

During this week, we encourage children (and parents) to walk/scooter or cycle to school as much as they can and children will be awarded certificates at the end of the week for making extra efforts.

Whilst we hope as many parents as possible leave their cars at home, we appreciate that many cannot avoid driving. To include as many children as possible, we would encourage these parents to park and stride - park safely away from the school and walk the remaining distance. This week is a perfect opportunity for parents to discuss the green cross code with their children as well as promoting the health and environmental benefits of walking to school. The class in each year group who record the most walk/cycle/scooter journeys will get rewarded with a bonus afternoon break



May		June	
Mon 13th	SATS Week	Mon 3rd	INSET Day
Fri 17th	HAFs Happy Hamper Non-Uniform Day	Fri 7th	Father's Day gifts home
Wed 22 nd	Rainbow Theatre (Year 5 am) Year 6 Victorian Day and Rainbow Theatre (pm) Lisa James (Abri Housing) support in finding a job (9.30am) HAFs Happy Hamper winners announced	Fri 14th	HerneFest
Thurs 23rd	Rainbow Theatre (Year 3)	Tues 18 th	Year 6 Ironbridge Meeting at 3:30pm
Mon 27 th - Fri 31	HALF TERM (Thursday 30 th Forest School Ground Force Day)	Wed 19 th	Summer Disco (Years 3 and 6)
DON'T FORGET NON-UNIFORM DAY ON FRIDAY 17th MAY! See HAFS newsletter for details.		Thurs 20 th	Summer Disco (Years 4 and 5)
		Wed 26 th	Forest School Fundraiser Day – non-school uniform Coffee/Open morning for Year 6 parents with Welfare Manager and SENDCO from TPS in 9.30am.
		July	
		Mon 1 st – Fri 5 th	Ironbridge (Year 6 residential)
		Tues 2nd	Swimming Gala (Year 5) – times to be confirmed
		Fri 12 th	Changeover Day (inc. TPS Transition day)
		Mon 15th	Sports Day 9.15 – 11.45 (followed by picnic with parents)
Mon 22nd	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 7-9pm		