

Knowing Every Child – Inspiring Every Mind – Achieving Every Day

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STAY AT HOME

Message from the Headteacher

In the context of some very worrying data from Public Health England this week, it is more important than ever that we aim to minimise contacts in our community. I totally appreciate that keeping the income for people's households coming through the door has a massive importance for all families. If it is at all possible to continue to work from home and balance Home Learning with your children too, then you will be in that superhero group, which includes many of the staff at Herne.



Just this morning, one of my staff who has been required to self-isolate, Whatsapp'd a picture of some pupil groups to me, with her 2-year-old daughter in the background. She was not best pleased that mummy was doing live lessons and paying little attention to her, so she joined in with her own little mini-whiteboard, just so that mummy could carry on doing her job for her class.

This is just a small example of the pressures parents are under and some flavour of the dilemma of what to do for the best. Thank you so much to a large number of our Critical Key Workers who have either reduced days or withdrawn their child from our provision, as we roll-out the doubling of our Critical Worker groups to keep up with demand. These groups are now full on most days, so thank you for your patience if you've had to wait until next week before we can support your role. We're all in this together and I am so proud of our staff and our school community for the part you are all playing to keep us all safe and operational in these extraordinary times. If you would like to contact me, you can email me as always on: headteacher@hernejunior.com
Stay Safe. Best wishes & Good luck! Tony Markham (Headteacher).

New Critical Key Worker Groups – 23% of the school!

All of the parents of children who have joined our groups already, or are due to join us next week, will have received a letter today by email. This details the arrangements for the groups and which classrooms to go to. Please note that the biggest change is for Year 5 children who will now revert back to going around to the left of the school building alongside Years 3 and 4, in order to get to their classrooms. We will Tweet the map for the routes into school later today, so if you've missed the email, don't panic. Just let us know and we will re-send the letter next week. Drop-off times start from 8.00am through to 8.45am. On the whole, pick-up is from 3.00pm through to 4.00pm, although some individual children have their own arrangements (hopefully, you know who you are!)



Free School Meals – Vouchers Organised

For families whose children are entitled to Free School Meals, starting from **Monday 18th January**, the company providing the vouchers on behalf of the government 'EDENRED,' will process the requests from schools (including Herne). We have just received an email today to say that they are likely to be very busy from Monday onwards, as they will have most schools throughout the country contacting them and that they will work hard (no doubt with Marcus Rashford on their collective backs!) to ensure that parents of FSM families get their vouchers as soon as humanly possible. When we find out more, we will Tweet any breaking news and then summarise on our next Flyer, where things have got to. **Vouchers will be emailed directly to families from EDENRED, so keep an eye on your email inboxes and don't forget to check your 'junk mail' just in case it drops into there.**



The upshot of this is that HC3s will NOT be issuing food parcels next week, as the vouchers will be on their way. We assume that some families may get caught between needing food before the vouchers (which will be £15 per child, per week) get to them. In the meantime, we have included the East Hants District Council website for food banks in our area, including as far as Waterlooville and north of Petersfield:

<https://www.easthants.gov.uk/foodbanks>

If you'd like to check if your child is eligible, especially if your circumstances have changed in the last few months, then please check here: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/en/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/juniorsecondary>

Ofsted Feedback : Using Parent View

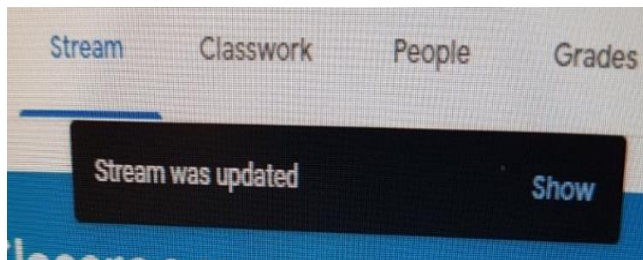
Thank you to several parents who have taken upon themselves to email Ofsted with praise about our Home Learning. As we are due an Ofsted later this year or next, please feel free to post your views on Parent View. We are bored of being 'Good' now! Maybe it is about time for a change???

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=/give-your-views>



GOOGLE CLASSROOM – SOME TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS

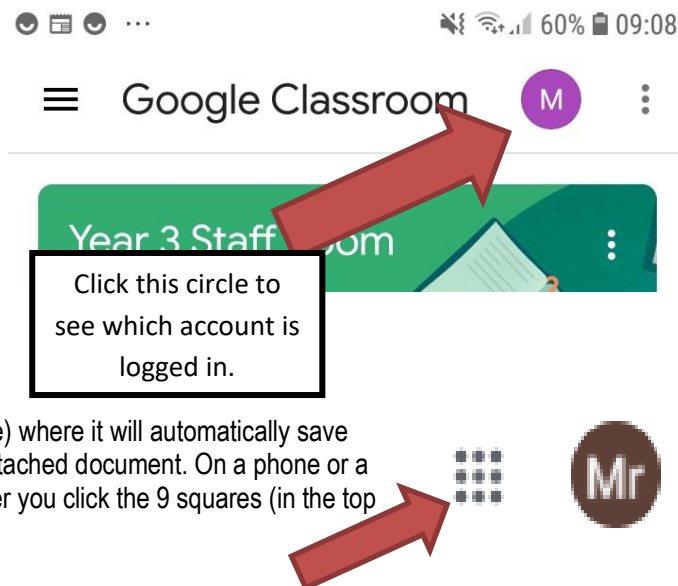
Updating the Stream



A few parents had reported that their child's meeting link did not appear for a scheduled live lesson. After investigating, we discovered that some children had been waiting on the stream and had not noticed the bar pop up at the top of the screen to refresh. Something for parents to note. We apologise to poor Plum class whose stream mysteriously got deleted on Thursday and then again today. This seems to be a known 'Google bug', which is out of our control, however we do have a method now to get it back if it happens again.

Swapping Accounts

We are still having many children joining our 'Google Meet' live sessions from parent email accounts (hotmail and gmail are the most common). **When the children click the meeting link on the screen, google has an annoying habit of then swapping the login to a different account (just keep an eye on this).** If any of the teacher's videos are not playing for you, it might be because Google has swapped account when you have entered the video. **So keep checking the top right-hand corner circle to make sure it is still on your child's account.**



Losing a piece of work

Google Classroom comes with an inbuilt cloud storage (Google Drive) where it will automatically save pieces of work that the children have been working on, if this is an attached document. On a phone or a tablet, you will need to download the separate app, but on a computer you click the 9 squares (in the top right hand-corner) and then click on Google Drive.

School Photo Deliveries – What's Occurring?

The photo company has extended the ordering time to the 19th January. Photos will not be processed before then. Parents were also able to order these photos online and have them delivered directly to home instead of school. If you have any questions towards the end of January, we'll see if we can help you.

Leavers' Hoodies for Year 6 – Deadline Extended

As per our email, we are extending the closing date for ordering the Leavers Hoodies until 1st February. Forms can either be returned into our letterbox or send a picture of form via admin@hernejunior.com. Please ensure that payment and form are received by 1st February. Sadly, we cannot process any order without payment or after the closing date.

How Can I Get a Device for My Child to Use at Home?

As mentioned before, if you need to apply to loan a device from the school for your child to use for their Home Learning, please get in touch with us. We have more iPads on order as a result of the generous donation from the jewellery designer, Annie Haak, and Steve Amos, one of our parents, dropped off 11 PCs to the school this week, which we are having setup over the next few days by Jack Balmer, one of our ex-pupils (who now has his own IT business). Please email admin@hernejunior.com if you would like to be considered for the loan of a device.

Thank You Annie – Press Release



As mentioned in our last Flyer, we are incredibly grateful to Annie Haak for her gift of £10,000 to the school to help families who are struggling to access Home Learning. Here is her company's press release:

Objective: To raise awareness about distance learning and help pupils to study during the pandemic, by donating digital devices.

Press Release

Aiming to raise awareness and supporting a very important cause, Annie Haak of Annie Haak Designs Ltd has donated £10,000 to Herne Junior School, to provide digital devices to support children with distance education. The business objective is to help parents and children access remote learning during coronavirus (COVID-19).

Over the last few months, the world has changed for us all and it hasn't been easy for our schools, parents and children. Although a lot has been done to adapt to these changes and we are all in awe of our teachers' extraordinary efforts in these difficult circumstances, there are still challenges when it comes to remote education.

The reality is that there are pupils that face falling behind their peers as many are without digital devices or even internet access. Due to a surge in coronavirus cases, the schools are closed once again, and it is more important than ever to support them. Annie feels very strongly about her beliefs on giving back to the community, especially during these unprecedented and challenging times and Corporate Social Responsibility is high on her company's values. We really hope other Companies who haven't suffered throughout this crisis could follow this path and help our future generation.

Find out more how you can help:

The Great British Tech Appeal: <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/techappeal/>
Give a Laptop to School: [Business To Schools Initiative](https://www.vodafone.co.uk/techappeal/BusinessToSchoolsInitiative)

Additional Resources for Parents:

<https://www.itv.com/thismorning/articles/home-schooling-resources>

<https://www.channelmum.com/c/home-education>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/parenting/g31677468/education-companies-offering-subscriptions/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1>

Maths4All on Amazon

As Tweeted out to our community yesterday, "The Learning Store" on Amazon has many FREE Kindle resources to support the children with their learning at home. Why not explore this feature, especially as Kindles have not been very compatible with Google Classroom, but they will support reading and these maths resources! 😊



The image shows an Amazon banner for 'MATHS 4ALL' featuring a girl and a boy. Below it is a grid of 'Free Learning Resources' with four numbered categories: 1. Year 1, 2. Year 2, 3. Year 3, and 4. Year 4. Each category has a 'Click here' link. There is also a 'Computing' category with a 'Click here' link. A small list of departments is visible on the left: Books, Kindle Store, Apps & Games, Crime Skills, Stationery & Office Supplies, Industrial & Scientific.

CM Sports Supporting Herne at February Half-Term

We are looking for whether **parents of Critical Key Workers** are interested in a holiday club at half-term which will cost £20 per day, with a discount for the more days booked. If this is something you think you would like us to do in partnership with CM Sports coaches, please email us on admin@hernejunior.com before next Thursday, 21st January. They will be in every day throughout Lockdown with our Critical Workers children to ensure they have a minimum of 45 minutes exercise every day when they're here! 😊

Twitter – Breaking News!

You can follow us on Twitter to keep up with other regular breaking news: [@HerneJunior](https://twitter.com/HerneJunior)



The poster features the Hampshire County Council logo and the text 'Keep Hampshire SAFE This Winter'. It includes icons for 'Wash hands', 'Cover face', and 'Make space'. A red box indicates 'LOCAL COVID ALERT LEVEL VERY HIGH' and says 'If you have symptoms - get tested'. At the bottom, a yellow and black striped banner reads 'STAY HOME ▶ PROTECT THE NHS ▶ SAVE LIVES'.