

Herne Flyer 10 – Autumn Term 2024



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A Note from our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,



Another busy...and cold...week! Time to make sure your children have (labelled) hats and gloves please. There are still children coming to school without **waterproof and warm coats**.

Please don't forget, anything unlabelled, in our outdoor uniform cupboard is fair game. It's also a good way to recycle. Do look if you need a sweatshirt or a bit of kit and feel free to take anything that fits. Please don't take anything labelled with a name. There are some winter coats in there! Everything unlabelled goes off to the Free Shop at the end of each term.



This week started for me with the **Remembrance Parade and Service on Sunday**. We were so proud of our choir children, who walked in the parade, in addition to singing. They behaved impeccably, were respectful of the occasion and sang with gusto. We were even interviewed by the local radio. Huge thanks to Miss Clare Morphew and Miss Isabel Burrows for their hard work getting the children ready, organising the home-made wreath and liaising with Mrs Suzanne Tong who made us the most beautiful school banner to carry. The children walked proudly behind it. Thank you for the wonderful emails and comments about the children's attitude throughout.



Year 4 have been out to **Butser Ancient Farm**. I have been lucky enough to join them today and, as ever, the children were a joy to be with. We are so lucky to have such great resources on our doorstep. Thank you to the team at Butser.

Thank you also to those parents who came in to help with **Yr4 DT day**. It was great to have you in - one dad commented as he left, "Don't know how you lot do it...I really enjoyed that but it's exhausting!" Teaching is definitely a vocation! We do it because we love being able to help children grow and learn - it's a privilege to be that position.

We'd love more parents to help with events, including trips. We'll start adding an "I can help" slip to trip/ event letters. If you want to go out on a trip or help with individual things such as hearing children read, you must have DBS but this isn't necessary for in-house events such as helping with a DT day as you will be supervised in class. Please help if you can, particularly with trips- we often have to pull Learning Support from other year groups to ensure the right ratios - this has an impact on other year groups. Your help could prevent this. Getting DBS is a simple process...just ask the office!



And finally...whatever you are up to this weekend, enjoy. Nothing too exciting in the Sayers' household this weekend - sometimes it's good just to have a quiet weekend together!

Best wishes,

Sue Sayers

Headteacher

P.S. Thank you to the parents who told me they also hadn't enjoyed the book I was reading! I might have a new recommendation soon, thanks to a kind parent who loved the book they had just finished...watch this space! Someone suggested a **Herne Book Club for Parents**. We'd be happy to offer refreshments and an hour of library space after drop off or before pick up, perhaps once a half term, if someone would like to rally the troops. What a great idea!!





Running Club

It is amazing to have had so many children sign up for Running Club this year. Unfortunately, we are now at full capacity and are not able to accept any more children into the club. If you would like to be added on to the waiting list, please email Miss Podger who will notify you as soon as a space becomes available. If your child no longer wishes to attend running club, please let Miss Podger know so that they can be taken off our register and we can give the place to another keen runner! If your child is unable to attend a specific date, please continue to inform the office so they can mark your child as absent for that session.

Vacancy: We need help with our IT and Computer Management!

We have a vacancy for an IT Technician. The role involves providing first-line technical support, maintaining IT hardware and software systems; and supporting various administrative and operational tasks related to the school's IT needs. If you are interested in this position please go to the Hampshire Education Jobs Website <https://south.education-jobs.org.uk/jobs/job/IT-Technician/2199> for more information. To apply for the role you will need to create an account and logon to the website or contact the school for an application pack.



Year 3 costume plea

The Year 3 team are looking for some different costume pieces for their Christmas Production. If you think you could donate or loan any of the listed items below, please email admin@hernejunior.com. The items they are looking for are: **three wise men costumes/cloaks/props; a black cloak; two sparkly jackets/suits; two police helmets/costumes; and a judge's wig!**

The Breck Foundation

The Breck Foundation is a Southeast England based charity which is working to reach thousands of school children and their families. It was founded after the sad loss of Breck, a 14 year old boy who lost his life as a result of online grooming. **On 20th November you will have access to an online parent's session where you can find out about the charity and the sessions that will be delivered in school to the children.** On 22nd November the Breck Foundation will talk to the children. There will be a 45 minute session for Years 3 and 4 together in the hall and then Years 5 and 6 will have an hour session together. To read the full parent letter sent out to school follow our link.

<https://www.herne.hants.sch.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=3&viewid=2&event=2120>



Citizens Advice Bureau coming to Herne

Is the cost of living becoming trickier to manage? Regardless of whether you work or not, there is help available for you to ease the cost of living for you and your family. A representative from the Citizens Advice Bureau will be at Herne on Tuesday 3rd December from 9.00-10.00am. Come along and find out how you can access the help you need, in a friendly environment and have a cuppa and a chat while you are here. Please note this session will not be for individual advice but is aimed at giving everyone general advice, signposting and leaflets to help, and remember whether you work or not, we may be able to help you.

November		December	
Wed 27 th	HAFS Year 4 Winter Disco 17.15-18.30	Mon 2 nd	Open School 3.30 – 4.30pm
Wed 27 th	HAFS Year 6 Winter Disco 19.00-20.15	Fri 13 th	RockSteady Concert
Thurs 28 th	HAFS Year 3 Winter Disco 17.15-18.30	Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th	HAFS Christmas Activity Week
Thurs 28 th	HAFS Year 5 Winter Disco 19.00-20.15	Mon 16 th	Year 5 Christmas Carol Service (St Peters) 2pm
A big thank you to all the parents who got involved in the Scholastics Book Club – it raised £64 for the school, which we have already spent on new books for the library.		Fri 20 th	Final Day of Term (12.30pm finish)
		January	
		Mon 6 th	Start of Spring 1 half-term