

Herne Flyer 07 – Autumn Term 2025

Knowing Every Child – Inspiring Every Mind – Achieving Every Day



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Dear Parents and Carers,

A few important messages this week:

1. **Collecting/end of day arrangements:** If you find children waiting to be collected by parents/carers who are late, please bring them back to the school office rather than contacting parents yourself or taking them with you. We have had a couple of occasions recently, where miscommunication, unanswered messages or people trying to be helpful, has resulted in a parent and the school office not being able to locate a child. In both cases the children were quite safe but it caused a great deal of stress for the parents concerned and for us in that period when we were not to be able to find their child. In both cases the child was meeting parents off site which could make them vulnerable if you are running late. We really don't advise this until pupils are in Year 5/6.



2. **For Year 3 Parents:** We are aware via Facebook that there may be some confusion over lunchtimes and where children eat. Our hall is too small to accommodate everyone for lunch so our packed lunches eat in class. We asked the children about this last year if they wanted to rotate into the hall every now and again, a class at a time, but they preferred having their packed lunches in class. In class, the children can normally choose where they want to sit – we want them to have a happy lunchtime, however the Year 3 staff are finding that some children are not tidying up after themselves and are leaving other people's desks untidy. They are in the process of encouraging our Yr 3 to leave the desks of other children food free and tidy. It isn't fair to come back in after lunch and find your place messy. While they are doing this, some children will be eating on their own desks. Hope this clarifies.
3. **Safeguarding Audit:** We were delighted to receive our Safeguarding Audit Report. As part of the audit, we asked the team to look at our site as well as our policies and practices. The good news is that our Safeguarding Practices are very good and our children and staff understand how to keep everyone safe. Our targets relate to getting Governors more involved in asking Safeguarding questions as part of their usual monitoring, e.g. the safety aspects concerned with certain subjects such as Science, DT, P.E. and the site feedback was very helpful. We are considering a smoother system for entering school in the morning and will share this with you when we have worked through all the implications.



And finally, please remember we are always there to listen if you have an issue. We've had a few parents concerned about negativity on unofficial Facebook groups. Please do come and talk to us if you have any issues, particularly if you are new to the school. We want to help if we can.

Whatever you are up to this weekend, enjoy and keep safe.

Best wishes

Sue Sayers

Headteacher

FREE TARO CENTRE DATES ARE IN! ALL school employees, parents and pupils at Herne Junior can have free access to the Taro Centre, during the first 2 weeks of November (01.11.25 – 14.11.25) for FREE!

See poster on our Parent info board.



For Parents/Guardians & School pupils:

- ✓ Free Swimming for any children aged 10 & under
- ✓ Free Junior Membership for any children aged 11-15
- ✓ Unlimited Fitness Membership for parents/guardians and School Employees 16+



Citizens Advice Bureau is coming to Herne

Is the cost of living becoming trickier to manage? Regardless of whether you work or not, there is help available for you to ease the cost of living for you and your family. A representative from the Citizens Advice Bureau will be at Herne on Tuesday 11th November from 9.00-10.00am. Come along and find out how you can access the help you need, in a friendly environment and have a cuppa and a chat while you are here. Please note this session will not be for individual advice but is aimed at giving everyone general advice, signposting and leaflets to help, and remember whether you work or not, we may be able to help you.



School Photos

The closing date for ordering your child's photo is **Tuesday 21st October**. Orders are made online only using the passwords provided on the proof card.

Wraparound Care – Clubs on ParentPay – Sessions and Voucher payments

Please note that sessions for the next half term are available to book on ParentPay, for Twilight and Breakfast clubs, except for the Twilight Adhoc club which will be available nearer the time. If you need to top up your balance and pay with Childcare /Tax Free Vouchers please, do so as soon as possible before the half term as the administration team will not be able to record the receipt of vouchers and credit your ParentPay account over half term. Please also note that, in line with other childcare establishments, we do not give refunds for cancellations. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parent Survey – ALL PARENTS



A reminder to complete the Parent survey that was emailed out last week. The PINS Survey is for **both** SEN and non-SEN families and is being used as our parent questionnaire for 2025.

Free online autism drop-ins for parents & carers

Parenting an autistic child can feel amazing, confusing, and overwhelming, sometimes all in the same day. That's why we host our **no-cost monthly online drop-in sessions for parents and carers**.

First Tuesday of every month

7pm - 8.30pm

Platform: Zoom



Topics often included:

- Understanding and responding to challenging behaviour
- Making sense of autism on a deeper level
- The ups and downs of family relationships and dynamics
- Working with schools and professionals
- Meeting like-minded parents and realising you are not alone

What we would like parents to take away

- Feeling heard, appreciated, and understood
- Knowing they are seen as the experts on their own child and family
- Feeling hopeful and having gained practical ideas

Who runs the sessions?

I'm Erik Wagter, co-founder of Autism Family Support Service. Alongside being a social worker, trainer and Solution Focused family coach, I also bring over two decades of personal lived family experience of autism.

These sessions are a chance for parents to talk openly, learn, and connect. They don't have to do this on their own.

If you are interested, please email sallywagter@gmail.com and they will send them the Zoom link.

Well Done to this weeks Special Values Time winners!



OCTOBER		NOVEMBER	
Monday 20 th	Beech class swimming at Churchers	Monday 3 rd	INSET DAY
Tuesday 21 st	Y5 Winchester Science Centre Trip – Cedar Closing Date for School Photo Orders (Online Only)	Tuesday 4 th	School re-opens to pupils at 8:30am
Wednesday 22 nd	Y5 Winchester Science Centre Trip – Rowan	Wednesday 5 th	Prospective Parents Open Morning
Friday 24 th	Last day of term – 12.30pm finish	Monday 10 th	Maple class swimming at Churchers
Monday 27th to Friday 31st Half-Term Break Don't forget Monday 3rd November is an INSET day		Friday 14 th	Children In Need Day
		Monday 17 th	Maple class swimming at Churchers
		Monday 24 th	Maple class swimming at Churchers
Friday 31 st	Y6 deadline for submitting applications for a secondary school place	Wednesday 26 th	HAFS - School Disco for Years 4 and 6
		Thursday 27 th	HAFS - School Disco for Years 3 & 5