

# Herne Flyer 22 – Spring Term 2023



Knowing Every Child – Inspiring Every Mind – Achieving Every Day

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## A Note from Mrs Sayers...

Dear Parents & Carers,

It was lovely to welcome everyone back after half term and hear about their week!

This week we received the draft Ofsted report so the published one should be with us soon...watch this space! Huge thanks to the families who sent in goodies, including homemade cakes, to sustain us through that week and to wish Team Herne a happy half term...staff REALLY appreciated the kindness.

On the subject of food, we welcomed our new Cook, Mrs Kirsty Murray, who has joined us from PIS. Thank you for the positive feedback on the HAFS Facebook page – the children are really enjoying the lunches and being back together to eat. We had intended to start next week but the new kitchen team were mega keen and we are grateful to get this element of school life running smoothly.

Our lovely children are constantly coming up with ideas for charitable events: afterschool book and cake sales seem popular. If you child does want to do this, please be aware that they will need parental support for the event and will need to run it past the office and me, to ensure it doesn't clash with any other fundraising events and that there is sufficient time to advertise it in classes. The team running the book sale last Friday have books left over so will be out there again on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>**! Do support them if you can!

On that theme, many children have been asking what we are doing for the Turkish and Syrian Earthquake Appeal. We are planning a "wear something red" day in March, to mirror their flags, along with PIS. More details to follow soon. There will be a Just Giving page too! Watch this space!

**And finally**...whatever you are up to this weekend, enjoy! I'm returning to hot yoga class after several months, as my ankle is fully healed...hope it's still in the same state by Monday!!! Poor Mr Castle, is nursing a boot on his foot after breaking two toes playing football. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Best wishes  
Sue Sayers  
Headteacher

**P.S. Do you have a degree and are interested in a career in Teaching? We are working with Fareham and Gosport SCITT programme, see banner on our gate. If you are interested, do come and have a chat with me about how we could support you! We are happy to host teacher training placements from Sept 2023.**

## Parents' Evening



Spring Term Parents' Evenings will all be in-person (unlike the blended approach that we had in the Autumn Term), so we can share and use the children's work to help illustrate improvement points or successes. It will also be lovely just to see all parents in person. The two dates will be **WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> March** and **MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> March** (except Damson which will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 7<sup>th</sup> of March and Beech which will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of March.) **Bookings will open at 8pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023 via this link: <https://herne.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/>**

**The closing day for using the booking website is on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 12.00pm.**

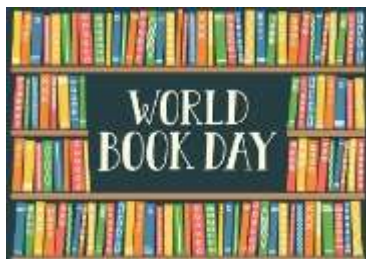
## A New Lunch Choice

The kitchen are now able to return to offering the children a third choice each day for lunch, so the Jacket Potato menu will be returning as of Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023. It will be the same choices as previously sent out and all menus are on our website under Parents/School Office.

**Monday – Cheese & Ham**  
**Tuesday – Baked Beans**  
**Wednesday – Beef Chilli**  
**Thursday – Pork Sausages and Baked Beans**  
**Friday – Cheese & Coleslaw**



All hot dinners are now served in the hall, with a rota for other classes to eat their packed lunches in the hall (due to the limited space). The new system seems to be working very well. Ideally we would like all children to eat in the hall, but sadly there is just not the space. Hopefully, as the weather improves, we will be able to have packed lunches back outside after Easter (for a picnic lunch).



## Herne's World Book Day – FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH

On **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**, we would like children to dress up as a favourite book character. We fully appreciate that shop bought costumes can be very expensive, so don't forget there are lots of book characters which have very simple attire (Charlie Bucket, Matilda, Horrid Henry)....please don't feel you need to spend lots of (if any) money.

We are going to send home the World Book Day Vouchers today (Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February) as they are already available in most good bookshops. If we don't give these out till next Friday, we will worry that the official World Book Day books will all be sold out.

## Parents in Partnership

Mrs Sayers, Mr Castle and Mrs Marshall would love to invite parents to come and meet with them at our termly 'Parents in Partnership' meetings. Traditionally these meetings have had a theme, but then our leadership team will all be there to discuss any other issues, suggestions or concerns parents might want to bring up. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 at 2.45pm** in the staff room (enter the school through the front office). The theme of the meeting is **COMMUNICATION**. You are welcome to email in any views to [admin@hernejunior.com](mailto:admin@hernejunior.com) if you are unable to come to the meeting. Some of the communication discussion points we were hoping to cover were: How often would you like a Friday Flyer? Which are the best methods of communication (text, email, website, twitter, facebook)? What currently works? What would you like more of? What would you like less of?



## Potential Strike Day

The NEU are planning a strike on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. We sadly are not in a position yet to inform parents how this will affect the school, but we will let you know as soon as we know more. Please keep an eye on your emails for the latest news.

## Safer Internet

Dear Parents and Carers,  
During the last week of half term, we joined other schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2023. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on children and young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more, to help to create a better internet.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in school, and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, the UK Safer Internet Centre have created some free activities and information for parents and carers which are available at:

**[saferinternet.org.uk/SID-parents](https://saferinternet.org.uk/SID-parents).**

Whether you have 5 minutes to start a conversation or hours to spare, there are top tips, quizzes and films which you can use at home with your child.

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher/ myself or Mr Jones (Computing leads) or Mrs Sayers, Mr Castle, Mrs Marshall or Miss Balmer, our Designated Safeguarding Leads.

Kind regards,

**Miss Buckle**  
**(Computing Lead)**



## Southampton Boys' Football Tournament



A tough day in the cages for our 'A' and 'B' Team footballers yesterday. This is not a format of the game we play at Herne, but the teams coped very well and gave an excellent account of themselves. The 'B' Team were pitched against a number of 'A' teams in their league and having suffered a defeat to the eventual winners in their first game, the boys lost by a single goal in the second match. This was solely down to a refereeing howler, but the boys picked themselves up and convincingly won their remaining 3 matches, ending the day in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

The 'A' team were quick out of the blocks and recorded convincing victories in their opening matches. This league was a fight between 2 teams and unfortunately we lost to a strong St Francis team, despite coming back from a 2-0 deficit and pressing hard for an equaliser. Had we drawn this match, our superior goal difference would have taken us through to the finals next week.

Thank you to our captains Seb Tickner and Hudson Evans, who ensured that our teams represented Herne with the spirit and dignity that we have become accustomed to.

**Miss Buckle & Mr Edwards**

## Boys' Hampshire Cup Football

Our 'A' Team are back in action again on Monday afternoon, when they travel to Porchester, to play Northern Juniors in the quarter-finals of the Hampshire Cup. A win will be rewarded with a semi-final match, away to Greatham Primary. Good luck boys.

**Mr Edwards**

## Girls Football

It has been a very busy few weeks for our Year 5 and 6 Girls football players. On Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> February we took 3 teams to the Havant Area Football Tournament – the girls played magnificently and it was wonderful to see 26 girls representing Herne in a competitive tournament.

Then yesterday, we took two teams to the Southampton Primary Stars event. Our blue team won two, drew one and lost two games – playing better with each game. Our pink team won four out of five of their games and now wait to see if they have qualified for the Primary Stars final event next Friday as one of the best placed 2<sup>nd</sup> placed team (we will find out on Monday). Well done to all the girls who have represented the school at football over the past few weeks.



### Parents who live near TPS, we need your help

We have a child who lives near TPS who requires a lift to school, on a daily basis (they are in Year 6 so just for the next 5 months). If any parent thinks they can help this family, please email [s.sayers@hernejunior.com](mailto:s.sayers@hernejunior.com). Maybe we could even draw up a rota if we have lots of volunteers.

## Sheet Church News

We are excited to say that Herne pupils have been asked to help with the interview process for the new parish vicar of Sheet Church. On Monday, the candidates will be coming to Herne and a group of our Year 6 pupils will be interviewing them and then feeding back their views to the interview panel. The pupils are very honoured to be involved and spent a session today deciding what questions they were going to ask. Kindness, the environment, assemblies... were some of the themes that they were keen to question the candidates on.



### Raising Money for RSPCA

Today after school we have a 3D Creations Sale and on Monday a cake sale, both events to raise money for the RSPCA.

March 2023		April 2023	
Wed 1st	Parents' Evening date (except Beech)	Wed 19 – Fri 21	Year 5 Avon Tyrrell
Fri 3rd	World Book Day (children to dress up as a favourite book character)		
May 2023			
Mon 6th	Parents' Evening date (except Damson)	Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Tues 7th	Parents' Evening (Damson and Beech)		
Thur 9 <sup>th</sup>	Open School 3.30 – 5.30		
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Class Photos		
Fri 17th	Comic Relief		