

Herne Flyer 19 – Spring Term 2023



Knowing Every Child – Inspiring Every Mind – Achieving Every Day

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A Note from Mrs Sayers...

Dear Parents & Carers,

I started this week with an afternoon at **Petersfield Infant School** where I was warmly welcomed by Mrs Hodgkinson, her Spaniel and many KS1 children wanting to know if I had met their older brothers and sisters. They are very excited already about joining us next September!

I have also continued to meet **staff** and have one to one conversations about their lives, skills and career aspirations – what a lovely, committed team we have! I was lucky enough to have one meeting with a potential maternity returner...and hold her lovely baby boy throughout the process!

After experiencing my first Full **Governing Body** meeting last week, I met with our Clerk to Governors to discuss needs and skill sets on the Governing Body. You may remember last term, we asked for nominations for 2 parent Governors but only filled one place. Mrs Maria Martin, a parent who is a Co-opted Governor, has now filled that empty Parent Governor space and we will start to look for another Co-opted Governor for the space left by Maria. She and I will be working with our Clerk on Governor Recruitment over the next two terms as we will need another for Summer when one of our longstanding Governors retires from the board. These posts cannot be filled by parents as we already have more than our allocation on the board. However, if you know anyone in the community who might be interested with the following skills, do steer them my way: Finance; Risk Management; Health & Safety; HR&/Personnel. We will also be holding Staff Governor elections internally as Miss Claire Edmondson's 4 -year term of office finishes in May.

Next week we are trialling a **return to the Hall for hot dinners!!!** This will happen on Wednesday 8th February. You do not need to do anything different. We have worked hard with the Kitchen Team and the Midday Supervisory Team to plan with military precision. If it's successful, we will then be able to reset whole school Collective Worship and Assembly Times and indoor PE slots. We'd like to start using the hall for hot dinners properly after half term. We will inform you of changes for PE days if needed. Watch this space for more information on next week's Flyer!



Whatever you are up to this weekend, enjoy!
Take care,

Sue Sayers

Headteacher

PS Without wanting to nag....we are cracking down on PE kits...PLAIN BLACK WITHOUT large logos/prints/patterns please. Our kit needs to look smart!



National Education Union (NEU) Strike 1st February 2023

Although teachers do not have to give advance warning of strike action, **we are confident that Herne will be fully open to all pupils on the first strike day.** We want to take this opportunity to say that as a school, we fully support colleagues who are striking and that we whole heartily agree with the two main principles that are behind the strike.

These are:

- The failure to ensure adequate funding for state schools. Schools have been given no additional money to cope with this year's below inflation pay rises, which means already over stretched budgets are at near breaking point for many schools.
- The decline in teachers and support staff pay. Teachers have lost 23%, in real terms since 2010, and support staff 27% over the same period.

Big Garden Birdwatch 2023 (this weekend)

Our assembly theme this week has been the RSPB annual birdwatch. If you, or your child, would like to get involved in this very important national survey, please visit <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>



January 2023		February 2023	
Tue 31st	HAFS AGM (7pm in the school hall)	Wed 8th	HAFS Valentine Treat Sale
		Fri 10 th	Herne breaks up for half-term (3.30)
		Mon 20 th	Herne open for Spring term 2 HAFS World Book Day Costume Swap
		March 2023	
		Thur 2nd	World Book Day (children to dress up as a favourite book character)