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State Funeral

Message from the Headteacher

It has been an extraordinary week for us all, as we have watched news items that have reported on the passage of The Queen's journey towards her final resting place. We have also seen many items and programmes celebrating the life of our longest serving monarch. The new King, Charles III, was officially proclaimed King at a ceremony led by the Accession Council last Saturday. I visited London on that day with my wife to lay flowers at Green Park and accidentally became caught up with the crowds outside of Clarence House where we saw The King as he got out of his car to meet the crowds. A moment in history.



I'm told that The King scurried in and very excitedly told his entourage that he'd met Mr and Mrs Markham! What an honour! All joking aside, one of his first tasks was to announce a **Bank Holiday for this coming Monday, 19th September** to enable us all to witness the State Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. This means that our school will be closed from the end of today until Tuesday morning. As a mark of respect, I have told all staff that we will halt all email exchanges until we

reopen on Tuesday, so if we receive any emails over the Bank Holiday weekend, please don't be surprised if you do not get a reply until next week. Thank you.

If you come into our school over the coming weeks, you'll see the special display in our foyer to mark this moment in time. Our thanks go to Mrs Lynne Tandy (our IT Technician) who has provided fresh flowers for the display.

Best wishes. Tony Markham. Headteacher



COVID Infections

Just a quick note to all parents and carers that we have received confirmation this week of some pupils who have tested positive for COVID-19. It feels like a long time ago that we were managing these situations and it was having a huge impact on attendance of both staff and pupils. If you suspect that your child is not well with COVID symptoms, then please let us know if you have a positive confirmation of this. The current rules are that children will need three days out of school and adults five days. The situation nationally is that infection rates are at their lowest since the pandemic began and that the World Health Organisation are considering downgrading COVID from a pandemic (world-wide event) to an epidemic in those countries worst affected. If your child is at home and well enough, we still have Home Learning materials posted on our website under the 'Children' tab.

School Clubs List - Starting in October

As a school, we have been very busy this month with a recruitment process for the headteacher post and preparing for a new office post for either an Admin Officer or Business Manager. Alongside this, we have had to change the way we access pupil information; a change forced upon us by the school data company we use (SIMS). This has delayed some of our systems for dealing with things



outside of the school day, including clubs. We are now in a better position with the admin systems, so will be collating a wider provision of clubs, which we will advertise at the end of this month with a view to many of them starting this side of half-term. CM clubs have started, music tuition and Rocksteady have also started, so our school-run clubs will add to this provision. Thank you for your patience during this period of transition.

Football Trials

This is for any children who would like to join the Boy's Year 5 & 6 Football Club and the Girl's Year 5 & 6 Football Club (which will be on Friday's afterschool 3.30 – 4.30pm). We will be holding trials next week on:

Wednesday Lunchtime (21st September)

Boots and shin pads must NOT be worn for this trial. Year 5 will already be in PE kit, but Year 6 can bring their PE kit to get changed into. The potential players are to meet the teachers out on the school field at the start of the lunchtime. A message will be sent round before lunchtime to remind the relevant children. If your child is successful, the club will start on Friday 23rd September. Mr Castle is hoping to open the club to Year 4 girls as well, but first needs to check numbers who come to the trial in the upper school.



School Photos – Next Tuesday 20th September

The school traditionally makes sure we have a photo of every child in our school, which helps us to identify everyone by sight, especially if they have any special considerations (e.g. medical needs etc.) Please ensure your child has a school shirt and jumper or cardigan. If Tuesday is a PE day for your child, would parents please ensure their child has a school uniform t-shirt and jumper/cardigan for your child to change into briefly for the photos. They are only a picture of head and torso, so don't worry about changing out of shorts or joggers. Thank you.



PE Kits to School – Consultation – Final Week

As promised last week, we are keen to collect responses to a simple one-question survey regarding the children coming to school in their PE kits. There are two parts to this question!

1. **Would you like your child to come to school already dressed in their PE kit on their designated days (see below). YES NO or MAYBE**
2. **If you answer MAYBE, just let us know your reasons.**

Here is the link to this survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/LHricWeVDR> **Our survey will end on Friday 23rd September.** Thank you.

This is the current plan for September and October:

Year Group	CM Sports Day - Outdoors	PE Day - Indoors
	Starting Tuesday next week	Starting in week beginning 12th Sep
Year 3	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 4	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 5	Wednesday	Tuesday
Year 6	Tuesday	Monday

Twilight Club & Breakfast Club – Future Changes From November

As we are beefing up our admin procedures with new software, there will be some changes from 1st November onwards. On Fridays, Twilight Club will finish at 5pm due to the low pupil numbers after that time, which in turn affects our ability to cover staff salaries. We hope the advance notice of six weeks will allow parents and carers to make adjustments to this new cut-off time for Fridays? All other days will remain the same through to 6pm. We have also arranged an online booking system for later this term and this will allow for parents/carers to book slots directly online and to pay at the time of booking. Existing 'customers' will have priority booking time in advance of the general release of places. Breakfast Club will also become a pre-pay system too. Look out for our future communications during the next few weeks as we prepare to roll this into place. If you struggle with doing things online, we will help you through these changes. ☺



We are also ensuring that we have the correct adult pick-up information, along with emergency contact numbers for our Twilight Club. Please look out for this form in your invoice letters next week.

Travelling to School Safely

This is our yearly reminder of where to park for drop-offs in the morning. Traffic at Hoadlands has been particularly busy, predominantly with what seems to be parents of the new Year 3 cohort. This issue is replicated out on Moggs Mead in between the Co-Op and the crossing patrol which is causing through traffic to get jammed up and reducing the visibility up and down Moggs Mead at the crossing point. As well as encouraging walking and cycling/scooting to school, we have teamed up with East Hants District Council to provide **FREE parking permits** for the Festival Hall. They are for parents/carers with children at Herne Only or with children at BOTH Herne and Petersfield Infants. See the office staff to get your parking permit. This is the Park & Stride travel to school environmental initiative promoted by Hampshire County Council.



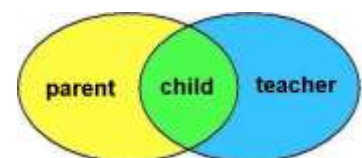
Meet the Teachers (Years 5 and 6) - Reminder

The Year 3 parents had a chance to come into school and meet their child's new class teacher before the summer, but now it is time for the other year groups to have the opportunity to come in and meet their child's new teacher. The teachers will do a very short presentation regarding key information about the year group, then they will be around to answer any questions.



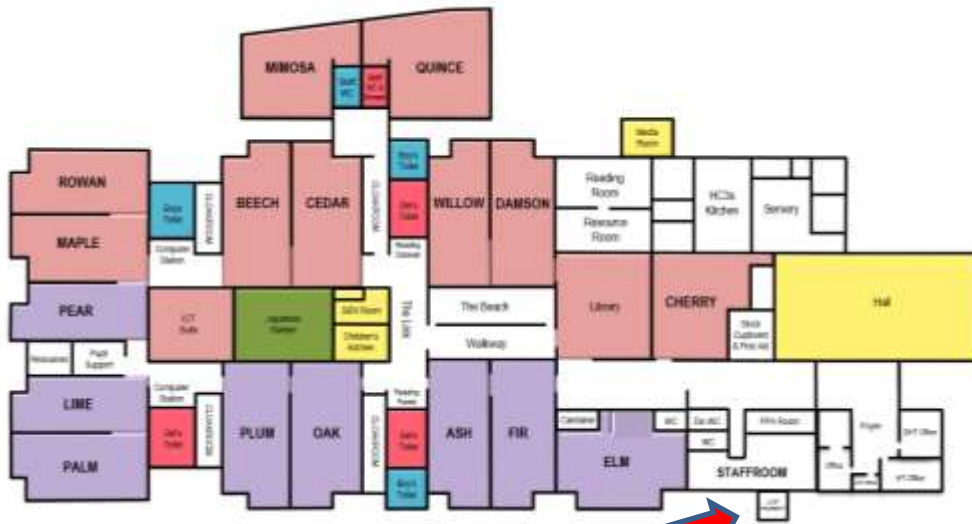
Year 6 – TUESDAY 20th September 3.40pm

Year 5 – WEDNESDAY 21st September 3.40pm



They will be held in your child's classroom, so just come round the edge of the school and enter the classroom by the external fire door. The map below should help you find the right room (the blue arrow is the front gate entrance).

Meet the Teachers (Years 5 and 6) – Continued...



Lost Property

We have already accumulated a huge number of lost jumpers in our Lost Property Cupboard (over 30 of them!) Where property is clearly named, we can usually help to get this back to your child's class, but if the name isn't clear or there isn't one on there that we can find, then it goes into our cupboard. This is next to the Herne Hideout behind two grey doors. We keep this unlocked, so please come along before or after school to have a look if something is missing.

Library Open After School Starting from September 20th

In a further initiative to promote reading at Herne, during this year Mrs Garforth has been championing the idea of having an **Open Library** on Fridays after school. We are now going to have this facility **EVERY DAY starting from September 20th**. The idea is to have the library open, for half an hour, for children, who will need to be accompanied by their parent/carer, to change books, read together or do homework. We think this is a great initiative to encourage parent engagement and reading for pleasure.

Whole Class Reading Books

We would love families to purchase a copy of their child's next Whole Class Reading book. We do have a certain amount of copies of each book in school, however we find children always engage better in these sessions if they have their own copy that they can keep in their trays throughout the autumn term.

Year 3's autumn term book is **Lob** by *Linda Newbery*

Year 4's autumn term book is **Odd and the Frost Giants** by *Neil Gaiman*

Year 5's autumn term book is **Cosmic** by *Frank Cottrell Boyce*

Year 6 autumn term book is **Private Peaceful** by *Michael Morpurgo*

Year 6 (July) Reading SATS Results Found!

Herne was contacted last week to let us know that the SATS Reading papers that had gone missing last summer had in fact been found. This means that we can now share with our ex-Year 6 children their reading SATS results. If you are one of the families affected or you are in contact with Year 7 children from Herne who had missed out, please let them know that if they email us, we will give the family the result. Thank you.

Ukraine Refugee Generous Donation

Many thanks one of our families who have two children at Herne who have paid £95 to cover the cost of the fuel when we used one of our minibuses to collect five refugees from Kyiv in the Ukraine in July. This is such a generous thing to do and came about due to a Tweet to our community via Twitter. THANK YOU!

Butser Hill Challenge Sunday 18th September - CANCELLED!

The Butser Hill Challenge organisers have taken the decision to cancel this year's Butser Hill Challenge event on Sunday 18th September, due to the national period of mourning for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The event will take place again next year, in September 2023, so please add Sunday 17th September 2023 as the date for your diaries! All registered runners will be contacted to give them the choice of a refund, donation to our supported charity of the 'New Blendworth Centre' or the option to roll it to next year's event.



School Crossing Patrol Vacancy

Message from Hampshire County Council:

Dear Headteacher

I wanted to make contact to update you on the current School Crossing Patrol (SCP) vacancy. Since the position was advertised we have had no interested applicants, it is sometimes the case that some sites will prove more challenging for us to find a suitable replacement and any support the school can provide to encourage and promote recruitment via communications with parents, carers and wider in the community via links with parent and community groups would be appreciated. Please feel free to use the attached recruitment poster and the link to the SCP careers page where the vacancy can be found:

[School Crossing Patrol careers | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/school-crossing-patrol-careers)

In the meantime I would be grateful if you could update parents and carers on the situation and remind them to take the appropriate action to safeguard their child travelling to and from school, as they would at other times and locations in the absence of a School Crossing Patrol person.

Kind regards

Sarah Janes

School Crossing Patrol Supervisor

Safer Roads

Economy, Transport & Environment

Tel: 03707 790101



[School Crossing Patrol Careers](https://www.hants.gov.uk/school-crossing-patrol-careers)



Future INSET Closure Days Up to 2024

Both Herne Juniors and Petersfield Infants have agreed to a number of joint INSET days, when both schools are closed.

For this academic year, the INSET days are:

Friday 21st October 2022. Tuesday 3rd Jan 2023. Monday 5th June 2023.

For the academic year 2023 – 2024, the agreed dates are as follows:

Friday 1st September 2023: Friday 20th October 2023. Tuesday 2nd January 2024. Friday 9th February 2024. Monday 3rd June 2024.

OPEN MORNING FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

Herne Juniors will be open to prospective parents who are looking to get their children into local primary schools, especially Petersfield Infant School. This will take place at 9.15am with a chat from Mr Markham and a guided tour of the school by our Year 6 children for approximately one hour.



HAFS NEWS!

Please don't forget to see the separate attachment of all of the HAFS News for this term, which will come out to parents electronically later today. There is a meeting at the school next Tuesday at 7.30pm, so please do come along. They are a fantastic group of parents and carers. 😊

September		October	
Mon 19 th	BANK HOLIDAY for Her Majesty The Queen's Funeral. ALL UK SCHOOLS CLOSED.	w/b 3 rd	Year 5 Visits to Winchester Science Centre
Tue 20 th	SCHOOL PHOTOS. 3.40 Year 6 Meet the Teacher. 7.30 pm - HAFS Meeting in the school.	Mon 10 th	9.15 OPEN MORNING for prospective parents
Wed 21 st	Lunchtime Football Trials. 3.40 Year 5 Meet the Teacher	Mon 17 th	Plum & Palm to Butser Ancient Farm
Mon 26 th	Quince Class trip to Selborne.	Thu 20 th	Lime & Pear to Butser Ancient Farm
Wed 28 th	Mimosa Class trip to Selborne.	Fri 21 st	INSET DAY – School Closed to children
Thu 29 th	Willow Class trip to Selborne.	24 th – 28 th	HALF TERM
Fri 30 th	Damson Class trip to Selborne.	Mon 31 st	Children back to school