

# Herne Flyer 13 – Autumn Term 2024



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## A Note from our Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,



A lovely start to the weekend last week, in the square for the **lighting up event**. It was so good to see so many of you! The choir were fantastic and have gone on this week to sing like angels at **Gail's Bakery** on Tuesday – the enormous Cinnamon Buns and Hot Chocolate were much appreciated! Choir and orchestra were meant to be performing again this weekend, but due to the predicted high winds they have sadly had to cancel the Christmas Festival.



**We need your help please!** We are having a big push about how our older children exit the school via the Hoadlands gate! We have had reports of some not acceptable and very un-Herne-like behaviour, mainly from Year 6 boys. We are tackling this in two ways: firstly, talking to the children about how they behave on site and the route to access the gate – on the path or running track but not across the field; secondly, by having a Senior Leader on the gate for a few weeks after school, to remind children. Unfortunately, if this continues, some children will need to be met by a parent or carer at the classroom door and escorted off the premises. We are really hoping this isn't necessary!

### How can you help?

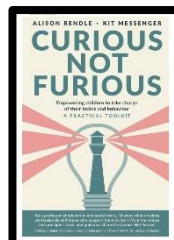
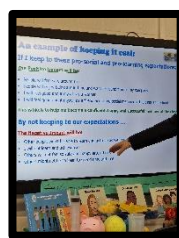
Please set a good example by walking on the path or running track and not cutting over the field.

If your child exits by the Hoadlands' gate, please talk to them at home.

Please feel free to remind any children on site (in a kindly way), if they are walking on the field!

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility!

Yesterday we had our final Leadership Day with PIS and **Kit Messenger**. We are keen to work together to ensure continuity across both Key Stages in terms of high expectations for learning attitudes and behaviour. Next stop is our joint INSET in February, which will be held at Herne. It's been an amazing course so far - really focusing on children's needs during periods of dysregulation and methods to further develop positive learning attitudes and raise self-esteem. In time, there'll be training for you too!



If you are interested in learning more about this approach, do read: *Curious Not Furious* by Alison Rendle & Kit Messenger. Easy read which makes a huge amount of sense as an educator and a parent!



**And Finally...** whatever you are up to this weekend, enjoy. After Yoga in Farnham, we are going to enjoy the Christmas Market there – perhaps the first mince pie and mulled wine of the season if I'm lucky! Ho, ho, ho!

Best wishes

*Sue Sayers*

Headteacher



## Christmas Lunch Craft Request

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December, the children will be having their Christmas Lunch in school. Every year we try to make it a special meal where the class comes together to celebrate the coming holiday season. Traditionally, the children have crackers to pull. However, in order to help the environment, we have decided not to have them this year. Instead, we would like the children to create their very own Christmas hat, or headband made from upcycled paper. **We would like to ask if you could donate any old, left-over wrapping paper, or other Christmassy paper, including magazines, or old decorations, such as tinsel that the children could use to create their hats, or headbands.** We thank you in advance for helping make our Christmas Meal extra special.

## IT Prep for Christmas!

If you are thinking of buying a 'Tech Gift' this Christmas it is a great idea to check it is working before the big day. Getting a device can be an exciting time for young people, and it can often be a lot easier to set up parental controls, screen time limits, and other settings before you hand the device to your child, rather than when they are already excitedly using it. By unboxing the device before you gift it, you can also ensure the device is fully charged up ready for your child to use it. If you are gifting a second-hand device to your child, you can make sure that the device has been reset to factory settings before you give it to your child. This means that any apps, settings, or data that is already on the device have been removed, and you can start with a blank slate. By setting up the technology before you gift it, you can put in place some safety settings and parental controls to help you feel comfortable with your child using it. Perhaps you may even want to set up the expectations by filling in a family agreement. Pop into the front office and pick up a printed copy for FREE!!



## Easing the Financial Burden

Many thanks to those that came to the drop in with the CAB this week. Take a look at this website where you can enter your information and find out what you might be able to claim! <https://www.turn2us.org.uk/>

## Havant & Waterlooville Games – Year 5 & 6 Football Tournament

Tuesday afternoon saw the school with a very busy set of fixtures. As well as a Hampshire Cup fixture, the school also fielded two teams for the School Games Football Tournament held at Front Lawn Community Hub. With Herne A and Herne B in different groups, both teams had to battle their way through a series of five games each to decide the winner of each group. It's impossible to recognise everyone's efforts but stand out performances from both goalkeepers (Logan and Ben) and the striking prowess of Larry and Archie meant that both teams put on excellent performances. Whilst we may not have won overall, we headed back having had a great afternoon of football and Herne A proudly wearing their silver medals and Herne B coming a very respectable 4<sup>th</sup> place.! Thanks must go to Mrs Tigwell for her managerial flair and to Mr Hurst who got us there and back safely.



## Can you find all the elves?

Visit Petersfield have organised another popular elf trail around Petersfield. Click on the link to download the map. <https://visitpetersfield.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Elf-trail-4.pdf> The event raises money for The Rosemary Foundation.

December		January	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> of December	Year 3 Christmas Performances at 5.30pm	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> of January	Start of the new term
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> of December	RockSteady Concert Year 3 Christmas Performance at 1:30pm	<h1>Don't forget we finish at 12.30pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.</h1>	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> of December	HAFS Christmas Activity Week		
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> of December	Year 5 Christmas Carol Service (St Peters) 2pm		
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> of December	Final Day of Term (12.30pm finish)		

**Wraparound Care** – please ensure your ParentPay accounts are not in arrears by the end of term. Twilighters should be making payments in advance and booking all required sessions as per our changes to the Terms and Conditions.