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## End Of An Era...But Not Just Yet!

### Message from the Headteacher

Later today at 4pm, a Flyer will be going onto Hampshire's recruitment website to start the process of looking for a new headteacher for our school. I know I could have wrapped that up a little better, but it is important that such breaking news isn't left to filter through to parents and carers from others within the community. I have spent quite a while telling staff face-to-face this week and it has therefore been a week of mixed emotions for me.



In July I celebrate my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday and there comes a time to have a change in what I do to keep myself occupied! Although the advert goes out today, I will continue at Herne as headteacher until December this year, completing 17 years at the school and 26 years as a headteacher in Hampshire. I have written a Flyer to parents and carers every Friday since I came to the school in January 2006 and, as you may realise, it is something I have enjoyed doing, even when deadlines are tight!

Interviews to bring in a new headteacher will take place in September and, after that, we will share what lies ahead from January 2023 onwards, once we know who will be leading the school next year. In the meantime, I will be working hard to see us through an impending Ofsted inspection, which is highly likely over the next few months. I will also have a strong focus on the successful transition for all year groups to get off to a great start in September, not least our new Year 3 children who are currently in Year 2.

I am immensely proud of our team here at Herne and I know that, between them, things will continue to build and grow, taking the school from strength to strength. Please be assured of our collective commitment to ensure your children are nurtured, supported, challenged and have the best days of their school lives whilst we go through this process. Your support as a school community of parents, carers and volunteers is vital to what we do here and, I thank you all for that role you play on behalf of your children.

Have a lovely half-term. Best Wishes - **Tony Markham, Headteacher**

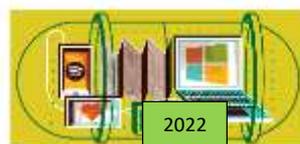
### Jubilee Half-Term

It was absolutely wonderful to see all of the children in red, white and blue today and we are sure they had a memorable day as part of the school's celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Every child received a special bookmark from the governors today, which we hope they will treasure when they have their latest reading book on the go. We want to encourage every person in our school to leave as an excellent reader, so, alongside the Jubilee celebrations, why not pop in to your local library too. There will also be a special Jubilee book coming to the children next month, provided by the government. 😊



### Jubilee Time Capsule!

Megan and Jacob (both in Year 4) have been talking to Mr Markham about the idea of a time capsule. Here are the details they have put together to make this happen so far (in their own words)... 😊



- We will need suggestions of WHAT to put into the Time Capsule from children at Herne who are interested to get involved
- We will meet them at lunchtimes in the Herne Hideout in the week after half-term
- We would like to put it somewhere in the school or within the grounds, with the adults' help
- Children will be given half-term to come up with some ideas – think small, as it will all need to fit into a plastic box with the dimensions 40cm x 28cm x 32cm. We could get boxes if needed.

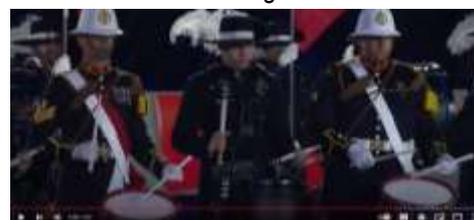
- We think it should be opened in 2045, when the school will be 70 years old (like the Jubilee!)
- We could come back and talk to the children then and we will be 32 or 33 years old 😊

We would love you to get involved and if any adults in the school have any ideas, we'd like to hear them too. Megan & Jacob.

### Royal Drumming At Its Best!

As part of our assemblies over the last few weeks, we have shared some expert drumming with the children and, if you click this link, you'll see a superb drumming collaboration between the Swiss 'Top Secret Corp Band' and the 'Royal Marines Corp Band'. The Queen, who looked incredibly well, was clearly delighted with their skills. Click the link below to see this spectacle.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ngwbVcJSB8g>



## Important Safeguarding Message



If your child isn't in school – we need to know please. It is vital for us to know as early as possible if your child is not attending school on a given day. Our routine is to pick up absence messages left on our answer machine first thing, then, if we do not know why a child isn't in school, we phone the contact numbers we have on file. If we draw a blank, then we start to have safeguarding concerns and, in extreme cases will alert Children's Services or the police if we cannot be assured that a child is safe. Please help us to avoid these extreme actions by simply letting us know if your child isn't in school. You can also alert us by email on [admin@hernejunior.com](mailto:admin@hernejunior.com)

## Harmony Week 10 Coming Soon!

Why not use some of your time at half-term to watch our previous Harmony films, which will get your child in the mood for our latest tale from the Harmony series. The films are on our website under the 'About Us' tab. Just click on 'Our Values / Harmony'. It is based on our school values:



INDEPENDENCE – COLLABORATION – ENJOYMENT – RESPECT – HONESTY – MOTIVATION

This is something totally unique to Herne Junior School. Click the link below to access the films. ☺

<https://www.hernejunior.com/page/?title=Our+Values%2FHarmony&pid=12>

## New Governors for the School – Repeat Message

Some parents and carers may have seen a previous item in our Flyers this term, asking for people to come forward if they would like to be part of our Governing Body. There are some very exciting challenges that lay ahead for the school. We are really keen to make sure that everything we do is with the children front and centre of our thinking. We are also passionate about maintaining superb provision for our pupil and staff well-being. After all, a healthy staff will lead to excellent lessons and experiences for the children. Governors have also been exploring how to better support families who are facing hardship or have issues at home beyond their control, which can impact on the children in the family. If you think you would like to get involved to develop what we do for the children, you don't have to be a parent or carer. Grandparents, family friends, local business people can become co-opted governors. **All you need is an interest in our school community and an enthusiasm to help us to be the best we can be.**



Please contact Mr Markham if you, or someone you know, would like to find out more on [admin@hernejunior.com](mailto:admin@hernejunior.com) and mark it for Mr Markham's attention.

## Rainbow Theatre Visits

Rainbow Theatre are visiting each year group this term as part of their topic work. We are asking for a £4 voluntary contribution towards the cost of these visits on your child's ParentPay account. Any contributions are really welcome. The children will take part in some workshops and experience actors bringing alive their themes for the curriculum:



Year 3 – The Romans.

Year 4 – WWII Home Front.

Year 5 – The Greeks.

Year 6 – Victorian Children.

## Year 4 Camp



A letter has been sent home recently regarding the Year 4 Camp this year. If your child would like to join in with this event, please complete and return the permission/emergency contact form and make the payment on ParentPay. The closing date for receipt of the form and payment is 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022, so it is important to get it in for this deadline. *Many thanks. Year 4 Team.*

## Jubilee Banners on Rams Walk

Please take time to have a look at the artwork that contributed to the banner on Rams Walk in Petersfield. The entrants for final selection were: Mia Kisogloo (Elm), Daniel Ellis (Ash), Isla Hutchinson (Oak), Megan Gray-Smith (Lime), Isla Kennard (Plum), Maisie Linfield (Palm), Nevaeh Casselton (Maple), Hudson Evans (Rowan), Olivia Ellis (Mimosa), Layla Murray (Willow) & a picture of the Queen's Head (as a 3D model) made by Lilybet Morgans (Damson). Well done to all of our artists for their contributions.



The deadline for Herne's art competition was last Friday and we will announce winners after half-term.

## SHOUT OUT TO A GUITARIST



Do you have a spare afternoon when you could volunteer to come in and teach a small group of upper school children to play a guitar? Instruments will be provided and we would be most grateful if someone is able to help us with this. We are happy to pay a fee for this support, so if you are able to spread the word, that would be fantastic.

Please contact Lynne Tandy if you can help on [L.tandy@hernejunior.com](mailto:L.tandy@hernejunior.com)



# HAFS News



## Quiz Night



Last night's first HAFS Quiz was an enormous success! Thank you to the sixty-one parents and staff who came and took part! Mr Markham was an excellent compere keeping the teams entertained with jokes and impressions in between rounds! Thank you to all the amazing staff and HAFS volunteers for making this happen but most of all to Sarah Van Der Merwe and Sarah Masterson for organising the whole event.

## Design a cake fit for a Queen!



What a hugely difficult decision Marie from the Great British Bake Shop had this week deciding on a winner and year group runners up for the Jubilee Cake design competition. After a lot of deliberation, she chose AND MADE **Isla Haynes** amazing cake design which will be raffled off at today's cake sale! A huge thank you to Marie for baking this wonderful cake! The winner, runners up and a selection of other designs will be on display in the Cake Shop. Thank you also to The Tea Barn for providing delicious brownies for the winners. Zoe Maddison has done a fabulous job co-ordinating this fundraiser and has even made an apron for the winner and provided cupcake sets for winners too. Thank you, Zoe!

## Father's Day

The last day for ordering Father's Day gifts is today. As the information for it needs to be submitted to an external company, it will not be possible to take any orders after this date. All the instructions on how to order have been emailed out or are on the Herne Facebook page (HAFS - Herne Association of Families and Staff). Any queries about any of it contact HAFS via the Facebook page or Becky 07966 616242



## Herne Festival

Due to a clash with the Petersfield Community Fair on the same date at the same time, we have decided to postpone the Herne Festival until September. We understand this is disappointing, but we are unable to secure the band for an alternative date until September and as you will see below, the Community Fair is a huge event just next door to our school. A September date and details to follow. All year 6s will be welcome back to join us in September. 😊

<https://celebrate.churcherscollege.com/communityfair>

## Friday Ice-Lolly Sales

From next half term, HAFS will be selling ice lollies EVERY FRIDAY on the school playground- please see separate poster on Page 4 - cash only please.

## Summer Discos



Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July - Year 3 & Year 5 Summer discos

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July - Year 4 & Year 6 Summer discos



## HAFS Communications

Just a reminder that if you would like to keep up to date with HAFS and you have not already joined the HAFS Facebook page, please search for HAFS (Herne Association of Families and Staff). If you would like to volunteer or get involved, please message Roz on 07960 049737 or Becky on 07966 616242 or email [hafs.contact@gmail.com](mailto:hafs.contact@gmail.com)

**ICE CREAM  
STALL**

*Every Friday  
from 15:30*

**Prices from 50p**

**Cash only**

**Arrive early to avoid  
disappointment!**

**All proceeds to HAFS**

June		July	
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day – Herne Juniors Closed	Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Change Over – School Transition Day
Thu 16 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Whole Year Group Photo	Thu 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 & Year 5 Discos
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	HARMONY WEEK 10!	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Swimming Gala
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Harmony Fun Day...details to follow!	Thu 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 & Year 6 Discos
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup>	TPS Y6 Transition Evening – details from TPS	Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Music Concert 6pm – 8.30pm
		Tue 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Assembly at Churcher's College
		Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day & Year 6 Barn Dance in the evening
		Thu 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>School finishes at 12.30</b>

**Watch this Diary Section for further updates, including Year 2 transition, after half-term!**

Follow us on Twitter to keep up to date with reminders, breaking news and images from our exciting weeks ahead! ☺

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