

Herne Flyer 2 – Autumn Term 2023



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A Note from Mrs Sayers

Dear Parents and Carers,

WELCOME BACK! What an amazing first week! The sun is shining, the birds are singing...and the children have settled really well back into school. All credit to the team at PIS and the new Year 3 team for such brilliant handover/transfer – the new Year 3 have taken to Herne like ducks to water!

On our INSET day we finalised the targets in our [School Improvement Plan 2023/24](#) and reviewed our [Vision Statement](#) for the next 3 years. A very productive day (you can click the purple web links to take you to the documents). This year brings lots of lovely new things: new staff; the development of a Nurture room and many more new support programmes for children's mental health & pastoral care. In addition, we are going to be a training hub for 29 Initial Teacher training via SFET – a huge responsibility and an honour which recognises the standards of teaching here at Herne. We will be offering training out of a Havant centre initially. This year we have 1 first year teacher (ECT) ourselves, and two trainees (SCITT). Mrs Michelle Armitage will be overseeing the programme as ITT Leader.

We also have a new Chair of Governors and a new Vice Chair as we say goodbye to Mrs Mary Fair after many years on our Governing Body, the last 8 as Chair. We offer many thanks to Mary for all her love and commitment for our school. Mrs Maureen Page, another governor of longstanding, has taken the role of Chair and one of our newer, Parent Governors, Mrs Maria Martin, has agreed to be Vice Chair.

Thank you also to Year 4 parents, the first to do their 'Meet The Teacher' drop in on Wednesday. It was lovely to see so many of you!

And Finally... This week has been so lovely, it's hard to choose my favourite bit. Watching the children engage in their new year group induction activities is always a joy. I think watching Year 4 meet a real Saxon and a real Viking as they uncovered treasure in the roundhouse, has to be my highlight! Mmm..they looked suspiciously familiar (Must have been hot in that beard!!!)



Whatever you are up to this weekend, enjoy. We've got the ex-Year 4 (now Year 5) sleepover on the field tonight then I'm off to the Wisley RHS Show tomorrow while the sunshine lasts! Enjoy!

Many Best Wishes,

Sue Sayers

(Head Teacher)

PS: Favourite (fairly easy) reading book of the summer, "Mad Honey" Jodie Picoult et al.

PPS: Apologies for a 3 page flyer...we promise to keep it to 2 pages in the future.

Safeguarding Our Children

With the flyer, you should have received a digital copy of our important Safeguarding leaflet for parents. Please read through this, as there are many important messages about how we keep everyone safe. One of the big messages is that if your child comes to find you at the end of the day and you are not where they expect to find you, please emphasise to them that they should come back to our office where we can make phone calls to find out what has happened. Thank you.



ParentPay

Please ensure you have activated your child's ParentPay account. For year 3 parents, you should have received a letter at the end of the summer term, regarding setting up an account. If you need another copy of this letter, please email the school office. Money to pay for lunches and school trips are all made through this account. **In our quest to reduce paper, we are going to be trailing using Parent Pay for parents to give permission for children to go on trips, therefore it is essential every parent has an activated account.** If you are having difficulties with ParentPay, please contact the school office. If your child's lunch account is not activated, they will not be able to have a school meal.

Twilight Bookings – ACTION REQUIRED

Please can we remind Twilight parents that **you** need to book their required sessions on ParentPay in advance. Your club account needs to be in credit to make the bookings. There is no facility to pay childcare vouchers into ParentPay but we accept them. Please pay these as you normally would and when we receive them, we will credit your club account. You will then need to book the sessions on ParentPay. We will have a two week grace period for parents as we establish this new system. Please note you cannot book retrospectively for sessions already taken during these two weeks, so we will make adjustments to your account and you may see that the club account is in arrears to start with. If you completed the form prior to the June deadline, then your place is safe for those two weeks.



Please only book the days that you requested – the spaces available on ParentPay is misleading. If you need to make any changes to session days, please contact the office as you have always done. If your child is in school but NOT coming to Twilight on that day, please telephone the office on the day. (Please do not email as we may not see it in time and we will assume your child is missing and contact you unnecessarily). **Note for new parents** – you collect your children from the hall or from the playground at the end of your session.



Medicine

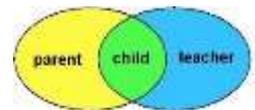
Just a reminder that all medicine children require within the school day, must be delivered to the office as we have a Hampshire School's form that must be completed before we can allow children to have medicine in school. Thank you for your support with this.

Meet the Teachers (Years 5 and 6)

The Year 3 parents had a chance to come into school and meet their child's new class teacher before the summer, but now it is time for the other year groups to have the opportunity to come in and meet their child's new teacher. The teachers will do a very short presentation regarding key information about the year group, then they will be around to answer any questions.

Year 6 – Monday 11th September 3.40pm

Year 5 – Friday 15th September 3.40pm



They will be held in your child's classroom, so just come round the edge of the school and enter the classroom by the external fire door.

Whole Class Reading Books

We would love families to purchase a copy of their child's next Whole Class Reading book. We do have a certain amount of copies of each book in school, however we find children always engage better in these sessions if they have their own copy that they can keep in their trays throughout the autumn term.

Year 3's autumn term book is **Lob** by *Linda Newbery*

Year 4's autumn term book is **Odd and the Frost Giants** by *Neil Gaiman*

Year 5's autumn term book is **Cosmic** by *Frank Cottrell Boyce*

Year 6's autumn term book is **Private Peaceful** by *Michael Morpurgo*

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 ☺.

Library and Link Books

We had over 500 link and library books that were missing in our summer stock check, so if your child has a school reading book that has not been returned, from before the Summer – please send it in to be renewed or returned. We have also seen a massive increase of water damaged books, probably from water bottles leaking in bags – please try to separate water bottles to school books in the children's bag.



Travelling to School Safely

As well as encouraging walking and cycling/scooting to school, we are hoping that the council will agree to extend our parking permits, that give Herne parents free parking at the festival hall – we are hoping to have good news about this in the coming weeks (apparently the person who needs to give us permission is currently on holiday).

Parking on Love Lane

Just a reminder to please be respectful to our lovely neighbours and not park in front of people's driveways. We have already had two incidents this week where neighbours have got very upset by people blocking their drives. One incident sadly resulted in foul language and was very upsetting for parents and children to witness.



Open Library 3.30 – 4.00pm

Herne has an open library policy where everyday, for half an hour after school, the library (and the link) is open for parents and children to come and select new link and library books at their leisure. We think this is a great initiative to encourage parent engagement and reading for pleasure.

Butser Hill Challenge

'Butser Hill Challenge', a unique running festival taking place in the Queen Elizabeth Country Park on **Sunday 17th September 2023**. Entry to the event can be made via the following link: <https://churcherscollege.eventrac.co.uk/e/butser-hill-challenge-9924> and full race details can also be found on the event website: www.butser.org. If you would like your child to enter (there is a £10 fee, where profits go to charity), please enter Herne Junior School as their team. Miss Podger will be at the event to co-ordinate the children from Herne.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL ENTITLEMENT AND ADDITIONAL FUNDING



If your child is entitled to free school meals, we ask that you register them for this, even if they do not want to have a school meal, as it means the school qualifies for additional funding. This additional money is called 'Pupil Premium' funding and currently equates to over £1000 for each eligible child. With school budgets under pressure, it is therefore vital that we ensure we get all the money to which we are entitled, so that we can give all our children the best support possible. You can go to this government website to see if you are eligible: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Year 6 Ambassadors and Sport Captains

Next Friday (15th Sept), Year Six pupils will be invited to try out for the position of Year 6 Ambassador and Sports Captain. There are four vacancies for each of the four houses (Butser, Rother, Meon and Heath). Watch this space for our announcement of who the successful candidates are.

Community Messages



Charity Toy Swap

Petersfield Climate Action Network are organising a toy swap in conjunction with Winton House and Home-Start Butser in a bid to reduce plastic waste and encourage parents and children to recycle toys. The idea is that parents can donate toys until Friday 15th September and get a token to exchange for another toy. Any uncollected toys will be donated to Home-Start Butser.

Pathways to Resilience (www.pathways-to-resilience.co.uk)

A 10-week experiential programme for children and teenagers, exploring tools to help manage anxiety, stress and overwhelm whilst building confidence, optimism and self-worth. £12 per session. Starting on September 18th at Petersfield Museum. See their website for more details and to book a place for your child.

Free Shop free uniform - additional support to be offered

Through the Petersfield Free Shop, we have just be informed of funding to help families who are struggling to be able to afford school uniform. Please contact the school if you would like the school to put you forward for this hardship fund.



September		October	
Mon 11 th	Ash Class to Selborne 3.40 Year 6 Meet the Teachers	Tues 3rd	Cedar Class to Planetarium
Wed 13 th	Fir Class to Selborne	Thurs 5th	Beech Class to Planetarium
Thur 14 th	Elm Class to Selborne	Fri 6 th	Lime and Pear Classes to Butser Ancient Farm
Fri 15 th	1.30 Year 6 Ambassador and Sport Captain Speeches 3.40 Year 5 Meet the Teachers	Tues 10th	Rowan Class to Planetarium
Mon 18 th	Oak Class to Selborne	Thur 12 th	Maple Class to Planetarium
Wed 20 th	Willow Class to Selborne	Thur 19th	Year 4 Saxon vs Viking day
Fri 22 nd	Individual Pupil Photos Plum and Palm Classes to Butser Ancient Farm	Fri 20 th	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR TRAINING
Mon 25 th	Damson Class to Selborne	Mon 23rd – Fri 27th	HALF-TERM
Thur 28 th	Quince Class to Selborne		
Fri 29 th	Mimosa Class to Selborne		