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Year 6 SATS – School Complaint to DfE

Message from the Headteacher

SATS Results at Herne – Historical Record

NATIONAL CURRICULUM

2016 – 2022

YEAR	READING		WRITING		MATHS		COMBINED	
	EXS	GDS	EXS	GDS	EXS	GDS	EXS	GDS
2016	88%	38%	93%	27%	91%	31%	81%	18%
2017	85%	41%	91%	32%	90%	33%	77%	21%
2018	76%	34%	85%	30%	83%	31%	71%	16%
2019	85%	35%	88%	30%	96%	41%	80%	21%
2022*	Missing#	Missing#	70%	13%	85%	35%	N/A#	N/A#

YEAR	GRAMMAR, PUNCTUATION & SPELLING		SCIENCE
	EXS	GDS	EXS
2016	86%	31%	91%
2017	83%	39%	96%
2018	77%	36%	88%
2019	87%	44%	95%
2022*	80%	34%	82%

* SATS did not take place in 2020 or 2021 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The DfE / STA lost 72 of the school's 119 papers and therefore there is no whole-school result for Reading at this stage (July 2022).

Year 6 children and staff were on tenterhooks at the beginning of this week, as we awaited the publication of our first set of SATS results since 2019.

Our excitement turned to disappointment when we were told by the Department for Education by email on Tuesday that over half of our reading papers had been lost. 72 reading papers in total.

Not that I'm one to make life difficult for people when they're down, but, as the government has descended into chaos, this has made my official complaint that much harder. There have been three Secretaries of State for Education in this week alone!

I have officially complained via the Local Authority too because at the root of this are children who have worked so hard over their time at Herne, through two Lockdowns and various other levels of disruption, to then find their best efforts appear to have been in vein. I would urge parents to raise their complaint to two sources: The DfE and to our local MP, Damian Hinds.

Click the links below to do this:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education/about/complaints-procedure>

damian.hinds.mp@parliament.uk

Whilst staff and governors at Herne work hard to make sure the children get the answers they deserve about this situation, I would like to congratulate the children and staff on a fabulous set of results, which keeps the school well above the national average. See the highlighted sections in the table above. Across the country, children performed as follows, with Herne's results in brackets: Nationally, children reaching the expected standard was **Reading 74%** (we predict we would have been at 85%). **Maths 71%** (85%). **Writing 69%** (70%). **Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling 72%** (80%). **Science 79%** (82%).

In the meantime, we will use our teacher assessments of the children's reading abilities to share with both the children and parents/carers. Well done to you all and we look forward to a good outcome from our pursuit of this issue.

Best Wishes – Tony Markham

Sports Day – Wednesday 20th July

We are delighted to be able to invite all parents to come and watch our sports day this year. It is on Wednesday 20th July **9:30am start** and will finish around 11.45am. Parents are then welcome to join us out on the field for a picnic lunch (12-1). The kitchen will be doing cheese or ham rolls as the two options for school lunches. **Children are to come to school in their Herne PE kits on this day (hats, water bottles and sun tan lotion will also be essential if it is a hot day).**

At the end of the picnic, children will continue in school with their usual lessons, so we will not be authorising any children going home at that point. Thank you.



Year 5 Swimming Gala – Monday 11th July

We are also delighted to confirm that Year 5 parents can come along to the Petersfield Outdoor Swimming Pool to watch the Year 5 Swimming Gala. We will start the events at approximately 1.10pm. Parents' spectating area will be the area closest to the entrance to the pool (on the wall) and the children will be on the far side of the pool in the shade. We'd love to see you there! ☺

GOVERNORS' UPDATE



Since the beginning of May when Mr. Markham announced that he had made the decision to retire at the end of 2022, the Governors started the process of recruiting a new Headteacher. This process has taken a great deal of time and commitment to extra meetings, but the Governors are focussed on choosing the right person to continue and develop Mr. Markham's unique legacy. Hopefully, at the beginning of next term (about mid-September), we shall be able to let you know a positive outcome to the recruitment process.

Governors are pleased that this year the Governor Awards' ceremony will be able to take place. Staff have nominated pupils whom they recognise for being outstanding in categories such as their contribution to school life, diligence, hard work, being positive role-models, leadership, friendship and having exceptional respectful behaviour. Pupils will receive their awards on Friday 15th July – 2pm for Upper School and 2.45pm for Lower School. It is so good to be able to award pupils for such important qualities of character.

Pauline Judge, our Vice-Chair has served the Governing Body for many years, firstly as Clerk to our Committee meetings and then as Clerk to the Full Governor Meetings. Since 2008, Pauline has been a Governor and has fulfilled many different roles. She has been Chair of different Committees and most recently has taken on a key responsibility for Health & Safety and Safeguarding. Now, though, she has decided that her time as a Herne School Governor has come to an end, so at our final meeting of the academic year we were able to formally thank Pauline for her commitment to the school and wish her well for the future. Thank you Pauline.

As another academic year comes to an end, Governors thank parents and carers for all their support and look forward to another successful year, not only in academic standards, but also in achieving excellence in sport, music and art, amongst many other things. Our vision is always that pupils will leave Herne Junior School having received the best foundation for fulfilling their potential as they face life situations with confidence and resilience.

MARY FAIR (Chair of Governing Body)

Building Pupil Resilience

Winston Churchill once said, **'Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.'**

Developing mental toughness in young people is crucial to ensuring they are able to navigate through life's pitfalls and come out stronger than before. As a school, we are acutely aware of the stresses and struggles that many families have been through, especially in the last two years. It is our duty to help the children to build their own resilience to deal with change and, sometimes, disappointments. This is true of when children learn of their new classes and then are sad when they may have been put in a class where they are no longer with some of their friends. This link below, is helpful as a guide to parents, carers and staff in schools, to help the children build their resilience. Children's problems include adapting to a new classroom, bullying by classmates, or abuse at home, but resilience is the ability to thrive despite these challenges.

<https://www.apa.org/topics/resilience/guide-parents-teachers>

10 tips for building resilience in children and teens

- 1. Make connections**
Teach your child the importance of engaging and connecting with their peers, including the skill of empathy and listening to others.
- 2. Help your child by having them help others**
Children who may feel helpless can feel empowered by helping others.
- 3. Maintain a daily routine**
Work with your child to develop a routine, and highlight times that are for school work and play.
- 4. Take a break**
While some anxiety can motivate us to take positive action, we also need to validate all feelings. Teach your child how to focus on something that they can control or can act on.
- 5. Teach your child self-care**
Teach your child the importance of basic self-care. This may be making more time to eat properly, exercise, and get sufficient sleep. Make sure your child has time to have fun, and participate in activities they enjoy.
- 6. Move toward your goals**
Teach your child to set reasonable goals and help them to move toward them one step at a time.
- 7. Nurture a positive self-view**
Help your child remember ways they have successfully handled hardships in the past and help them understand that these past challenges help build the strength to handle future challenges.
- 8. Keep things in perspective and maintain a hopeful outlook**
Even when your child is facing very painful events, help them look at the situation in a broader context and keep a long-term perspective
- 9. Look for opportunities for self-discovery**
Tough times are often when children learn the most about themselves. Help your child take a look at how whatever they're facing can teach them "what am I made of."
- 10. Accept change**
Change often can be scary for children and teens. Help your child see that change is part of life and new goals can replace goals that have become unattainable.



Library and Link Books

We kindly ask that all Year 6 library and link books are returned back to school next week.

For the Year 3, 4 and 5 children, to encourage lots of summer reading, as part of our COVID Catch-Up strategy, we are going to allow them to borrow books over the summer holidays. We do ask though that current books are signed back in and then re-signed out (or new books are taken out) so we know that current loans are not missing. On the final day of term, Thursday 21st July, parents will be welcome to come into the link or library (with their child) to select some books for the summer holidays (they will both be open 12.30 – 1.30pm). We allow every child to borrow 3 link books and 2 library books. *From next Wednesday we are also allowing the current Year 5 to take out books from the restricted Year 6 section.*



Whole Class Reading Books

If any family purchased one of their year group whole class reading books and no longer wants to keep it, we would love you to donate it to the school. Please feel free to drop any off with Mr Castle and he will add them to our school collection. Thank you ☺.

Jubilee Book Marks – Supporting Ukrainian Refugees

We would like to offer these special bookmarks to our local families in exchange for a donation to the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC) appeal for Ukrainian Refugees. We haven't set a price as such, but any donation would be very welcome for this lovely memento. Come and see us at our office to get your copy before the end of term. Thank you for your support.



Musical Theatre Celebration

Well done to Emily Eades in Year 6 performed at Elevate at the end of June. This was an opportunity for Stagecoach performers to showcase an extra special piece. It took place in Aldershot at The Princes Theatre on a Sunday night. She danced and sang in a medley dedicated to the work of Lin-Manuel Miranda.

In the past she has also performed at Disneyland, Paris and was in the famous Disney Main Street parade. She's also been in Peter Pan and Bugsy Malone in Portsmouth at The New Theatre Royal. And other shows too.

Parent Survey – How Are We Doing? **Deadline – Wednesday 20th July**

We have only had a small number of responses to our Parent Survey so far, so if you can please click the link below to access our Google Docs form, this will give us valuable feedback ready for September. You may have to create a Google account to do this survey. **The deadline is just before the end of term, 20th July.** Just ask us for help if you need technical assistance to get onto the form.



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdpYo1vDpSWiC0IJe_HICXLu_cCvNOY4Q7kSGFpaPr0oLDCjA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Simple Pencil Case Information for September – Repeat Information...

We have decided to continue asking for children to bring a simple pencil case for next academic year. Inside the pencil case they will require colour pencils (6-12 colours), small ruler (6 inch), rubber, pencil sharpener & a glue stick (Herne will provide writing pencils and pens). **The pencil case will need to be small and simple because we want the children to keep it in their tray which is positioned under their desk.** (they will stay in school and not come home every day). The first one pictured below is a simple £1.50 pencil case from WHSmith – this is a good size. Please no Smiggle (other brands are available) multi compartment pencil cases (they don't fit in the tray), they really need to be single zip and as small as possible (but still able to hold the necessary items). Thank you so much for support with this.



PE Uniform

We have decided that in September **we are going to return to asking for PE Kits to be kept at school** and children will get changed for their two sessions of PE every week. Below is a reminder of the required PE kit:

P.E. – Indoors: Bottle Green T-Shirt, black shorts (not lycra) and plimsolls.

P.E. – Outdoors: As above, but trainers. It is recommended that plain black track suits be worn on cold days.



All PE kits are available at Petersfield Market or you can order online through this link:

<https://www.skoolkit.co.uk/school-uniform/1068>

Full School Uniform for September

From September, children will need to wear the usual school uniform every day and bring their PE kit in a small bag to store in the cloakrooms or, in some cases, within the classroom. This means that bags need to be kept small please. A reminder that all children will need to wear school shoes AND NOT TRAINERS when we start back in September. Your support with this is most welcome and is very important to us. Thank you.

Doodle Summer Challenge 2022...Join the fun!

Between the 1st July and 31st August, Doodle are running two exciting Summer Challenges — the DoodleMaths Challenge and DoodleEnglish Challenge! Both Challenges are designed to encourage a few minutes of daily Doodling, topping up each child's knowledge and helping them prepare for the academic year ahead. Doodlers can earn a FREE pin badge, in-app badge and certificate by challenges.

Firstly, visit the Parent Dashboard and press 'register for the challenge,' next to your child's name for one or both. Encourage your child to earn 750 stars and achieve a 14-day streak before the 31st August. Once they have reached their goal, claim their reward by visiting the Parent Dashboard and pressing Claim Reward.



See their website for more information: <https://doodlelearning.com/challenge>



Summer Reading Challenge – Hampshire Libraries

Children will be receiving Summer Reading Challenge Invitations and will have an assembly with links to two videos.

The poster advertises the Summer Reading Challenge from both the Hampshire Libraries and also from Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium, which parents will find of interest. Parents are strongly encouraged to join their local library during the summer holidays. There is no greater gift than helping your child to be a fantastic reader! 😊

HAFS NEWS

This is just a reminder to say that HAFS News is now being sent as a separate document from now on, so please look out for this in our email with today's Flyer. 😊

Running for HAFS – Ultra Marathon

Mrs Andrews ran the 50 km (31.07 miles) in 7 hours 16 mins and 21 secs. She has raised an incredible £630 so far AND it's not too late to make a donation for this massive feat of athleticism. All money raised will go towards the building of a Pirate Ship in our Adventure Playground. Here is the link to GENEROUSLY DONATE: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/hernehafs?invite=true>

Heatwave Warning

As the weather hots up again before the end of term, please make sure your child has a water bottle and hat for school. Children wanting to play football at lunchtime must have a water bottle with them. **No bottle – No football!** Where possible, they should have sunscreen too (please name the bottle and ensure they can apply this themselves). Thank you.



Book Sale for the Bloodrunners & Air Ambulance

There will be a final book sale on Wednesday 13th July at 3.30pm on the playground led by three of our Year 4 children, Pippa, Issy and Pixie. They have managed to raise over £100 so far and want to split the money 50/50 between these two charities. Your support will be very welcome.



International Families Event – 3.40pm on Tuesday 19th July

If you are a family with a parent or child from a country from across the world beyond the UK, please come along to this special event in the last week of term. The last time we held this event, families from at least 9 countries came to join us and we made sure we had the flag in school to represent them. This week we have been flying the flag from the USA in recognition of Independence Day on July 4th.

July		July - Continued	
Mon 11 th	1.10pm Year 5 Swimming Gala – Parents Welcome		School finishes at 12.30
Wed 13 th	3.30 Bloodrunner / Air Ambulance book sale	Thu 21 st	
Thu 14 th	Year 4 & Year 6 Discos		
Fri 15 th	Summer Music Concert 6pm – 8.30pm	September	
Tue 19 th	3.40 International Families Event in Fir Class/outside	Thu 1 st	INSET – School Closed to Pupils
Tue 19 th	7-9pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly at Churcher's College	Fri 2 nd	INSET – School Closed to Pupils
Wed 20 th	Morning Sports Day & Year 6 Barn Dance in the evening	Mon 5 th	First day of term for the children