

Herne Flyer 11 – Autumn Term 2025

Knowing Every Child – Inspiring Every Mind – Achieving Every Day

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Dear Parents & Carers,

A frosty week! Please make sure your children come to school with coats, gloves and woolly hats. If it is outdoor play and children do not have these, they may not be able to go outside as the weather has been biting cold.



Change for children doing LEXIA or early morning Reading. In order to increase site security in the morning, the front gate, Hoadlands gate and the side gate to the Love Lane path will be opened at 8.30 a.m. For children doing a morning club before 8.30 a.m., please come in via Breakfast Club to the right of the hall and access the school through the hall. There has been a concern about children finding unknown adults at the back of the school early in the morning. While these have been parents looking for the entrance for Lexia, it can be worrying for a child to find an unknown adult there. This change will make our children feel safer and will better facilitate the "Drop and Go" requested by the Lexia Team rather than people parking in the staff car park.

Just a reminder for all – parents should not be parking in the car park in the morning 7am to 9am nor at the end of the day 3pm- 4.15 p.m. unless you have a permit from us or we have a special morning arrangement due to your child's needs.

Staff come in from 7am and should be able to find a space and park safely. As we don't have enough staff car parking spaces, we have to double park. If parents' cars are in the car park at this time, this makes the situation harder for everyone.

Picking up from after school clubs, e.g. after 4.15 pm is usually fine as some staff will have left for the day, leaving some parking spaces empty.

N.B. There is one disabled spot which is by the minibuses – cars parking here should display their disability badge while on site.

And Finally, whatever you are up to this weekend, enjoy! We are very excited about singing in the square next Friday – come and join in with the carols!

Best wishes

Sue Sayers

Headteacher

Christmas Tree Donation

Every year we look for a local business or community group to purchase the school an 8 – 10 foot Christmas Tree which we like to decorate and display out the front of school. If you think you could help, please email admin@hernejunior.com.



Parent Governor Vacancy

We are now looking for a parent governor to join our governor board. The role of a school governor is a very rewarding one and it will enable you to meet new people and to work as part of a team. You will gain new knowledge and skills and will be able to bring a valuable perspective to the work of the board. Don't worry if you have no experience, as full training and support is available and you will be well supported by your colleagues on the governing body. If you would like to apply to join our board, then please contact the school office for an application form.

Roblox/AI Safeguarding Warning

We have been made aware, by the Hants Safeguarding team, of a pop-up that is appearing on Roblox, encouraging children to download an app called pollybuzz (or pollyfuzz in some spelling cases). The app seems quite simple where children are asked questions, and it generates an Artificial Intelligence 'friend' – this starts off quite innocently but then begins to show extreme content (including suicide, self-harm and pornography). It may be helpful to remind children about not clicking on pop-ups in games and to report anything that is worrying or inappropriate to a trusted adult. Roblox has parental controls and instructions of how to put these on can be accessed via this link: [Parental Controls Overview – Roblox Support](#). Please remember that parental controls will stop some pop-ups, but not all, so appropriate supervision is still required.



Sickness Bugs

Just a reminder that in line with NHS Guidelines, we have a 48 hour rule for children who are off due to sickness/diarrhoea. Children must be off for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. This helps to protect other pupils and staff from getting ill.

Children in Need

A big thank you to our school community for raising over £1000 for BBC Children in Need this year. The money you have raised will help to make life lighter for children.





Poppy Appeal

A big thank you to everybody who donated to the Poppy appeal. Collectively the school raised £288.88!

IN-SCHOOL CHILD HEALTH CLINICS

We are really pleased to share with you that we now have a regular drop in with the school nurse. The next date is booked for Wednesday December 3rd from 9.00am – 12.00noon. If you have concerns for your child with bedwetting, healthy eating, challenging behaviour or anxiety please contact our Home School Link Worker l.tandy@hernejunior.com to book a half hour appointment. Please note that these slots should not be used as a place to seek advice regarding specific medical conditions.

E-Scooters

We are working with our local Police force to promote positive relationships and share this across our school community. This week they have asked us to share with you information about E-SCOOTERS



E-SCOOTERS

What you need to know



It's illegal to ride a privately owned electric scooter in public

Did you know it's illegal to ride a privately owned electric scooter (e-scooter) in public?

That's because e-scooters are classed as motor vehicles in law. So, in theory, this means that you need an MOT, road tax and insurance to use one, however it isn't currently possible to register e-scooters in this way.

Privately owned e-scooters can only be used on private land, with the permission of the landowner.

You cannot use a privately owned e-scooter on the road, pavement or in a public space. If you do then you risk receiving a large fine, points on your driving licence and your e-scooter could be seized.

Some parts of the UK are running government trials of rental e-scooters. If you're over 16 and have a full or provisional driving licence, then you can use these on public roads and cycle paths.

Just check that your driving licence covers categories AM, A or B.

Plea for equipment for Woodland Wonders

There are a few items that we would love to add to our woodland wonders sessions and would be immensely grateful to receive:

Cable reels (to make small tables)

Decorative stones

Adult sized wellies specifically size 7 and 8

A few car tyres

Craft paper / craft supplies

Balls of wool

Waterproofs age 7-15 years

Special Values Time Winners



NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
Monday 24 th	Maple class swimming at Churchers	Friday 5 th	RockSteady Concert to Parents/Carers
Tuesday 25 th	PINS Coffee Morning	Monday 8 th	Maple class swimming at Churchers
Wednesday 26 th	HAFS - School Disco for Years 4 & 6	Monday 15 th	Maple class swimming at Churchers
Thursday 27 th	HAFS - School Disco for Years 3 & 5	Tuesday 16 th	Year 5 Church Service PM
DECEMBER		Thursday 18 th	School Christmas Dinner
Monday 1 st	Maple class swimming at Churchers	Friday 19 th	Last day of term – 12.30pm finish
Wednesday 3 rd	Meet with Hertfordshire Catering Company		