

Herne Flyer 3 – Autumn Term 2024



Knowing Every Child – Inspiring Every Mind – Achieving Every Day

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A Note from our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Busy week this week, with the first of our **school trips** rolling out. Year 6 went to Selbourne to do some River work and one Year 3 class went to Gilbert White's House. As ever, wonderful behaviour and learning attitudes – we are so proud of them.



We also had our first **FGB meeting** in our new 'flat structure'. This means the whole board meet to discuss the whole school rather than working through committees, with a business meeting to allocate roles at the start of the year then one meeting a half term. Our meetings are now either at the beginning or end of the school day, with more remote options and online meetings. The daytime meetings also mean that we are able to invite staff and children along to get involved. We will shortly be sending out invitations to you as we need 2 new **Parent Governors**. Huge thanks to Kathryn Maynard and Maria Martin who have served diligently as parent governors for several years – we are very grateful for their contributions.



Mrs Armitage, Mrs Castle and I also ventured out to Park Community School in Leigh Park where we are leading this year's **Early Career Teacher Training** for South Farnham Educational Trust – it is such a privilege to be running this programme for Teach First and SFET. If you have a degree and are interested in a career in teaching via the SCITT, PGCE or Apprentice routes, please do come and have a chat with me.

And Finally...whatever you are up to this weekend, enjoy! I'm off to an antiques fair in Farnborough!

Best wishes

Sue Sayers
Headteacher



P.S. Huge thanks to the kind parent who forwarded this for me to read! An easy read but full of really useful information given recent concerns about the use of Smart Phones by children. I learnt a lot!

If you haven't yet signed up for the Parent Workshop about Children and Phone use on Monday 30th September at 7pm, it's not too late as there are a few places left. Please book your free place by clicking on this link <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/thestudiotps/smartphone-free-childhood-papaya/e-pqkpgq>

Music Tuition

We have 2 spaces available for saxophone lessons on a Friday. If your child is interested, please email the school office. The spaces will be offered on a first come first served basis.



After school clubs – collection points

CM Sports have been running their Football and Netball clubs after school and teachers will be offering other activity clubs to start soon (see the clubs list attached with today's flyer). Please be aware of where

to collect your child.

If it is an outdoor sport please wait at the top path overlooking the playground, but please go no further than the Herne Hideout, where you may shelter from any rain. The coaches /teachers will bring your child to you there. If it is an inside club please wait at the front gate, near to reception where the teachers will bring the children out to meet you.

Twilight collection is either from the middle playground or from the hall. (Location determined by weather and light conditions). If you need to collect your child early from any club and the Twilight club are outside, please let the Twilight staff know where you are going before walking around the premises.



Friday Football Club

For Year 5/6 Boys and Year 4/5/6 Girls who want to join our Friday Football Club (3.30 – 4.30), please come on **Tuesday at lunchtime to Cherry Class** to sign up with Miss Buckle and Mr Castle (we will send a reminder round on Tuesday). We are hoping that all children will get a place at the club, but we just need the pupils to sign up to see how much interest we have first (adult to child ratios). The first training session will be on Friday 27th September

– but the children will come home with a letter if they have gained a place at the club. If we are in a position where we have too many pupils, we will split the year into two sessions.

Harvest Collection

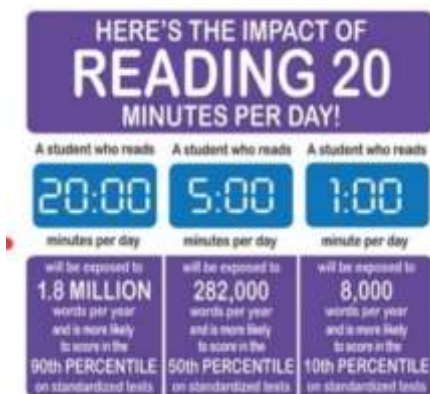
On **Monday 7th October** we will be having a special Harvest Assembly and we would love **parents to donate items for Petersfield Food Bank**. You can drop the donations off any day between Monday 30th September – Friday 4th October (we will put a table out under the canopy by the front office). Petersfield Food Bank are currently looking for: tinned food, dried food, packaged food, nappies and toilet roll. **They regret that they cannot accept fresh, chilled, frozen or home-made goods, alcohol or pharmaceutical drugs, opened, damaged, out of date or unlabelled goods.**



Year 7 School Applications

Just a little reminder that the closing date for Year 7 school places is the 31st October 2023. Any applications made after this date will be recorded as late and will not be processed until all on time applications have been processed. If you are having trouble accessing the online application site, please contact Hampshire County Council Admissions directly.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/applicationprocess/year7>



The Importance of Reading

At Herne, we believe that learning to read is the key skill we want every child to master before they leave us in Year 6. The statistics in the chart opposite show how powerful it is for a child to read for 20 minutes a day and how there is a direct statistical link between the amount a child reads and how they perform in standardised tests. However, it is not just about performing in tests, we passionately want children to have an inert love of reading and to get endless pleasure from discovering a new book. Keep reading everyone 😊.

DOODLE MATHS AND ENGLISH

Please look out for a letter coming home next week about buying DoodleMaths and DoodleEnglish for just £12 per pupil for a whole year, giving a saving of over £100 per pupil. Current subscriptions are due to run out mid October!



September		October	
Mon 23 rd	Damson – River Trip (Selborne)	Thurs 10 th	Parents' Evening 3.45 – 7.30 Cedar – Science Centre
Mon 30 th	Smart Phone Free Childhood talk (TPS Studio 7-8.30pm) – more information to follow	Wed 16 th	Parents' Evening 3.45 – 7.30
Fri 27 th	Elm – Gilbert White trip	Fri 25 th	Last day of the half-term (12.30 finish)
Mon 30 th	Ash – Gilbert White trip Harvest collection begins	Mon 28th – 1st Nov <h1>Half-Term</h1>	
October			
Tues 1 st	Fir – Gilbert White trip		
Wed 2 nd	Oak – Gilbert White trip		
Thurs 3 rd	Rowan - Science Centre		
Fri 4 th	Beech – Science Centre		
Wed 9 th	Maple – Science Centre		