

# Herne Flyer 27 – Spring Term 2025



Knowing Every Child – Inspiring Every Mind – Achieving Every Day

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## A Note from our Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back...a short week due to that sneaky Bank Hol! This half term will fly by.

Our Value this half term is Motivation with assembly on Tuesday encouraging the children to think about what motivates them and how a "can do" attitude can get them over difficult times. We talked about how the phrase, "I can't do that" is changed by adding the word "yet" and how to develop a "glass half full attitude". If you get a chance, do reinforce this at home.

As you read this, I'll be heading back from Avon Tyrell after 3 days with Year 5. Huge thanks to Miss Amy Buckle, Mr Matthew Hurst, Mrs Lara Morley and all the team behind the organisation for the trip. It's no small feat taking almost 100 children away and organising a parallel trip for the 22 who preferred to sleep in their own beds! (Wise children!). Special thanks also to staff, past & present, who gave up 3 days of family life to ensure the children had familiar and knowledgeable people away with them. It really was much appreciated and everyone who could help offered to do so with such a good heart - I'm very proud of Team Herne!

Here's a snapshot of what we enjoyed...



The Year 5 Active Adventurers group spent 2 fantastic days out. They spent the first morning together at Queen Elizabeth Country Park, on a lovely long walk orienteering through the forest using maps and compass directions; followed by den building, whittling and s'mores around the fire which some of the children started using only flint and steel! On the second day they went to Alton and went swimming, played Badminton and Pickleball and conquered some really tough climbing challenges. The group had a great time, were a credit to the school and the staff enjoyed their time with them.



On Monday 21st April several of the children from across the school had a wonderful opportunity as they were invited to be team mascots for Petersfield Town Football Club first team in their match against Midhurst. We hope to include other children from all the year groups in future opportunities with the football club. Thanks to Mrs Jenni Heighes with help from Mrs Lynne Tandy for helping with this event.



On a more serious note, I'd like to share with you a difficult subject and a resource which may help families who are dealing with death by suicide. This has in the past been a somewhat taboo subject, causing families to feel an unnecessary degree of shame and a reluctance to seek help. Due to the rise in incidents during and post Covid, particularly in males aged 30- 50, all mental health charities have seriously upped their game. As a family experiencing this, I can tell you that this charity was immensely helpful to me and my parents at a time when their faith in God and their belief in their (amazing) parenting skills were challenged. This support is open to all. Please access it via the link below and remember, you really are not alone, although it may feel that way - we are here to help if we can.

Website: [Cruse Now – You're not alone](https://www.cruse.org.uk) Email: [crusenow@cruse.org.uk](mailto:crusenow@cruse.org.uk) Phone: 03305550129

And Finally...whatever you are up to this weekend, enjoy. I had hoped to be recovering from Avon Tyrell but I'd forgotten I'd signed up for a day Yoga workshop..." The Mechanics of Balance" ...I'm hoping it involves a lot of lying down but suspect not!!!

With Best Wishes,

*Sue Sayers*

Headteacher

## TTRS Battles

Are you ready to put your times tables knowledge to the test? Can you battle your way through to the win zone? Who will be the TTRS Champions?

The Maths team have scheduled *Round 1* of the *Summer Times Tables Rock Stars Battles* to commence Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April. To make the competition as fair as possible, restrictions have been set so that only game play made between the hours of 3:30pm and 8am will contribute towards the scores. Good luck to all classes!

## Clubs this term

Please see the News section of our website to see the list of clubs that are on offer. Please note changes are highlighted in yellow.



If your child would like to do a CM Sports club, please make sure you log on to their website to complete the necessary paperwork. Please find attached the link for [CM Sports](http://www.cm-sports.co.uk) if you would like to book any of their clubs

## REMINDERS of upcoming community events!

Please see our website under Community + News for details of future events in and around Petersfield. The first one is VE Day on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of May. (The document is called VE80Poster).



### Child and Adolescent Mental Health

For training sessions and events on child and adolescent mental health please follow this link for events in your area <https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events/>

## Community news

We have some very sad news that Mrs Smith, the lollipop lady passed away on Monday. We will all miss her as she has helped our children for so many years.

Please see our website under Community+ News & Advice –There are two new additions this week which are: information on Emotional Resilience for children (in relation to social media) and Autism information and workshops.

April		May	
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> of April.	Special Values Assemblies Upper school (9.05) Lower school (9.35)	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs Week Rainbow Theatre (Yr 5 and 6) Rainbow Theatre (Yr 3)
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> of May	Bank holiday	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Herne breaks up for half-term 12.30pm finish