

Herne Flyer 18 – Spring Term 2023



Knowing Every Child – Inspiring Every Mind – Achieving Every Day

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A Note from Mrs Sayers...

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week I've been continuing to meet staff on a one to one basis to understand their talents and strengths. We have a very skilled and knowledgeable team! I've also been out to meet local Headteachers at some of our feeder schools. Mrs Romans at Steep has been exceptionally helpful inducting me into Hampshire ways. Next week, I shall be spending some time at Petersfield Infant School with Mrs Hodgkinson - we are hoping to forge a good working relationship between our schools.

You will have received the letter notifying you about potential strike action - please read it carefully and look out for updates. We will share as much as we know as soon as we can.

I spent Thursday afternoon in the woodland with our Special Values Treat winners from the last 2 weeks. The children had a treat of fairy cakes provided by Mrs Marshall and then Mr Castle timed their activity - building a portrait of their new Headteacher from natural materials. (Thank you Mr Castle!!!) I just couldn't choose a winner, as they had all done so well so we decided everyone had won ...see the lovely photos below! It made me smile!!

Whatever you are up to this weekend...enjoy!

Take care

Sue Sayers (Headteacher)



Dodgeball Success

On Thursday the 12th January, we sent an Upper School Dodgeball team to a tournament in Havant, as a part of our school games partnership. Our team walked away with 'The Spirit of the Games' trophy, in acknowledgement for their excellent sporting spirit and following the school games values. Well done team Herne. Fantastic to hear.

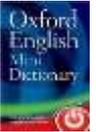


Nut free school

Just a reminder, that due to allergies, we are a nut free school. We have recently seen quite a few children bring chocolate spread and chocolate wrapped pancakes in with their lunch, both are very likely to contain nuts. Please double check that all items that go into your child's lunchbox are nut free. Thank you ☺.

Pocket Dictionaries

Just a reminder that children are encouraged to keep their own pocket dictionary in their tray, this is not an essential piece of equipment but we have observed that it helps motivate them with their daily vocabulary work if they have their own copy. They are available from lots of retailers for less than £5. Oxford or Collins are good ones as they need to have at least 90,000 words. Here is a link to one of these to give you an idea of size and type (£3.74): https://www.amazon.co.uk/Oxford-English-Mini-Dictionary-Dictionaries/dp/0199640963/ref=sr_1_1?crid=109YXKURVOLLZ&keywords=oxford+mini+dictionary&qid=1662115035&srefix=oxford+mini+dictionary+%2Caps%2C55&sr=8-1



Big Garden Birdwatch 2023

Our theme for next week's assemblies is the RSPB annual birdwatch. If you, or your child, would like to get involved in this very important national survey, please visit <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

The bird watch is to undertaken at some point from Friday 27th to Sunday 29th January – you just need one hour to count the birds that land in your garden. It has a fantastic website, set up so you can click the pictures of the birds you see (you don't need to be a bird expert). With 1 in 4 birds in serious decline in the UK, it has never been more important to monitor the bird population.

COMMUNITY MESSAGES



Calling Year 3 and 4 Girls Football Players

"Petersfield Whirls are the new girls Under 9 football team, part of Petersfield Town Junior Football Club. The team played their first ever game last weekend and have a few Herne Junior girls in the squad already, but would love to add some more! The team trains on Monday nights 5pm-6pm at TPS in the winter and Love Lane when the weather gets a bit better, and play games on Saturday mornings, both home and away across Hampshire. All ages, levels of ability and experience are more than welcome as the emphasis is very much just on having fun (although to play for the team on Saturday mornings, girls have to have been 7 years old on 1/8/2022, although even the matches at this age are non-competitive). If your daughter would be interested in joining, or you would just like some further information, please visit the club website at <https://ptj.godaddysites.com/home> or contact Dylan Kibble at dylankibble@yahoo.co.uk or on 07896 968410."

BACK TO SCHOOL WITH DOODLE

Doodle are running a Back to School competition to encourage pupils with access to Doodle, to be working in the green zone (achieving their target number of stars) for 14 consecutive days from the 20th of January until the 2nd of February. After the 2nd of February, Doodle will count up the percentage of students in each class who were in the green zone during the competition. The school that has the class with the highest % of pupils in the green zone will win a bundle of goodies worth £50. By taking part, your child will be incentivised to complete their 10 minutes of daily Doodling, helping to fill gaps in their knowledge and prevent learning loss. Plus, they can earn a virtual back-to-school badge, a brand-new reward designed to promote healthy learning habits and celebrate their hard work! Over 60% of pupils who achieve a 7-day streak in Doodle go on to achieve a 14-day streak – and if children use Doodle for 10 minutes a day for 30 days, that's an additional five hours of learning each month! We still have some Doodle licences to purchase, both computer programs/apps are usually £55 each per year (£110), but we can sell you both products for just £12, saving you £98!



This will run until October 2023. For more enquiries please email l.tandy@hernejunior.com.

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| Tue 31st | HAFS AGM (7pm in the school hall) | Thur 9 th | HAFS Valentine Treat Sale |
| | | Fri 10 th | Herne breaks up for half-term (3.30) |
| | | Mon 20 th | Herne open for Spring term 2 HAFS World Book Day Costume Swap |
| March 2023 | | | |
| | | Thur 2nd | World Book Day (children to dress up as a favourite book character) |