

Herne Flyer 24 – Spring Term 2025



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A Note from our Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

A busy week at school as we prepare for our **Assistant Headteacher** interviews. The interviews are before Easter and the successful candidate will join Mrs Marshall (Assistant HT & SENCo) and myself in leading the school from September as there is insufficient time for a notice period for April. (Teaching is a bit like football...transfer windows!!) We've had lots of interest for the role both internally and externally which is very exciting.



We also have some super exciting news to share as Mrs Bishop (Yr4 Leader) and her husband have announced that their **first child** is due in July. We have appointed Mrs Katie Harrison as her Maternity cover from September and are interviewing internally for a Maternity Cover Year Leader for Year 4 for next year until she returns to us. A timely opportunity for one of our team to step up.

Year 4 have been delighting us this week when they dressed up for their **World War 2 Day**. They looked amazing - very authentic - it was like watching a strange time warp at lunchtime to see Herne uniforms mixing with Evacuees! Thank you to Parents & Carers for all your efforts in getting those costumes together. They really enjoyed their Evacuee Workshop, especially the Air Raid Practice!!



Huge thanks to **PeCAN** (see picture) for supporting our ECO efforts by inviting Art Club to join in a poster competition. More details at the end of today's flyer.

Thanks also to those who attended our second **Parents' Evening**. Thanks to our Ambassadors, Year 6 School Council & Sports Captains for their super meet and greet skills – it wouldn't be the same without you!



And Finally...whatever you are up to this weekend, enjoy. I'm laying floor tiles!!!

Best wishes

Sue Sayers

Headteacher



P.S. Had another great book recommendation which I devoured last week. "The List of Suspicious Things" by Jennie Godfrey. Told through the eyes of a child, in Yorkshire, at the time of The Ripper murders. Sounds grim, but I promise you, it's not. I loved the characterisation. More of a social observation of the times and how families coped. I really enjoyed it. I believe it's also available as an audiobook.



Math Success

A big congratulations to Larry, Sorcha and Daniel who all qualified to the final bonus round of the national Primary Maths Challenge. In this final bonus round, they had to answer GCSE level questions and they all did brilliantly, receiving special certificates for their incredible efforts. Wow!

Football Success

Last Friday, Herne took a girls' football team to the Hampshire Games girls' football finals in Southampton. This was a tournament for all the regional winners to play against the best teams in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. After 10 gruelling games, Herne won 7 and drew 3 to get to the final where they sadly lost against Weeke Primary School. Second place out of 28 regional winners and a Silver medal is a massive achievement by the girls. Congratulations to all our young players.



Y7 Transition - Instrumental/vocal learning

Hampshire Music Education Hub is keen to support children's transition to secondary school and to encourage their continued musical development. The Music Hub are therefore asking all Y6 parents to complete a Google Form requesting information regarding instrumental learning. The form will facilitate communication between you and your child's first choice secondary school, in order to enable a smooth transition from Y6 to Y7. The form is simple and quick to complete. Please note, the form is for ALL Y6 parents to complete, not just those whose children currently learn an instrument.

Please find below the link to the Google Form: Year 6 to 7 instrumental/vocal tuition.

[Year 7 Music Tuition](#)

The deadline for this form to be completed is Monday 17th March.

Class Photos & Year 6 Leavers Photos

Yellow will be visiting school on Friday 21st March for school photos. We are aware that is the same day as Comic Relief and the children are able to wear something red. Please send the children in with uniform items in their bag if they need to change for the photograph.



Comic Relief

Friday 21st March is Comic Relief. This year we would love children to 'Wear Something Red' for a donation OR wear an item of Comic Relief merchandise. (no donation needed). Donations will all be done through 'Parent Pay' again. We wanted to keep the day quite simple for parents, due to the enormous effort everyone went to on our fabulous World Book Day.

Webinar on Autism and Mental

Mrs Tandy would like to thank those who attended the Zoom meeting on Monday and hopes to facilitate another meeting in the summer term. Watch this space! In the meantime, the next Zoom meeting is Monday 17th March and is about Autism and Mental Health. Please this link



<https://eu01web.zoom.us/j/69832634319?pwd=5j3FsBLoHGvW72SzMt4GEPal3bFrly.1>

Meeting ID: 698 3263 4319

Passcode: 786520

Club Cancellations

Please note there will also be no choir after school on the 18th of March due to performances



CM Sports

Please find the link for CM sports Holiday clubs [CM sports Easter holiday club link](#)

Rock Your Socks for Portsmouth Down Syndrome Association during Down Syndrome Awareness Week (March 17th– 21st) or on World Down Syndrome Day (21st March) and help raise awareness about Down syndrome

Over the past fourteen years, thousands of our supporters in schools, workplaces and organisations have joined our celebrations during Down Syndrome Awareness Week by supporting Portsmouth DSA's **Rock Your Socks** Campaign. This global initiative raises awareness and promotes inclusion by inviting members of our community to wear colourful socks, the more colourful and individual the better.

Individuals with Down syndrome have an extra copy of chromosome 21, so three instead of the usual two. Therefore, World Down Syndrome Day is celebrated each year on 21st of the third month, March. The shape of a pair of socks mirrors the shape of the chromosomes, hence why we rock our socks!

We are all individuals with our own strengths, and we all deserve the right to experience success and be acknowledged as valued members of our communities. By wearing bright socks, we hope to highlight the importance of tolerance and acceptance, and to celebrate our wonderful differences which make us all so unique. When people with Down syndrome are given opportunities to participate and be fully included, the whole community benefits.

Please could we ask that when you **Rock Your Socks** you avoid language like 'odd', 'mismatched' or anything with a negative connotation. Focus on positive language like 'colourful', 'individual', 'funky' etc.

As individuals look down and comment on your socks, we hope that you will let them know why you are supporting Portsmouth DSA's **Rock Your Socks** initiative, to help celebrate inclusion and diversity, and to help us to spread awareness about Down syndrome and our charity. Some organisations may also like to fundraise for us by asking for a small donation on the day or might like to accompany their event with an awareness assembly celebrating differences. Whatever you decide, we hope that you enjoy your day.

Please join our community by sharing your celebration and sock photos on our social media sites. Our campaign will be running all week, and we'd love to see your contributions. **@PortsmouthDSA #PortsmouthDSA #RockYourSocks #WSD2025 #InclusionMatters**

DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS WEEK

Here we would fully support pupils 'Rocking Up' their socks (wearing colourful, individual and funky socks) next week, to help raise awareness of Down Syndrome. Read the poster from Portsmouth Down Syndrome Association for more information.



Art Club News

The children in Art club have been busy creating beautiful posters for the last couple of weeks to support the important cause of saving the bees and protecting nature this spring. We were fortunate to have Louise Bevan, Trustee of Petersfield Climate Change Action Network, and Paul Turner, Education Lead of Eco Education, as our judges. and they were truly impressed by the creativity and talent! After much consideration, the winners were announced:

* 3rd Place: Flo (Year 3), * 2nd Place: Jess (Year 5), * 1st Place: Elodie (Year 4)

A huge congratulations to all the participants for their hard work and dedication. Elodie's winning poster will be proudly displayed around the local community to help spread the message, so keep an eye out!



March		April	
Fri 28 th	INSET DAY – School closed for training	Fri 4 th	Last day of the-term (12.30 finish)
		Tue 22 nd	Start of the new term
		Wed 23 rd – Fri 25 th	Y5 Avon Tyrrell Residential Trip