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WELCOME TO YEAR 2!

Message from the Headteacher

We have been in the thick of making plans for a successful transition for all of the children for September. It goes without saying that the biggest leaps will be for our Year 6 children who will go on to their new secondary schools and for all of the Year 2 children who will be joining us here at Herne from a number of infant schools. The majority of Year 2s will come from Petersfield Infant School and, starting this week, we will make sure that Year 2 parents at our main feeder school will get hard copies of our weekly Flyer. Parents can also access our Flyer each week from our website homepage. These Flyers will give you all a flavour of our school and help to tune you in to the sorts of things we get up to here at the junior school.

Year 2

We will also be in touch by separate letter about more details for transition, which will include an evening/late afternoon in order to properly meet your child's new teacher and a little more information about our school from me. I am also conducting tours on Mondays and Tuesdays at 4pm for Year 2

families throughout this month, so if you haven't had a chance to join us yet, just call our friendly office team and they'll book you in. We are still limiting spaces to 20 people, which includes children, just to keep everyone safe.

With a view to keeping everyone safe, whilst adapting our COVID-Secure measures, please see below for a quick summary of what we have been doing this week and will be putting in place from next week onwards.

If you would like to contact me, you can email on: headteacher@hernejunior.com

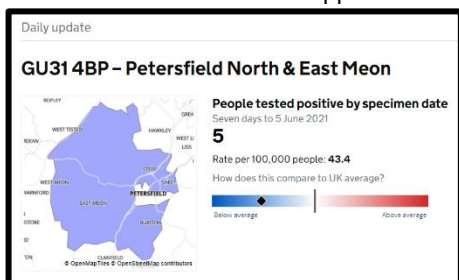
Stay Safe & Best Wishes - Tony Markham (Headteacher).

Herne's ROADMAP Update

This is just a reminder of a couple of new things for June. The **Drop-off** window times have now moved to 8.25am through to 8.40am. **Collection** has moved to the later times of **3.25pm to 3.40pm**. All Year 6 children now leave at 3.30pm, which is helping us to support Year 6 with extra catch-up time. They are now walking from their classes to a meeting point with their parents.

Morning Breaktimes: From this Monday 14th June, we are going to allow the children to play outside in the larger Year Group Bubbles, so they will be able to link up with friends across their year group that are not in their current class. We will maintain Class Bubbles at lunchtimes for now, but will monitor closely if we can do this for all of their breaktimes in the school day.

We would like to **continue with the one-way system** when entering and leaving the school site, but **we have removed a few of the barriers** in front of the school and around the back of the school on the basis that passing close by for a matter of a few seconds is a low risk. However, we would like to thank all of the parents and visitors who continue to wear a mask (unless exempt) when picking up from the classroom doors. Your support for this measure really helps us all to feel safe. THANK YOU. ☺



Local Information on Coronavirus

We have continued to proceed with our intended Roadmap, as detailed above, despite an upward trend in the infection rates nationally. If you access the local data for our area of Petersfield, we are below average.

You can access this data from this government website:

<https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/>

School Trips

As the national Roadmap rolls out, we have also been putting in place school trips for all year groups and inviting in visitors like The Rainbow Theatre, who were in school today for a Roman Day in Year 3! Yesterday, all of Year 6 children went to Fairthorne Manor near Botley in Hampshire for a day of Outdoor and Adventurous Activities. Amongst the activities they did, they took part in archery, challenge courses, abseiling or climbing and kayaking or paddle boarding! If you follow us on Twitter, you can see some of the fun from their day.

During this week, Year 4 have been experiencing an evacuee day as part of their WWII topic by going to the Watercress Line Steam Railway. We are the first school to travel on there since the end of February 2020! Look out for more photos next week!



Year 4 Swimming



Hopefully all the parents in Palm and Pear Class received the email this week confirming that children now need to be at school at 8.15am for their morning swimming sessions. Palm class are swimming week commencing 14th and 21st June and Pear class 28th June and 5th July. Thank you for your support with this. Once again, this is just another step towards some normality for the children and all of this swimming is taking part at the town's Open Air Pool, helping to support our local community get back on its feet. ☺

Parents on Sports Day – Repeat Message

For those that have read through our Herne Roadmap out of Lockdown, you may have seen that we are not planning to invite parents to this year's Sports Days, **with the exception of Year 6 parents**. Our thinking is that we are still trying to keep the numbers of people gathering to a minimum, whilst recognising that, for Year 6, this will be the last opportunity for their parents to see them in action. If the overall data on infections is much more positive, we are happy to review this at the end of June. Watch this space!

Doodle 14 Day Challenge



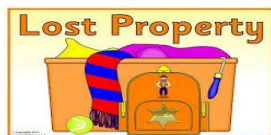
We have entered a Doodle competition and are asking you to encourage your child to take part in the 14 Day Challenge in DoodleMaths, DoodleEnglish and DoodleSpell. This gives them a chance to win a bundle of learning goodies worth £50 for their class! We would like every pupil who subscribes to Doodle to be working in the green zone (by achieving their target number of stars) for 14 consecutive days from **Monday 14th June to Sunday 27th June**. By taking part, your child will be incentivised to complete their 10 minutes of Doodling a day, promoting healthy learning habits. They'll also be filling gaps in their learning and revising what they already know as they complete their personalised work programme, preventing learning loss.

Hats and Sunblock

CM Sports have asked us to remind parents and children to bring hats and sunblock for when the children are outside for their PE lessons. We would like to extend this to any day when it is likely to be sunny. Although the school has plenty of shade from our numerous trees, it is still important to have protection from the sun throughout their time outside. Thank you.



Lost Property



There are a large number of jumpers and snack boxes being left on the field at lunchtimes. Whilst our Lost Property cupboard is officially closed at the moment, we have asked the lunchtime staff to put these on the picket fencing by the Herne Hideout. We are hoping to open the Lost Property cupboard in July, so that anything left in school before the summer can be placed in there to keep it dry during the summer holidays.

Disruption to Love Lane on Tuesday 15th June

Herne will have a new neighbour at 28 Love Lane next week and they have contacted us to say that their removal van will be an issue at pick-up time on that Tuesday, as it will be blocking part of the road. The morning drop-off will be unaffected, but if you can park elsewhere and make other arrangements for collection at the end of the day, this will really help to minimise congestion on Love Lane just for that afternoon.

Petersfield Youth Theatre – Latest News

Everyone aged 5 up to current school year 9 are invited to The Jellicle Ball this summer – our show is *Cats* which we are creating in 2 weeks!

Dates: Monday 16 August – Friday 20 August and
Monday 23 August – Friday 27 August
Venue: Bedales School

Places are limited so please book early. Thank you to Petersfield Town Council for supporting this project.

We are so very grateful to Bedales for sponsoring this project.

For more information and to book, go to our website: www.pyt.org.uk



Special COVID-19 Phone Line for Weekends & Holidays

This week, we had notification of a positive Covid case in one of our families, but because this was during half-term, it didn't have an impact on the running of the school. If you have any cause to be worried about if you have Covid, please see the NHS website as follows:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

On this site there is a checker for Coronavirus symptoms in children as follows:

Children can get coronavirus (COVID-19), but they seem to get it less often than adults and it's usually less serious.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Our COVID-19 notification number is **07471 808285** and can be used at weekends or during holiday periods.



To Finish on a More Cheery Note...

One of our children in Year 4 wrote the following poem as part of her homework. We were so touched that we thought we'd publish this as a bit of a surprise to her!

! Herne Junior School !

Herne Junior School is a lovely place,
It's so much fun, it puts a smile on your face.
Enjoy the time whilst you're there,
But do your homework or you'll get a stare!

Breaktimes are exciting and full of play,
Filled with giggles, it makes you want to stay.
All of the children are super cool,
It's the place to be. It's Herne Junior School.



*Nevaeh Casselton
Plum Class Year 4*

June		July	
Mon 14 th	Year 4 Swimming Programme starts – outdoor pool	Fri 16 th	Year 4 Summer Camp – all day and evening
Tue 15 th	Year 4 PEAR Visit to Watercress Line	Mon 19 th	SPORTS DAY – Years 3 & 4 in the morning
Tue 22 nd	Year 4 PLUM Visit to Watercress Line	Mon 19 th	SPORTS DAY – Years 5 & 6 in the afternoon
Wed 23 rd	Year 6 – Rainbow Theatre in Hall - Victorians	NB:	Y6 parents will be able to watch their child's last Sports Day.
Fri 25 th	Year 5 trip to Fairthorne 8.15 – 6.30	Mon 19 th	Year 6 Barn Dance – 6pm
Mon 28 th	Last of the tours for Year 2 (4pm)	Wed 21 st	Outdoor Music Concert – 7pm
July		Fri 23 rd	Summer Term ends at 12.30
Thu 1 st	Year 3 FIR Visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace		
Fri 2 nd	Year 3 ELM Visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace		
Fri 9 th	Change Over Transition Day to New Classes	August	
Mon 12 th	5.30 Year 2 Parents – Meet your teacher (details to follow)	Mon 23 rd	Reading Activity Week for invited Year 5s
Mon 12 th	Year 3 ASH Visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace	Fri 27 th	Reading Activity Week for invited Year 5s
Tue 13 th	5.30 Year 2 Parents – Meet your teacher (details to follow)		
Wed 14 th	5.30 Year 2 Parents – Meet your teacher (details to follow)	September	
Thu 15 th	Year 3 OAK Visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace	Thu 2 nd	INSET DAY – School closed
Thu 15 th	5.30 Year 2 Parents – Meet your teacher (details to follow)	Fri 3 rd	INSET DAY – School closed
Fri 16 th	Year 6 Filming for Leaver's DVD	Mon 6 th	Autumn Term Starts