

Herne Flyer 12 – Autumn Term 2022



Knowing Every Child – Inspiring Every Mind – Achieving Every Day

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Celebrating Diversity

Message from the Headteacher

As many parents and carers know, my home town is Leicester. During this week's theme on DIVERSITY, I have reflected on the absolute privilege that I was brought up in a city that was massively diverse.



It wasn't always plain sailing there, especially with the rise of the National Front in the mid-1970s and the occasional tensions between different minority groups. However, as time went by, the city responded and eventually embraced these different cultures, leading to a huge degree of harmony, especially for my generation, for whom these changes were seen as 'the norm'. One of my best friends was Jatinder Singh.

He was born in Uganda, but, like me was raised in Leicester. I was born in London where my parents had briefly thought about relocating to from Leicester, but on the day they arrived at a rented flat there, my mum realised I was on my way so they returned to Leicester within a couple of months of my birth, so I regard Leicester as my starting place to life. Just to prove the point about the diverse nature of my hometown, I found this picture from the local paper there!

At Herne, we are working on a hand symbol to help the children remember the values we hold dear about living in the UK and we'll share that with you next week. As we presented this to them in assembly this week, see if they can tell you what each finger represents about our British Values.



Best wishes. Tony Markham

Parents in Partnership – School Lunches Update

Thank you to the parents who were able to meet with Mr Markham and Mr Castle yesterday. It was very helpful to have their perspective on the current state of play for our school lunch set-up. We also had a couple of emails, but can appreciate that parents sometimes hesitate to 'put their heads above the parapet' when it comes to slightly thorny issues.

The outcome from our meeting is summarised below:



- A summary of concerns was presented to the formal Full Governing Body this week including issues of: eating in classrooms and links to poor hygiene, cold or tepid food in boxes, poor quality lunches, poor quantity of food at times, children not able to eat in a social way in the hall (as they did before the pandemic) and lack of a plan to change any of this
- Governors agreed to a survey of children and parents to be conducted early in the New Year so that the new headteacher, Mrs Sayers, can review the situation with up-to-date information (as we did for the PE kit days earlier this term).
- This is not to be confused with a small survey that was put out informally to some parents by a parent group earlier this month, although the outcomes of that has been informative
- The kitchen staff have been consulted, as of yesterday, in order to explore a gradual roll-out of the lower school dining in the hall from February onwards. HC3s are keen to reduce the use of boxes because this is a compromise to the food they can produce and the boxes are expensive (as well as wasteful)
- Some parents have expressed frustration about why it is that we have not returned to dining in the hall, so the school had a chance to present the logistical issues in our meeting yesterday and this will be shared with parents on next week's Flyer

Poppy Appeal

Thank you so much to everyone who bought poppies and wristbands over the last couple of weeks. The Royal British Legion sent the school a lovely thank you card and confirmed that between us, we raised £170.17. Well done to you all and they have said that they will send more items to the school next year so that all of the children will have a chance to buy something.

Christmas Postbox

On Monday 5th December, our Christmas Postbox will go up in the link, where children can post any Christmas Cards for pupils or staff. Our House and Sports Captains will be our sorting elves and will deliver the cards to the correct classes. Please make sure that children's full names and class are on the envelopes. Thank you.



Victorian Artefacts



We are collecting Victorian Artefacts for our Year 6 theme in the Summer Term. If any families have any Victorian items that they are happy to donate to the school, please bring them in to the school office. If there are any items that parents, grandparents or carers are happy to loan, please get in touch and we can talk through how we can do this safely, so that you get the items back in one piece!

Completing our Roundhouse – HELP NEEDED

With support from Butser Ancient Farm, we are looking to finally complete our RoundHouse that is beautifully nestled in the school's woodland. The final stage is completing the walls and we are looking for large quantities of:

Horse Manure, Horse Hair and Straw

If you think you could help, or know someone we could contact, please email admin@hernejunior.com.



2022 Digital Parenting Magazine



Earlier this week, your child brought home a copy of the Digital Parenting Magazine for 2022. Please take the time to read it to keep you up to date with how to keep your family safe online. There is also a website that you may find useful.

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting>

- Are you up to date with all the acronyms for digital gaming?
- Have you thought about making a Digital Family Pledge?
- Are you aware of the 6 digital wellbeing tools?

All this and more can be found on the useful website link above and below:

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/the-adventures-of-kara-winston-and-the-smart-crew/>

A Smashing Hit – Child's Report on England's First World Cup Game!

On Monday, England's world campaign kicked off in style! England scored a whopping 6 goals and Iran scored 2 goals. That means England got 3 points and Iran got none. So that means England won! They are making it to the finals. And, fingers crossed, let's hope they win the World Cup! It was great fun watching this in the hall!
Arthur Curtis – Year 4



Cleaners Still Needed!



The school still has vacancies for cleaners. If you think you would be up for this role after school between 3.30 and 7.30, with some flexibility with the hours you could work and the days of the week, please email admin@hernejunior.com. **Even if you would like to do just 3 or 4 hours a week for some extra money – please get in contact.** The rate of pay is over £10 per hour (a pay rise has just been approved, so an exact rate can be provided once we have this info).

Author of the Week – Andrew Clover

Award winning author of the popular Rory Branagan Detective (Age 7 +).

Rory, with help from his Accomplice, Cassidy, in a BOOMTASTIC adventure involving dogs, cats, a wheelie bin chariot, a brave and daring rescue and Mrs Welkin, who fights crime in quite a surprising way.



HAFS NEWS!

Don't forget to see the separate attachment of all of the HAFS News for this week, which will come out to parents/carers electronically later today.

November		December	
Fri 25 th	5pm Herne Choir at Petersfield Square – Christmas Lights – Switching On.	Thu 8 th	OPEN SCHOOL – Come and see your child's books
Tue 29 th	Hazelmere Museum with Y5 – Egyptian Workshops	Fri 9 th	Christmas Jumper Day – Donation
December		Sun 11 th	10am Choir & Orchestra at Petersfield Christmas Festival
Fri 2 nd	2.00 Rocksteady Concert to parents	Wed 14 th	1.30 Y3 Christmas Production to parents in the hall 5.00 Y3 Christmas Production to parents in the hall
Mon 5 th	Christmas Post box begins & Winter Fundraising Week	Thu 15 th	6pm - Singing Round the Christmas Tree at Herne
Tue 6 th	7pm HAFS Christmas Cupcakes	Fri 16th	12.30 END OF TERM
Wed 7 th	Children's Christmas Lunch Day – Christmas apparel can be worn today 😊		

See our CHOIR at the switching on of the CHRISTMAS LIGHTS in The Square in Petersfield...TODAY at 5pm! 😊