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GOVERNORS' AWARDS 2022

Message from the Headteacher

I am very pleased that so many of the usual things that schools used to do before the pandemic are increasingly returning to Herne. One of the traditions at Herne in recent years has been the Governor' Awards. The governors at Herne asked all adults employed at the school to put forward nominations for children who have shown the following character traits:



- Respect
- Contribution to School Life
- Friendship
- Leadership
- Diligence & Hard Work
- Positive Role Model



Each child who has won this award will receive a medal and a certificate in front of their peers from the Governors and myself (dressed in traditional academic robes – you know I like my dressing up!) during this afternoon. Their parents have been invited to this special event too. The idea is to recognise some of our children who have truly shown great characteristics as part of our school community and to inspire all of their peers to strive to be the best they can be next year. This year's winners are:

Year 3	Kacie Chandler	Daniel Ellis	Seb Corry	
Year 4	Ava Ramsey	Joel Carter	Wilbur Brett	
Year 5	Freya Klepacz	Maisie Bishop	Hudson Evans	Isla Davies
Year 6	Lyla Jenkins Aleena George	Tyler Noble Leyla Soysal	Chloe Llewellyn-Williams Phoebe Cope	

Well done to all of these amazing Herne Heroes and we'll look forward to even more success next year. ☺

Best Wishes – Tony Markham

RED Hot Weather Warning from the Met Office

Breaking news today is the refreshed hot weather warning from the government. Schools have been given the following advice from Public Health:



"With temperatures expected to rise to temperatures of 30 degrees and above, over the weekend and into Monday and Tuesday (16th to 19th July), we are conscious that schools and early years settings may be encountering questions from families about whether your site is closing and if not, what measures are being taken to keep children well.

Our expectation is that schools and early years settings remain open, in accordance with the national guidance on managing hot weather. This includes making sure that children stay well hydrated, apply sun cream and keep to the shade while playing outdoors, as well as managing indoor temperatures safely and effectively. Staff are also advised to ensure that children do not take part in vigorous physical activity on very hot days, such as when temperatures exceed 30 degrees. Please do continue to communicate with parents and carers about all of these measures, and where their support is required to make sure that children are well prepared for the hotter weather. We would suggest that individual schools and early years settings consider being flexible in terms of relaxing uniform rules to help children stay cool and readjusting their time spent outdoors as appropriate.

To read the national guidance for teachers and professionals, visit the government's heatwave plan for England:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/heatwave-plan-for-england>

What Does this Mean for Herne?

We have started a risk assessment for next week, which we will be monitoring over the weekend. We know that Petersfield can be a little different and sometimes bucks the trend for weather due to the influence of Butser Hill. Expect snow for next week maybe???

Joking aside, we have already decided on the following measures for next week:

- Monday and Tuesday will be **non-uniform days**, meaning that families can choose for their children to wear clothing that will best keep them cool.
- Monday and Tuesday lunchtimes will be treated as 'wet lunchtimes', where children will be kept in their classrooms to eat lunch. We will allow minimal time outside, and even then, children must keep in the shade.

Hot Weather Measures Continued...

- We have already purchased additional fans to use in school and have ordered more to arrive by Monday.
- Children will be reminded of the Slip, Slop, Slap messages, including having their water bottles in school all next week
- As it stands, we will proceed with Tuesday evening's Year 6 Leavers' Assembly, unless you hear otherwise.
- If it goes ahead that day (and predicted temperatures from 7pm is 25 degrees), then please think about very young children and elderly relatives (*if possible parents/carers only, would keep the audience numbers smaller and generate less heat!*)
- We are exploring the possibility of moving the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly, scheduled for Tuesday evening, to Wednesday evening next week in lieu of the Barn Dance (which would sadly have to be cancelled).
- We will keep Year 6 parents and carers informed and updated on Monday, but we have already looked into mobile air-con units for that evening.
- We will Tweet, text and email further updates as and when we are advised by government or local authority sources.



Leavers' Assembly

Just a reminder to Year 6 parents that on Tuesday 19th 7-9pm is the Year 6 Leavers' Production of *Jill and Fred's Most Hysterical Adventure*. There is plenty of parking at Churcher's College, or you can park at Herne and walk up through their bottom gate. The event will take place in the Sports Hall, which is through the main entrance and on the right. Children are to be dropped off at 6.40pm. The event is free, however our lovely librarian Mrs Pitt will be there if any Year 6 parent would like to pay £5 to donate a book to our school library (the book will be dedicated to your child in the inside cover).

Sports Day Update – Wednesday 20th July



At this stage, the Met Office is predicting a 40% chance of rain for Wednesday. It is unclear whether this could be thunderstorms after the hot start to the week or not. This means that we will need to consider safety if there is a risk of children slipping or if we are potentially putting children and staff in danger if there are storms. Trying our hardest not to be pessimistic, we still intend to proceed with Sports Day next Wednesday unless we are forced to reconsider this plan. All families can stay after the morning to have a picnic with their children on the school field. The temperatures for Wednesday are predicted to be in the mid-20s, so this will still mean remaining vigilant for sun protection. There will be two water stations. Again, watch this space early next week for updates. Please note that if we do have to cancel the Sports Day, there is not a reserve date.

Sports Day Lunch

If your child has not pre-ordered the picnic lunch (they were given slips to bring home), please ensure they bring a packed lunch with them on Wednesday for Sports day. Thank you.

School Games Gold Award

Yesterday, we were very excited to hear the news that the school has been awarded the school games GOLD award for our excellence in sport. A big thank you to our PE leaders Miss Edmondson and Mrs Knight, as well as all the staff who have taken children to an array of external sporting events this year.



Year 6 SATS Reading Papers Update

As parents and carers will know from last week, the government managed to lose 64 reading papers, which has led to an incomplete set of results for 64 of our Year 6 pupils. This is an appalling situation and the school has taken this to the Standards and Testing Agency, officially complained to the Department for Education, contacted Damian Hinds MP and Mr Markham has raised this nationally with his union, the National Association of Headteachers. This has already become breaking news on the BBC (see our Twitter feed). The DfE telephoned the school this morning to clarify the numbers of papers missing and they are trying to pursue this issue. We have yet to receive an apology, so if parents would like to contact your local MP about this issue, his email is:

Damian Hinds: damian.hinds.mp@parliament.uk

Library Open After School From September

In a further initiative to promote reading at Herne, during this year Mrs Garforth has been championing the idea of having an **Open Library** on Fridays after school. We are now going to have this facility **EVERY DAY starting from September 19th** next term. The idea is to have the library open, for half an hour, for children, who will need to be accompanied by their parent/carer, to change books, read together or do homework. We think this is a great initiative to encourage parent engagement and reading for pleasure.

Lost Property

Property that has lost its owner will be displayed in the Herne Hideout until the end of term. Please come to collect your items! Anything left at the end of the term will be recycled to charity shops or the second-hand uniform shop.

Compulsory Acceleration Programme FOR THE SUMMER

We are delighted to be able to offer our CAP children the chance to extend their Lexia licence throughout the summer break and kindly ask parents to support us in encouraging their children to continue with the program. Children have been accessing Lexia regularly at school and we believe that they would continue to benefit from working for just 15 minutes, 3 times a week until we return to school in September.

We fully appreciate that you will all have family holidays arranged and of course, would not expect any schoolwork to be done during this time. However, we sincerely hope that parents will support our drive to support learning through Lexia during the summer holidays. If you need any login details or advice regarding access to the program, please email Mrs Tandy l.tandy@hernejunior.com by the end of term. Many thanks for your continued support.



Ukulele Ensemble

It has been fantastic to see the brilliant performances from our Year 4 classes during this term. They have worked so hard in achieving a brilliant level of competence on the Ukulele. In September if you would like to carry on with the ukulele, or fancy learning how to play one, then please see the attached flyer for the ukulele group that Mr H runs. [See page 4.](#)

REPEAT MESSAGES

Library and Link Books

We kindly ask that all Year 6 library and link books are returned back to school For the Year 3, 4 and 5 children, to encourage lots of summer reading, as part of our COVID Catch-Up strategy, we are going to allow them to borrow books over the summer holidays. We do ask though that current books are signed back in and then re-signed out (or new books are taken out) so we know that current loans are not missing. **On the final day of term, Thursday 21st July, parents will be welcome to come into the link or library (with their child) to select some books for the summer holidays (they will both be open 12.30 – 1.30pm). We allow every child to borrow 3 link books and 2 library books.** Remember: current Year 5 to take out books from the restricted Year 6 section.



Whole Class Reading Books

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 ☺.

Parent Survey – How Are We Doing? **Deadline – Wednesday 20th July**



We have only had a small number of responses to our Parent Survey so far, so if you can please click the link below to access our Google Docs form, this will give us valuable feedback ready for September. You may have to create a Google account to do this survey. **The deadline is just before the end of term, 20th July.**

Just ask us for help if you need technical assistance to get onto the form.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdpYo1vDpSWiC0lJe_HiCXLu_cVnOY4Q7kSGFpaPr0oLDCjA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Simple Pencil Case Information for September – Repeat Information...

We have decided to continue asking for children to bring a simple pencil case for next academic year. Inside the pencil case they will require colour pencils (6-12 colours), small ruler (6 inch), rubber, pencil sharpener & a glue stick (Herne will provide writing pencils and pens). **The pencil case will need to be small and simple because we want the children to keep it in their tray which is positioned under their desk.** (they will stay in school and not come home every day). The first one pictured below is a simple £1.50 pencil case from WHSmith – this is a good size. Please no Smiggle (other brands are available) multi compartment pencil cases (they don't fit in the tray), they really need to be single zip and as small as possible (but still able to hold the necessary items). Thank you so much for support with this.



PE Uniform

We have decided that in September **we are going to return to asking for PE Kits to be kept at school** and children will get changed for their two sessions of PE every week. Below is a reminder of the required PE kit:

P.E. – Indoors: Bottle Green T-Shirt, black shorts (not lycra) and plimsolls.

P.E. – Outdoors: As above, but trainers. It is recommended that plain black track suits be worn on cold days.

All PE kits are available at Petersfield Market or you can order online through this link:

<https://www.skoolkit.co.uk/school-uniform/1068>

Full School Uniform for September

From September, children will need to wear the usual school uniform every day and bring their PE kit in a small bag to store in the cloakrooms or, in some cases, within the classroom. This means that bags need to be kept small please. A reminder that all children will need to wear school shoes AND NOT TRAINERS when we start back in September. Your support with this is most welcome and is very important to us. Thank you.

Doodle Summer Challenge 2022...Join the fun!

Between the 1st July and 31st August, Doodle are running two exciting Summer Challenges — the DoodleMaths Challenge and DoodleEnglish Challenge! Both Challenges are designed to encourage a few minutes of daily Doodling, topping up each child's knowledge and helping them prepare for the academic year ahead. Doodlers can earn a FREE pin badge, in-app badge and certificate by challenges.

Firstly, visit the Parent Dashboard and press 'register for the challenge,' next to your child's name for one or both. Encourage your child to earn 750 stars and achieve a 14-day streak before the 31st August. Once they have reached their goal, claim their reward by visiting the Parent Dashboard and pressing Claim Reward.

See their website for more information: <https://doodlelearning.com/challenge>



Summer Reading Challenge – Hampshire Libraries

Children received a Summer Reading Challenge Invitation this week and will have an assembly next week with links to two videos.

The poster advertises the Summer Reading Challenge from both the Hampshire Libraries and also from Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium, which parents will find of interest. Parents are strongly encouraged to join their local library during the summer holidays. There is no greater gift than helping your child to be a fantastic reader! 😊

International Families Event – 3.40pm on Tuesday

If you are a family with a parent or child from a country from across the world beyond the UK, please come along to this special event in the last week of term. The last time we held this event, families from at least 9 countries came to join us and we made sure we had the flag in school to represent them. This week we have been flying the flag from the USA in recognition of Independence Day on July 4th.





HAFS News

Don't forget to see the additional attachment with this Flyer for the latest news from HAFS! 😊

Ukulele Ensembles



Come and join one of Hampshire Music Service's fantastic ukulele orchestras!



Join one of our exciting ensembles and take part in fun rehearsals in a supportive environment. Open to all abilities - you don't need to be a ukulele expert!

Gosport and Fareham Ukulele Ensemble:
Thursdays 5pm to 5.45pm at Henry Cort Community College, Fareham

Havant Ukulele Group:
Tuesdays 4pm to 4.45pm at The Cowplain School, Waterlooville

Register now

Email: music.service@hants.gov.uk
023 8065 2037 music.service@hants.gov.uk



July		August	
Tue 19 th	3.40 International Families Event in Fir Class	Mon 29 th	Bank Holiday – School Closed to Pupils
Tue 19 th	7-9pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly at Churcher's College	Tue 30 th	Y5 Summer School – invited children only
Wed 20 th	Morning Sports Day & Year 6 Barn Dance in the evening	Wed 31 st	Y5 Summer School – invited children only
Thu 21 st	School finishes at 12.30	September	
		Thu 1 st	INSET – School Closed to Pupils
		Fri 2 nd	INSET – School Closed to Pupils
		Mon 5 th	First day of term for the children