

Knowing Every Child – Inspiring Every Mind – Achieving Every Day

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Herne Makes an Appearance on ITV News! Message from the Headteacher

During a very busy time for us all, it is quite possible that the children, parents, carers and other people from our local community missed our headline appearance on the local ITV news last week. Check out the superb teaching from Mr Zenklusen, Mrs Walker and Mrs Gatenby, and several guest appearances from our Year 6 children! As you may be aware, last week I wrote to our local MP, Damian Hinds, voicing my concerns about the lack of leadership from ministers at the Department for Education. I'm happy that we all try to have a 'Keep Calm & Carry On' approach to life at the moment, but it seems to me that there is a fundamental lack of understanding that schools need greater leadership from the DfE to make sure heads on-the-ground are listened to regarding the challenges for keeping everyone safe. Here is the news item:



<https://www.itv.com/news/meridian/2020-11-17/pupils-sent-home-as-schools-struggle-to-cope-with-covid-cases>

It's also on Facebook where it is getting a lot of comments too. <https://www.facebook.com/itvnewsmeridian/posts/3523345367726510>

As always, if parents wish to contact me in confidence, then please email: headteacher@hernejunior.com

Best wishes and continue to keep safe. Tony Markham – Headteacher.

Double Success for Herne

Last Friday, at the virtual Petersfield Awards, there was double success for Herne. Firstly, Joe Tully (Quince Class) won the 'Young Achiever' award for his years of charity work. As a school we are thoroughly proud of Joe and this is a fantastic acknowledgement of all the hard work he puts in to raising money for a collection of charities that are close to his heart. Then near the end of the ceremony, the results of the public vote were counted and Mr Markham was awarded the 'Teacher of the Year' award. He was very humbled and proud to win this award, although Mr Castle did demand a recount and is refusing to leave his office in protest, muttering something about a legal challenge!



Working at Home

Something we would like to explore further from the feedback from our Parent Survey earlier this term, is how we can support children and families with Home Learning where there may be an issue accessing electronic devices. At our Leadership Team meeting this week, we have decided to send home a paper questionnaire early next week. By way of support, we have been looking at the logistics of providing paper booklets and physical materials to complement the electronic Home Learning provision and how we would get this to families in the event of another class bubble being shut down for two weeks. Please look out for this questionnaire next week.

Raffle Tickets



Coming home with your child today are this year's Christmas Raffle Tickets. Raising money for the school is more important than it has ever been before, so please support the school by purchasing some tickets. The big part of the ticket is for you to keep at home and then pop the stubs (which need to be filled in with name, address, postcode and telephone number) in an envelope with the money and your child can pass them over to their class teacher. Unsold tickets can also be returned to school. A massive thank you to Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Tully for organising this year's raffle. They have managed to secure a wonderful range of over 60 prizes including: A half-day session at The Tattoo Lounge, a Family Portrait Voucher, a Review Hair Voucher and many more prizes. 😊

Christmas Cards

Usually at this time of year we are preparing to put up our school Christmas post-box and encouraging everyone to bring in their cards. Sadly, due to our class bubbles and the importance of reducing transmission of the virus, this cannot take place this year. So, this year we are asking that if children want to bring in cards it can only be for children (or staff) in their class bubble. Any cards brought in will be quarantined for 3 days, then given out. **The deadline to bring in cards is Friday 11th December.**



Christmas Non-School Uniform Day

On Friday December 11th we will be holding a special Christmas-themed non-school uniform day to raise funds for Friends of Herne (to help compensate for us not being able to have a traditional Christmas Fayre) and for Joe Tully's Christmas charity appeal (Homestart and the Petersfield Food Bank). Children can wear their own clothes on this day, but with a Christmas twist. This Christmas Twist could be a festive jumper, a full reindeer onesie, a simple Santa hat...anything really to add a festive feeling to the day. We will be asking for a donation on the day of a suggested £1 or whatever you can afford.



Primary Maths Challenge 2020

A big 'congratulations' to all our Year 6 children who took part in the Primary Maths Challenge this week. We had a small selection of children who received the coveted Bronze and Silver awards and two pupils who managed to achieve the highest Gold Award. A special 'congratulations' to Charlotte and Nina in Willow, who made very few mistakes and were awarded the Gold Certificate of Excellence in Maths.

PACT Christmas Card Competition

This year's 'Design PACT's Christmas Card' competition saw pupils at Herne come away with the three big prizes. Isabelle S (Willow) was awarded the top prize for her beautiful design and Isabelle G (Quince) and Ellie A (Quince) got joint runners-up with their fantastic card designs. Well done to all three of our budding young artists and they all take home generous vouchers from PACT.



Doodle Maths Challenge Winner

In a week of successes, we are also very proud to announce that Ethan Bonyng-Kitchen was a national winner of the #DoodleMathsChallenge 2020. Ethan is the only winner of this currently in the school and he was presented with his award earlier today. Ethan says that he loves learning and that he's very proud to of won this award. His classmates were quite keen to get his autograph! Well done Ethan!



Lap Blankets – Thank You

We can't believe the generosity of our parents and grandparents who between them have donated £260 towards the costs of making the lap blankets which will help to keep our children warm when they are nearest the open doors and windows. **If you would like to get involved on the sewing side or think you could make a financial contribution to the materials, please email us at: admin@hernejunior.com**



Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas Lunch will be happening this year on Tues 8th Dec (Lower School) and 10th Dec (Upper School). This lunch is **pre-order only** and a slip has been sent home with your child for you to complete and return to school by the **24th November**. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals or having a home packed lunch, please return the completed form. If you have not received your form please send us an email with your child's name and lunch choice to admin@hernejunior.com.

The choices are:-

- Turkey Sub Roll containing turkey, pork sausage, stuffing, cheese puff, slice of pizza, salad, satsuma & Christmas Biscuit or
- Veggie Sub Roll containing Veggie Sausages, stuffing, cheese puff, slice of pizza, salad, satsuma & Christmas Biscuit

Site Manager Job for January 2021

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a dedicated, proactive and professional person to work in our vibrant and friendly school right here in Petersfield. You will be responsible for the security, safety, cleanliness and general maintenance of the school site and grounds. Our highest priority is the safety and security of our children, so the ability to work alongside both adults and children is crucial. This role will suit a hard-working, proactive individual, who enjoys the variety and responsibility of site managing one of the largest junior schools in Hampshire.



Duties will involve painting, small carpentry tasks, minor plumbing tasks and deep cleaning of the buildings during school closure periods, preparing areas for school-related functions and activities, moving and setting up furniture and equipment as required; organising the cleaning (and care) of the two minibuses. We would welcome new candidates to consider being MIDAS trained to help drive the minibuses when required on school trips. You will take responsibility for out of hours activities when they arise (these duties will attract additional pay). You will need to ensure that Health and Safety Regulations and Safe Working Procedures are adhered to and Risk Assessments and H&S inspections are carried out at appropriate intervals, working

in conjunction with our admin team to maintain accurate ongoing records for health and safety, fire safety and associated site tasks.

The successful candidate should have basic IT skills and be confident using email in the fulfilment of this role. As the principal key holder, this role involves having access to and ensuring the security of the school site, including emergency and out-of-hours call outs as required.

The hours will be 7am to 11am then 1.30pm to 5pm (4.30pm finish on Fridays). Times are negotiable for the right candidate, although an early morning start is essential. For further details and application forms please contact the school on 01730 263746 or email admin@hernejunior.com Alternatively, look at the 'NEWS' tab on our website then click 'Vacancies'.

Closing Date: Monday 30th Nov 2020 **Interview Dates:** 3rd & 4th December **Job Start Date:** January 2021
Contract/Hours: 37 hrs p/week. 52 week contract. 7am start. **Salary Details:** £21,403 - £24,055

COMMUNITY MESSAGES

Supporting Local Businesses

Herne Junior School will be hosting a Virtual Christmas Fayre throughout November and December to raise money for the school and to help support local businesses. Advertising space will be charged at £10 per business with 100% of the profit going to the sellers. If you wish to promote more than one business, additional space will be £5 each thereafter. It is a very easy way for local businesses to promote their festive products. Click on the link below for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/281913283072800>



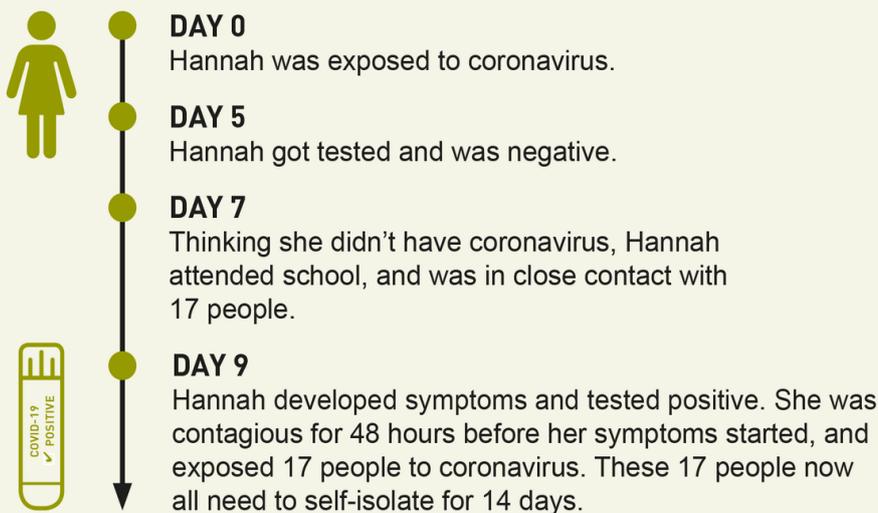
Joe Tully's Annual Christmas Appeal (The Petersfield Christmas Give 2020)

Can you help Joe (Quince Class) and Amelia (Langrish) to bring a smile to children, families and individuals in our community who are facing a tough time this Christmas. All donations will be distributed between The Petersfield Foodbank and Homestart Butser. **Items they are collecting are: Sweets for Children, Chocolates and treats suitable for adults such as Matchmakers and Jelly Sweets, non perishable and no alcoholic treats for food hampers. In addition to this, new toys for boys and girls 0-10.** You can drop them in to Free Shop (Petersfield Train Station) or we will have a collection box under the front canopy at Herne. Donations are accepted till 9th December.

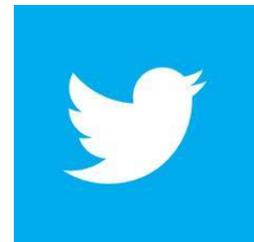
PUBLIC INFORMATION

Coronavirus Incubation timeline

It can take up to 14 days to develop symptoms after exposure - this is known as the incubation period.



This is why it's so important to self-isolate for the allocated time and to only book a test if you develop symptoms.



TWITTER

If you'd like to Follow us on Twitter and would like support to find out more about how to do it, please email the school and we'll help you out. We have nearly 900 Followers! We always repeat this Flyer on there every single week (mostly on Saturdays).

We send out breaking news on here and pictures of events and useful public information.

Our Twitter tag is [@HerneJunior](https://twitter.com/HerneJunior)

