

Knowing Every Child – Inspiring Every Mind – Achieving Every Day

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Protecting Our Community Message from the Headteacher

Last Friday, all headteachers in Hampshire received a letter from Simon Bryant, Director of Public Health for Hampshire County Council. In this letter, we were advised to continue with the COVID-Safe measures that we have been implementing since March 8th.

In his words, *“If bubbles are removed for the last few days of this term, we fear that, if a child within your school tests positive, then that will lead to a much larger number of children having to self-isolate as potentially each child will have mixed with children from beyond their existing bubble. You will be aware that numbers of positive cases are increasing at the moment.”*



Coming from someone whose main job is to protect our health here in Hampshire, I am inevitably going to take these sorts of messages extremely seriously. I will Tweet this letter for parents and carers to see for themselves later today. We have nearly 1,000 Followers on Twitter and it is useful for you to tune into this news feed from the school, especially when we have rapidly changing circumstances.

Please see the end of today’s Flyer for more information about how to join Twitter. In the context of this public health message, please keep this in mind as you read other parts of today’s Flyer. Thank you. ☺

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

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

GOVERNORS’ – Summer Term Update

Throughout the past academic year, Governors have continued with their role of overseeing all that happens in the life of the school. Although we do not become involved with the everyday management, we do hold the Senior Leadership Team accountable for the decisions they make. Our role as Governors is one of both support and challenge.



This term, Governors have approved the decision to have five Year 6 classes from September instead of continuing with the current arrangement of having four classes in Year 6. We recognise that children’s learning has been disrupted during the past 16 months and we support the Staff in all that they are doing to make sure that every pupil’s education is ‘on track’. Our focus is always on ensuring that every child is given the best chances during their time at Herne School. Governors have also approved the purchase of a new building which will be used as an additional room for those children needing extra emotional support.

For the past academic year all our meetings have been on Zoom, but we have been able to continue with our three core functions. The first of which is to ensure clarity of vision, ethos and direction for the school. The second is that of holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and the third is overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent. We also have a statutory obligation for oversight of the school’s safeguarding systems. Hopefully, our first meeting in September will be face-to-face once again. Then we shall be able to properly meet our new Parent Governors – Rose Autumn and TJ Fagbayi who were elected in October 2020. Also, our new Staff Governor – Claire Edmondson. 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. Therefore, Governors wish to thank you for your invaluable support during the past year.

MARY FAIR (Chair of Governors)

Year 6 Special Considerations

Breaktimes Next Week: In the light of the COVID-19 lifting of restrictions on Monday 19th July, we are able to announce several plans that have had to await last Monday’s announcement by the government. From Monday next week, Year 6 classes will be allowed to have breaktime together (which will only be 15 minutes), so that they can meet up with friends who will be in their tutor groups or to have a little time together before some children move on to other secondary schools, other than TPS. In order to keep the remainder of the school safe, we have reluctantly decided that other year groups will remain in their current bubbles for breaktimes.

Barn Dance: We can also confirm that Year 6 will have their Barn Dance on Monday evening, but this will be outside and, due to close contact whilst dancing, will remain in class bubbles.

Parents from Year 6 on Sports Day: Year 6 parents and carers received a letter yesterday to confirm that they can come along to the school on Monday afternoon to see their child's **LAST Sports Day** before they move on to secondary school. On the back of this letter, we had several enquiries which we are able to clarify as follows:

Younger siblings – Year 6 parents can ask their Year 6 child to collect a younger sibling at Herne by sending them to the correct classroom once the Sports Day has finished. Year 6 parents may bring pre-school children to the Sports Day, but they must be kept under close control so that they don't trip up any competitors and/or get hurt from the older children taking part in the events. This means that parents, carers and the children in Year 6 and/or their siblings may leave the school once the Sports Day is over. We are not sure what time this will be!

Other Year Groups' Sports Days

We have had several enquiries as to whether other parents from Years 3, 4 or 5 can attend their children's Sports Days. It has always been our plan for this not to happen this year and we are sorry if this is disappointing for you. In a similar vein, we had a Swimming Gala for both Years 5 and 6 this week and parents were unable to attend these due to the restrictions at the open air pool. Mr Markham has reluctantly stuck to the arrangement that other Sports Days on Monday will be a **child only event** with a view to restricting the chance of transmission from the virus. Although other gatherings like the Festival of Speed and the Euros at Wembley did involve bigger crowds, they were still at 50% capacity and you had to prove a double-vaccination or very recent negative COVID test. The school does not have capacity to police these sorts of measures and Mr Markham is determined that we keep chances of community contact to a minimum so that we can end the term without shutting any bubbles. Sorry!



And since we mentioned the Euros! Ben Fatto L'Italia!



Herne is very proud of the English football team who performed so well to reach the finals of the 2020 Euros last weekend. Even though England didn't win, it was a close-fought match and there were several members of our school community who celebrated that Italy won for only the second time in their history (do we mention four World Cups too?) Well done Italy (ben fatto L'Italia) and we look forward to meeting again at Qatar 2022!

Sports Day – Monday 19th July

Please send your children into school on Monday 19th July dressed in their PE kits ready for our Sports Day. We have a lower school and upper school Sports Day planned with four levels of competition included: intra class, inter class, lower school and upper school overall class winners and house winners for the sprint and long distance races. We are sorry that we can only accommodate year 6 parents/carers this year however, we are looking forward to next year when we should be able to involve all of our parents and carers. Fingers crossed for lovely weather.

Library and Link Book – THE GREAT BOOK RETURN

We are still missing lots of books, so please have a big search at home and return them to us as soon as possible. We really appreciate your support with this. Thank you.



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.

CM Sports Summer Club

Our friends at CM Sports are running a holiday club at Liss Junior School. Sadly, due to our new window project, we could not have them at Herne this summer. **They have a few free places available for children who receive free school meals**, if you want to know more information give their office a ring on 02393 987 881.



Lost Property



We have laid out lots of lost property in the Herne Hideout (the wooden shelter near Year 3) for parents to come and have a search through for missing items. This will be out there for the final week of term. Any unclaimed lost property will be available in the Herne Hideout until the end of July after which it will be passed on to the second-hand uniform shop or recycled. 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 1st of July and the 31st 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 1st 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 31st August.

Free School Meals – Last Day of Term

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals and would like a free packed lunch on the last day of term next Friday, could you please contact the school office to put in an order. The deadline for letting us know is WEDNESDAY 21st JULY. Thank you. ☺

End of Term Next Friday

Please note that Herne Juniors will finish at 12.30 next Friday and then we will be closed for the summer holidays. There will be a special Reading Activity Week for Year 5 children (going into Year 6) in the week beginning 23rd August and if you have an invite to this week, you will have already received a letter.

Herne Flyers in the Summer

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

July		August	
Mon 19 th	SPORTS DAY – Years 3 & 4 in the morning	Mon 23 rd	Reading Activity Week for invited Year 5s - Start
Mon 19 th	SPORTS DAY – Years 5 & 6 in the afternoon	Fri 27 th	Reading Activity Week for invited Year 5s - End
NB:	Y6 parents will be able to watch their child's last Sports Day.		
Mon 19 th	Year 6 Barn Dance – 6pm	September	
Tue 20 th	4.00 Year 2 to Herne to meet teachers & Mr Markham	Thu 2 nd	INSET DAY – School closed
Wed 21 st	ROCKSTEADY – Outdoor Music Concert – 6pm	Fri 3 rd	INSET DAY – School closed
Wed 21 st	Herne Outdoor Music Concert – 7pm	Mon 6 th	Autumn Term Starts
Fri 23 rd	Summer Term ends at 12.30		

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 We Tweet this Flyer every Saturday. ☺

Community Messages

Petersfield Cricket Club

A few of the Petersfield Cricket Club coaches have recently run 3 sessions for the year 5 pupils at Herne Junior School. The coaches have been really impressed with the enthusiasm and talent on display by the boys and the girls at the school. A number of children have expressed interest in carrying on with their cricket and as a community focussed club with a real commitment to junior cricket we would love them to join our junior programmes. Most of the summer training is coming to an end (we follow the school term in the summer) but we have just set up a new Dynamos Programme for the summer holiday. This is a national programme for boys and girls that Petersfield Cricket Club is running. It is for youngsters aged 8-11, no experience is necessary and it will cater for all abilities. It will be running at the Heath Cricket Ground for an hour over 8 days in the last week of July and the first 2 weeks of August – details including how to book are available from this link

- <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/BookCourse/d78c1116-dbc9-4ef5-8b92-7e25cee0bdcc> . They are also running an All Stars programme for those aged 5-8 at the same time (details from Paddy May – see contact details below). They will also be running winter coaching at local schools in the Spring Term. If you would like more information on this please contact Paddy May – themays@ntlworld.com – who is the Colts Coordinator for Petersfield Cricket Club.

Alton and District Swimming Club are looking for new young swimmers

“A community swimming club, providing competitive swimming programmes for all ages from master to development programme for younger children. We develop young swimming talent and also welcome swimmers who want to participate in the sport as part of a healthy lifestyle. Our website: www.ADSC.Uk. Enquiries to Membership@adsc.uk.” We already have several pupils at the school who are members of the club and if you want more information; the enquires email are happy to answer any questions or queries.

Calling Year 3, 4 and 5 Girls Football Players

Petersfield Town Juniors Football Club is looking for new players to join our brand new U10 and U12 girls teams for the coming season. This would be suitable for all girls currently in years 3 & 4 and 5 & 6 respectively. Training sessions take place every Thursday evening during term time and will start up again in September. In September we are also, for the first time, joining the Hampshire Girls Youth Football League with matches each Saturday morning during term time given the success and growth of the current U13 and U15 girls at the club ... many of which started their footballing careers at Herne! Due to this we need a good sized squad as we recognise not everyone will be able to play each week with other commitments. The emphasis is very much on enjoyment and fun for the girls and not on ability and footballing experience so all are very welcome! 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 for further information. John would be very pleased to hear from you!

Calling Year 6 Girls Football Players

Clanfield FC Girls are looking for more players to join their U12/U13 football team ready for the new season, as they move from 9 a side to 11 a side. All abilities and experiences welcome. If you daughter is interested or you would like more information, phone Colin Harris, Head of Girls Development, on 07810 864584 or email wildcats@clanfieldfc.com.

Butser Hill Challenge 2021

As long as the current Covid restrictions do not change, the Butser Hill Challenge will take place this year. This year will be the 40th Buster Hill Challenge. It will take place on Sunday 19th September, at Buster Hill, Queen Elizabeth Country Park. This local Hampshire running event is a unique opportunity for participants from a wide age range and has been a popular event for our children. We will be entering as a school so, if your child is interested in taking part please send an email to admin@hernejunior.com stating your child's full name and the class that they will be in in September 2021, with the cash amount or a cheque payable to Herne Junior School enclosed and we will then enter on your behalf. Alternatively, you can enter directly online at www.eventrac.co.uk/e/butser-hill-challenge Be sure to add Herne Junior School name so that the organisers know your child is running for our school. If possible we will organise a practise session before the race so that anyone who has not done the race before knows what to expect.

The events are as follows: All Juniors compete in school year groups NOT ages.

Event	Distance	<i>please arrive at least 40 mins before the start</i>	
		Start Time	Approx trophy presentation
School Year 3	Approx. 1km	09:50 a.m.	10:25
School Year 4	Approx 1km	10:00 a.m.	10.25
School Year 5	Approx 1km	10:15 am	10:35
School Years 6 & 7	Approx 2km	10.50 am	11.20
School Years 8 -11	Approx. 3km	11.35 am	12.15
Senior (min age 16) Fell Run	Approx 5 miles	12.30 pm	13.45

There is a charge of £7 for each Junior entrant. This goes towards the cost of putting on the event. The Butser Hill Challenge also raises money each year for charity. This year every runner is encouraged to gain sponsorship for the New Blendworth Centre a very worthy local cause. <https://www.thenewblendworthcentre.com/> **The New Blendworth Centre** is a day provision for post-19 year old people with varying degrees of learning difficulties/disabilities



runnyhoneys junior club is back!

Junior Club Starting Saturday 24th July @
Petersfield Heath



Weekly sessions on a
Saturday at 930am
until Saturday 4th
September!

Sessions are free of
charge

We do expect parents to stay



Special COVID-19 Phone Line for Weekends & Holidays

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
- COMMON SYMPTOMS FOR DELTA VARIANT ARE HEADACHE, RUNNY NOSE & COLD and generally unwell or fatigued
- Our COVID-19 notification number is **07471 808285** and can be used at weekends or during holiday periods.



Also, it is worth noting that if you have been advised to self-isolate by the NHS, that when they say you can return to work or school, that advice is sometimes at odds with the Public Health England advice that the school has to abide by. Unless we are told otherwise by Public Health England, the period of isolation is 10 days from midnight on the day that someone has received a positive PCR test or has shown the first signs of symptoms. For all of our health, we have to keep to this advice. Thank you.

