

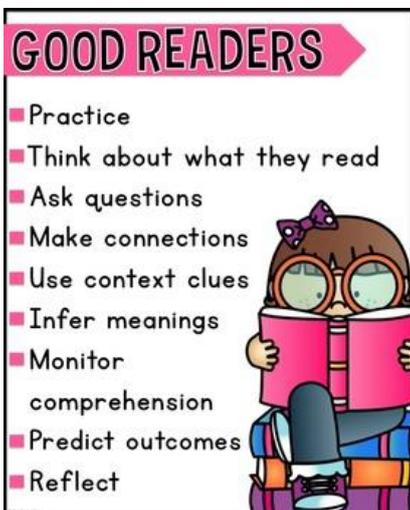
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The Central Importance of Being a Good Reader

At Herne, we have always tried to make it a central priority to encourage our children to read, read, read! This key literacy skill really helps all other aspects of learning and it doesn't matter what our children want to do in life, their ability to read will always be there to support them. If they are not able to read well, we would go as far as to say that this will hinder them in life; from checking receipts from shopping, to using Google, to making sure that the government are not trying to take too much money from them!

Not every child enjoys school (we know that!), but being able to read will make children's time at school much more enjoyable because they will be able to access their lessons so much more effectively. In the world of computers, tablets and smart watches, the key skill of reading is still crucial and this is never likely to change in our foreseeable future. So here's the change that we are making at Herne in the next few years; our new Compulsory Acceleration Programme or **C.A.P.** as we will call it.

From September, we will be collecting data on every child's progress in reading (we already do this) and then looking at the children who need to make more progress to get them up to their age as a reader. So in other words, if your child is 9 ½ years old, their reading age should also be 9 ½, but they may come out with a score of 7 ¾ years. This will mean that, from the end of September, we will contact parents or carers and work out how to improve their reading. For some children from Year 4 upwards, we will introduce C.A.P. where they will come into school before the start of the school day (which many children already do) and we will make sure they have extra booster work for their reading. This will be made into fun activities and will utilise some of the acceleration computer programs and apps which the school has invested in. We will also have subsidised rates for Breakfast Club to support this programme. Once we have completed our research on making EVERY CHILD at Herne a GOOD READER, we will produce a booklet to explain further how this will all work. In the meantime, if you'd like any advice on how to support your child's reading, check out our website at the link below, or just get in touch with us. ☺

<https://www.herne.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Reading+%2F+Spelling+Lists&pid=58>

Our Girls' Football Team in Bristol Tomorrow!

Our very successful Girls' Football Team are taking part in the South & West Regional Finals at Somerdale Pavilion in Bristol tomorrow. The competition is run as two leagues of five teams with the winner and runner-up from each league competing to become the champions for the south and west of England. If we are successful, we will then take part in the national championship, so good luck to all of the girls. Come on Herne!!



Year 4 Football

Not to be outdone by the girls, on Tuesday we took a Year 4 boys' football team to Southdowns College to play in their annual tournament. After winning their group they went on and played Warren Park in the Semi and overcame Purbrook Juniors in the final to win the tournament. A big congratulations to all the boys who played on the team.

Well-Fit Club

This is a new club for Herne which can include parents as well as their children. We are aiming to start this club on Monday 30th April. Magdalena Andrews, one of our parents and part of our staff team at Herne, will be running a new fitness club which will be open to parents and children. Siblings from Petersfield Infants or other local primary schools can come along too, as long as they are school age. The cost is £3 per child if they come on their own or £5 for a parent, which includes free child places up to 2 children per parent. This will take place on Mondays, 3.30 – 4.30. To express an interest, please register your name on the reply slip on the letters that have come home today. There will also be adult only (18 years+) sessions on Mondays from 7.00 – 8.00 which will be £5 per person. Details of this club will come home next week.





Friends of Herne AGM

A big thank you to all the parents who came to this week's FoH AGM. Our old committee ceremonially stepped down and then a new committee was voted in. A massive thank you to Jo Goodship, who stepped down as Chairperson, – as a school we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work and dedication to the FoH team. We would also like to thank Julie Tully, who stepped down as Vice-Chair, for all the fresh ideas and endless money she has helped raise for the committee. The new key roles in the committee now stands as: Chair: Naomi Dodd, Vice-Chair: Wendy Ferry, Secretary: Pauline Walker, Secretary: Chris Dodd.

If you would like to get involved in future fundraising for the school or help towards the organisation of events, please contact the school and we'll pass on your details to the committee.

School Photos

The School Photograph Order closing date is next Tuesday 24th April. Please be advised if you have NOT yet placed your School Photograph order, you only have a couple of days to do so. Please either return your Order to the School Office or visit www.smileYellow.com using the passwords on the Proof card. Any other queries, please get in touch with our school office.

The Big Pedal



As mentioned on our last flyer, Sustrans Big Pedal is the UK's largest inter-school cycling and scooting challenge inspiring pupils, staff and parents to choose two wheels for their journey to school. As part of our ongoing commitment to reduce traffic on our school roads, we would love to invite you all to take part this **Monday 23rd April to Friday 27th April**. A small record card will be sent home for you to initial (indicating a two wheeled journey has been completed) and return to school at the end of the challenge. We really do appreciate your support, even if just one journey to school is changed, we will see a significant difference on our school roads. If you want to be the next Joe Truman, one of our ex-pupils, who won Silver in the Commonwealth Games, then this is where it all starts! Well done Joe!



Our new tree!

A big thank you to all those staff who contributed towards our new tree. After taking advice from local tree enthusiast, Robin Hart, we have now planted an Amelanchier Lamarckii (see pictures). This isn't a big tree at the moment but makes up for that with all year colour/interest and has been planted near the felled tree adjacent to the minibus parking area. It has red leaves in the spring and the autumn with green leaves in between, during the summer. Plus white blossom and berries. It won't be very big to begin with but hopefully as it grows, it will bring us as much joy as the old tree did. ☺

Violin Lessons

Unfortunately the violin lessons on Monday 23rd April have had to be cancelled. Sorry for any inconvenience.

VACANCY – Site Manager. See this link for details:

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/educationjobshampshire/educationjobshome/educationjobsjobdetail.htm?id=62859&swatch=>

DIARY – Summer Term 2018			
April		May	
Sat 21 st	Girls Football Team in the Regional Finals in Bristol. Follow us on Twitter for updates: @HerneJunior	Thu 3 rd	OPEN SCHOOL – come in to see your child's books.
Mon 23 rd	The BIG PEDAL Week – Come to school on wheels!	Mon 7 th	BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed
Tue 24 th	CLOSING DATE FOR PHOTO ORDERS	Mon 14 th	SATs Week for Year 6.
Fri 27 th	YEAR 5 Eco-Lodgers trip to Colemore.	Fri 25 th	HALF-TERM

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