

# Herne Flyer 25 – Spring Term 2023



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## A Note from Mrs Sayers...

Dear Parents & Carers,

Another busy week at Herne! This week I've been showing **prospective teachers** around our school – it's always a pleasure to do this as we have such a lot of good things to show! We may have some staff changes for September as some hope to move onwards and upwards to Leadership posts and we have some returning from maternity. Watch this space.

Thank you to the kind souls who asked how I'd found my induction into Hampshire course...it was enlightening!! I have returned full of great ideas! This Friday I'm with all Hampshire HTs at the annual conference in Southampton. A big feature of our next School Improvement Plan will be making more effective links with other local schools in order to **support our shared families** more effectively so meeting the Headteachers and talking about this is a great start.

I also joined our **Services Children group on a visit to HMS Queen Elizabeth** in Portsmouth. An absolutely amazing experience! We climbed the runway and stood at the top where the jet fighters leave the ship, sat in the Captain's chair, washed the windows of the control room, went up and down many vertical ladders and were invited for lunch in the Mess. Huge thanks to Mrs Katie Elliot-Smith who organised the visit and to the Beacham family who met us on board and made the day very special for us.



On a **Safeguarding** note, we've had a few issues over the last two weeks with children bringing mobile phones in and not being responsible with them at times when lots of children have been on the playground at the end of the day. We have recently had 2 new and expensive phones go missing when left out on show and unsupervised for long periods during clubs. Please help us! Most children do not need a phone as they are safely delivered and collected daily by an adult.

Just to be absolutely clear:

We would not consider it safe for children younger than Year 5/6 to walk home alone.

Only Year 5/6 who are walking home alone (or with a younger sibling) may bring phones in but they must be handed in to their teacher on arrival. It will then be locked away until the end of the day.

**Other children should not be bringing phones to school UNLESS there has been a special arrangement with the office due to special circumstances. This will be considered on an individual basis.**

**And Finally...**whatever you are up to this weekend, enjoy but...don't forget **Mothering Sunday!!** I'm off to explore more of Hampshire, thanks to staff who have directed me to "places you should definitely visit".

Best wishes  
Sue Sayers

Headteacher

## Parking in front of local resident's driveways

We had more complaints this week regarding families parking their car and blocking (or partially blocking) local resident's driveways. Please can we ask all our lovely parents to not do this and be respectful of the houses on Love Lane and down at Hoadlands. Please also drive respectfully, keeping to a sensible speed.



## Turkey and Syria Earthquake Appeal



On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, the last day of term, our children are encouraged to wear something red...shoelaces, a bow, a badge, nail varnish, etc. (no dyed hair please) to show support. Please make any donations online – no amount is too small. This is not a non-school uniform day – more just an accessory. This is the link <https://www.justgiving.com/page/allison-whelan-1677578848569>, you can contribute at any time. We are making this a cashless event. Don't forget on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March we finish at 12.30pm.

## Hampshire Cup Football – Semi-Final

Erling Haaland may have equalled Lionell Messi's record of five goals in a Champion League match earlier this week, but that pales into insignificance now that there is a new kid on the block. Guardiola has already been on the phone to me this evening, but I have informed him that our star striker is not for sale at any price. Anyway, he cannot leave before SATS.



Greatham Primary visited us on Thursday, for the eagerly anticipated semi-final clash in the Hampshire Cup. Our boys were quick off the blocks and sustained pressure led to mistakes in their defence and a 3-0 lead. Impressively, the team did not ease-up and the game was won by the end of the first half. I cannot tell you the score, as I had forgotten to keep count, whilst I marvelled in the sheer beauty of the football being played (and I was the referee). Following a team-talk from our guest coach, Mr Crabtree and our very own Mikel Bristow, the team set about the second half, with the same determination as which they had started the first. I have not seen the boys play this well all season and it bodes well for the upcoming final. I do not like to single out individual players, as it was a great team performance, but Thomas Crabtree, scoring 6 of our 11 unanswered goals, does deserve a special mention. Well done boys and thank you to all the families and children that came to support the team.

Mr Edwards



## Brass Group (sometimes referred to as Orchestra)

Hampshire Music Service have informed us that there will be no after school Brass Group next week (23<sup>rd</sup> March) – this will take place 1.00 – 1.30pm in school time instead (just for next week). We will also email all parents to make sure you get this message.

## Read Write Inc.

The final session for this term will be on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**, with the last few days of term used for additional staff training. We have been so impressed by the progress the children have made with their reading this term and we are excited to **start again after Easter on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 8.30am**.



## REMINDER

Last day of term (Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March) we have a half day – finishing at 12.30pm.

March 2023		April 2023	
Fri 17th	HAFS Mother's Day gifts go home	Wed 19 – Fri 21	Year 5 Avon Tyrrell
Fri 24th	HAFS Deadline for Raffle ticket payment and returned tickets		
Tues 28th	HAFS Rainbow Raffle draw	May 2023	
Wed 29th	HAFS Easter Cake Sale (3.30pm)	Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	Turkish/Syrian Earthquake Appeal Wear Something Red Day <b>SCHOOL FINISHES at 12.30pm for EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>		