

Knowing Every Child – Inspiring Every Mind – Achieving Every Day

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## Thank You! Message from the Headteacher

Well we have made it to the end of the academic year without shutting down bubbles during 2021! With the small exception of a keyworker group in February, we have kept things up and running as close to normal as possible. As a result of YOUR vigilance, compliance with our requests to follow our protocols and the brilliant work of our team of staff here at the school, we have been able to keep the children learning. We have also successfully been able to bring back our Year 4 swimming programme, swimming galas for Year 5 and Year 6, Sports Day for all year groups, music concerts and a Barn Dance for Year 6.



I am so proud of you all and I am now working with our Leadership Team in order to make sure we have a great start to next term on 6<sup>th</sup> September. As mentioned last week, there will be two Flyers at the end of August and beginning of September, which will give parents and carers the very latest information for a safe return to school next term. In the meantime, have a very safe and enjoyable summer break.

I will be monitoring my emails periodically over the summer holidays, so if you would like to contact me, you can email on:

[headteacher@hernejunior.com](mailto:headteacher@hernejunior.com)

I might not reply as quickly as usual, but I will endeavour to get back to you before school resumes in September.

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

### Goodbye!

As always, we often have to say a few goodbyes at the end of the summer term and this year is no exception. Two of our support staff, Mrs Brooks and Mrs Bissex are retiring after many years of service to the school. We also say a fond farewell to Mrs Lumbard, in our school office. Between them, they have over half a century of service to the children and parents at Herne! We also say goodbye to Miss Stanley who will be joining the CAMHS service to support children's well-being in Hampshire and beyond. Miss Stanley joined us during the first Lockdown and has managed to 'escape' just after the third Lockdown! Good luck to you all and we look forward to you returning to tell us all about your new adventures! ☺



### Hampshire Library Reading Challenge



Here is the link to sign up for the very popular Hampshire library summer reading challenge 2021.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/kids-zone/more-fun/summerreadingchallenge2021>

*"Get ready for Wild World Heroes, arriving online and in your local library this summer, starting on 3 July. The Reading Agency has teamed up with WWF for a very special nature-themed Challenge that will inspire you to stand up for the planet. Wild World Heroes will feature amazing books, awesome rewards, and plenty of ideas for taking care of our environment."*

### Importance of Reading Aloud

Even when your child gets more confident with reading independently, it is so important that they are still given several opportunities a week to read to an adult. Discussing the book, helping to define new vocabulary, building connections between the spoken and written words, are just some of the endless benefits of children still reading to their parents even after they become proficient readers.

### Parent Governor – Would You Be Interested in Joining Our Team?

Next term we shall be holding another election for a Parent Governor because sadly after nearly eight years of loyal service, Amanda Burchett will be resigning. If you feel able to give time to this rewarding role, then please look for the invitation to apply which will be published in the Flyer early next term. We should particularly welcome applicants who have financial experience. Partnership between parents and the school is not only essential for the wellbeing of pupils, but also for the whole school community. **MARY FAIR (Chair of Governors)**



### Lost Property

If you didn't get a chance to check out the lost property which is in our Herne Hideout, near to the left side of the school, there will be a chance to pop in next week to check. After that, we will process what is left to recycle these things. Thank you. ☺

## Simple Pencil Case Information for September (Repeat Message)

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 that 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 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.



## IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO TAKE PART IN THE DOODLE SUMMER CHALLENGE 2021!

Use Doodle 'little and often' to earn rewards! Between the 1<sup>st</sup> of July and the 31<sup>st</sup> August we are encouraging children to join the Doodle Summer Challenge! At a time when rebuilding confidence is more important than ever, the Summer Challenge helps children to maintain their learning over the holidays by encouraging daily Doodling. Filled with fun exercises and games, Doodle automatically plugs gaps in knowledge and revises key areas, letting them enjoy stress-free summers without hours of studying. Plus, all those who take part can earn a FREE in-app badge, pin badge and certificate to celebrate their hard work!



From 1<sup>st</sup> of July, visit the **Parent Dashboard** and press **Register for the Challenge** next to your child's name. Encourage your child to earn 750 stars (or 600 if they were born on or after 01/09/13) and achieve a 14-day streak in DoodleMaths and/or DoodleEnglish before the 31<sup>st</sup> August.

## Herne Flyers in the Summer

Herne Juniors will be sending out a Flyer on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August and then again on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. This will give parents and carers the most up-to-date messages ready for the new start to the autumn term.

## Why Not Follow Us on Twitter!

If you would like to keep up with breaking news and receive the very latest communications, why not join Herne on Twitter?

Just download the app and then look for us [@HerneJunior](https://twitter.com/HerneJunior)

We Tweet this Flyer every Saturday. 😊



## Calling Under 10s Girls Football Players

If your child is under 10 on September 1<sup>st</sup> 2021, then Petersfield Town Juniors Football Club is looking for new players to join our brand new U10 girls teams for the coming season. Seth Lowe's Dad, John, has taken on the responsibility for all the girls teams at Petersfield Town Juniors so if your daughter is interested please email him at [johnlowe1976@gmail.com](mailto:johnlowe1976@gmail.com) for further information. John would be very pleased to hear from you!

August		September	
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Window and Doors Replacement Programme starts	Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET DAY – School closed
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Reading Activity Week for invited Year 5s - Start	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	INSET DAY – School closed
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Reading Activity Week for invited Year 5s - End	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Autumn Term Starts

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER BREAK AND WE'LL SEE YOU IN THE AUTUMN TERM. 😊**