

Herne Flyer 04 – Autumn Term 2025

Knowing Every Child – Inspiring Every Mind – Achieving Every Day



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Dear Parents and Carers,



Just a reminder...We are a **Smart Phone free school**, along with all other local schools. The Government are aiming for the legal age of Smart Phone use to be 13 and we feel confident that most parents/carers understand why. Any phone not handed in at TPS, once found, is kept in a secure place and handed back to parents/carers on Friday, never to return to school. We don't want to start doing this but please do work with us. It's not a random rule for the sake of it, it is to keep your child safe from the pressures of internet chatrooms and online abuse.

If your child is in Yr5/6 and walks unaccompanied to school, and you wish them to have a phone, there are 3 simple things to do:

1. Buy them a non-smart phone.
2. Fill in the home/school contract and return it to us.
3. Make sure you remind your child to hand their non-smart phone to the office daily and collect it at the end of the day.

Children in Y3/4 should not be walking/ cycling home at a distance alone and, therefore, do not need a phone. Similarly, any child in Yr5/6 who walks home accompanied does not need a phone

Please also do not provide your child with a Smart Watch as an alternative! Please consider the values you are instilling if you allow your child to bring their phone in covertly and not hand it in. Work with us folks!

A lovely parent emailed me this weekend with a reminder of why we are so passionate about this. She has shared links to a book about the harmful effects of social media on a growing brain.

The Anxious Generation? <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2024/mar/21/the-anxious-generation-by-jonathan-haidt-a-pocket-full-of-poison>. There is also a podcast of the author discussing his book <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WXxeEla3tmq>

And for “dumb” phones or “nothing” phones that carry WhatsApp <https://techcrunch.com/2024/10/05/5-dumbphones-that-can-still-run-whatsapp/>

On a much happier note, this week has been full of more formal **classroom drop-ins by Senior Leaders**, to see how children have settled into new year groups. Ducks to water!

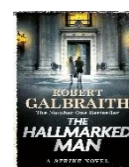
We've also had our **Yr3 & 5 Meet the Teacher** events. Thank you to everyone who attended. If you couldn't make it, and haven't seen your new teacher yet, do drop in before or after school to say, "Hello".

And Finally, whatever you are up to this weekend, enjoy. October & November is birthday season in the Sayers' household, so this weekend, I've got to get my creative present buying hat on and find time to make some birthday cards!!

Best wishes

Sue Sayers

Headteacher



P.S. The Richard Coles book came together at the end but was a bit of a Midsummer Murder (limited perpetrators to choose from and a mysterious backstory no-one could have predicted but which helped solve the crime, explained by the hero, in the last chapter!) Just started a new book by an old favourite author, Jody Picoult, "19 minutes" - recommended by a parent – about a significant incident in a an American school and the fragile mental health of teenage children. I'm waiting for the new Robert Galbraith (J.K. Rowling/Cameron Strike) to drop price on Kindle – if you've read it already do let me know!

Harvest Collection (NEXT WEEK)



On Monday 29th September we will be having a special Harvest Assembly and we would love parents to donate items for Petersfield Food Bank. You can drop the donations off any day between **Monday 29th September – Friday 3rd October** (we will put a table out under the canopy by the front office). Petersfield Food Bank are currently looking for: tinned food, dried food, packaged food, nappies and toilet roll. **They regret that they cannot accept fresh, chilled, frozen or home-made goods, alcohol or pharmaceutical drugs, opened, damaged, out of date or unlabelled goods**

Reporting your child's absence

Please notify the school of your child's absence by 8:30am on the day of their absence. This can be done by:



1. Calling the school and leaving a message on the absence line or
2. Using the report child absent facility on the school website under the Parents Tab ->School Office -> Report an Absence Form or
3. Using the log absence facility on the Arbor ParentApp under Quick Actions-> Attendance -> Log Absence.

For safeguarding we ask that you notify us on each day of your child's absence unless it is the second day of absence due to sickness or diarrhoea. Guidance from Public Health England is that children cannot attend school until 48 hours after their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.

Following our safeguarding policies if we have not been given a reason for your child's absence we will contact you to find out why they are not in school. Absences where we do not have a reason are recorded as unauthorised.

Parents' Evening Reminder

Our two parents' evening this term are on Thursday 9th October and Wednesday 15th October. Please follow this link to book an appointment to see your child's class teacher: <https://herne.schoolcloud.co.uk/> on either 9th October or 15th October, between 3:45pm and 7:25pm. Bookings will open at 8pm on 26th September and will close at 10am on the day before the appointment.



Please **DO NOT** book a meeting via Schoolcloud if your child has an EHCP or has an EHCP in progress. Instead, please email into the office (admin@hernejunior.com) who will then arrange a meeting for you.

CM Sports Holiday Club



CM Sports will be running their holiday club at Liss Federation of Schools from 27th-28th October and Herne Junior School from 29th – 31st October from 8.30am – 4.30pm. This will cost £24 per day with a discount applied for multiple bookings.

Bookings can be made via the CM Sports website: www.cm-sports.co.uk. Please see flyers on our community pages.



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IN-SCHOOL CHILD HEALTH CLINICS

We are really pleased to share with you that we now have a regular drop in with the school nurse. The first date is booked for November 7th from 9.00am – 12.00noon. If you have concerns for your child with bedwetting, healthy eating, challenging behaviour or anxiety please contact our Home School Link Worker l.tandy@hernejunior.com to book a half hour appointment. Please note that these slots should not be used as a place to seek advice regarding specific medical conditions.

SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
Monday 29 th	Beech class swimming at Churchers Quince class trip to Gilbert White	Tuesday 14 th	Y5 Winchester Science Centre Trip – Beech
		Wednesday 15 th	Parent's Evening
Tuesday 30 th	Mimosa class trip to Gilbert White	Thursday 16 th	Prospective Parents Open Afternoon
OCTOBER		Monday 20 th	Beech class swimming at Churchers
1 st – 3 rd October Y4 Grittleton Residential Trip		Tuesday 21 st	Y5 Winchester Science Centre Trip – Cedar
		Wednesday 22 nd	Y5 Winchester Science Centre Trip – Rowan
Monday 6 th	Beech class swimming at Churchers Fir class trip to Gilbert White	Friday 24 th	School closes for half-term at 12:30pm
Tuesday 7 th	Oak class trip to Gilbert White	Friday 31 st	Y6 deadline for submitting applications for a secondary school place
Wednesday 8 th	Ash class trip to Gilbert White	Monday 27th to Friday 31st Half-Term Break Don't forget Monday 3rd November is an INSET day	
Thursday 9 th	Parent's Evening		
Monday 13 th	Beech class swimming at Churchers Y5 Winchester Science Centre Trip – Maple		