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Welcome to Herne Junior School 2018 – 2019 This Year is “The Greatest Show!”

Welcome to all of our new children and their families and a huge welcome back to all of our previous children and parents. We hope you'll have a fantastic experience this year at Herne Junior School. We celebrated the beginning of term on Wednesday singing along with Hugh Jackman (virtually) with the song 'This is the Greatest Show!' We really hope that everyone feels that way about their education and judging by the lovely comments from parents at the end of our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at the end of last term, the children certainly thought so!

We've reminded the children about our high expectations for neat, tidy uniform (no trainers!), kind behaviour and respect for each other. We're really going to focus on how to improve 'Working Memory' to help the children learn their Times Tables and to become amazing readers...more to follow on this in future weeks. Finally, it is vital that every child comes to school feeling safe and cared for and the leaflet coming out next week will help to ensure that this happens. ☺

Safeguarding Our Children

On Monday, every child will receive a hard copy of this important annual publication from the school which highlights how we work with parents and other people to keep our children safe here at Herne. Here is the front cover, so please look out for this in bags next week. We'll also post it through Twitter and on our website. In the meantime, **one key message is that it is vital that your child knows where to meet you after school.** If you are delayed, or your child can't find you for any other reason, please say to your child to come into the front of the school and speak to someone in the office to let us know. We can then call you to see what has happened and reassure you that they are safe. This routine also relies heavily on us always having your most up-to-date contact number, so if you change your mobile number, please tell us IMMEDIATELY. We will be sending out the current contact for you next week, so please amend this sheet if it is not up-to-date. Thank you.



Methods of Communication – How do I get in contact with my child's class teacher?

- 1) **School – Home Link Books** – these books are checked daily in every class by the child's teacher or the learning support assistant. If the issue is of a confidential nature you can always request that the child's teacher gives you a phone call back.
- 2) **Email admin@hernejunior.com** - this email address is monitored throughout office hours. So if you would like to send a more detailed message to your child's teacher, the office will ensure that the teacher gets forwarded the email straight away. We obviously do not encourage teachers to have their emails open whilst they are teaching, so it is more likely they will respond to this email at a suitable non-teaching time. If the email includes a message that you have requested the teacher reads as soon as possible, the office will also print the email and take it directly down to the class teacher.
- 3) **In person** – if you would like a quick word with the class teacher before or after school, you are welcome to pop into the office and ask if they are available, however this is not always possible due to meetings, workshops and other commitments. The office will be happy to get the teacher to ring the parent back when they are free to arrange a meeting. For the first few weeks, the Year 3 teachers will be available at the end of the day by their classroom fire door, to ensure a successful transition. Mr Markham is usually available every morning on the playground from 8.30 if you'd like to have an informal word about something. It's rare that anything is regarded as trivial because if it's important to you, then it is important to us!



Uniform

Just a polite reminder that the children should not be wearing trainers in school, unless it is PE or football at lunchtimes. Our uniform policy can be found on our website. <https://www.hernejunior.com/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=35> Wearing the agreed uniform in school is an important part of school life as it forms good habits ready for secondary school. It also has the benefit of not having endless arguments with children about what they can and can't wear!

Reading at Herne

The phrase, '**we couldn't do it without you**' is absolutely true when it comes to encouraging our children to read. They need to be brought to books at home in a way that opens up a world of excitement, entertainment and interest. Try to make this as much fun as possible. Reading is the corner stone that is absolutely essential in opening up the world of education for every child. To help your child develop their understanding of what they are reading, it is really important that you ask them questions about the text. We have attached on today's flyer questions that could help them develop these skills.



“At Herne we have high expectations that every child should read at least 5 times a week for a minimum of 10 minutes a day. In this way, every child will master an essential life skill, providing them with life-long learning and unlimited potential to be whatever they want to be.”

Don't forget to check out our recommended book lists for each year group that can be found on our website: www.hernejunior.com (Click 'Curriculum' then 'Reading Support') and please, please, please keep up to date with filling in your child's School-Home Link Book. Children are often asked to read in school in some of their free time (Values time, Lunchtimes, etc.) if we do not have enough evidence of them reading regularly at home.

Book Bands

We know that parents, especially our new Year 3 parents, are sometimes mystified why children seem to repeat or access books differently when they come to Herne. We have agreed the plan below with the infant school for this coming year. Please don't forget that children can have a Herne library book as well as a graded link book AND they can join the Petersfield library!

Book band	Colour	Relevant year
Band 1	Pink	Key Stage 1
Band 2	Red	
Band 3	Yellow	
Band 4	Blue	
Band 5	Green	
Band 6	Orange	
Band 7	Turquoise	
Band 8	Purple	
Band 9	Gold	
Band 10	White	
Band 11	Lime	
Band 12	Copper	Year 3 – secure
Band 13	Topaz	Year 3 – exceeding Year 4 – Secure
Band 14	Ruby	Year 4 – Secure
Band 15	Emerald	Year 4 – exceeding Year 5 – secure
Band 16	Sapphire	Year 5 – exceeding Year 6 – secure
Band 17	Diamond	Year 6 – secure
Band 18	Black	Year 6 – exceeding
Year 6	Black	11+ material

Meet the Year Team and an Introduction to the Year Ahead



We are going to be giving parents an opportunity to come in and meet their child's Year Group's Team of Teachers. The meeting will just be a short 15 – 20 minute presentation by the Year Leader about the year ahead and then a chance to ask the teachers any questions or clarify any additional information (children are welcome to come to the meetings as well). If you come to the school office we will direct you to the relevant meeting room. If any parents cannot make these meetings, don't worry, as each year group will be sending curriculum letters home in the next week or two.

Year 5 – Tuesday 11th September 3.40pm

Year 3 – Wednesday 12th September 3.45pm

Year 4 – Tuesday 18th September 3.40pm

Year 6 – Wednesday 19th September 3.40pm

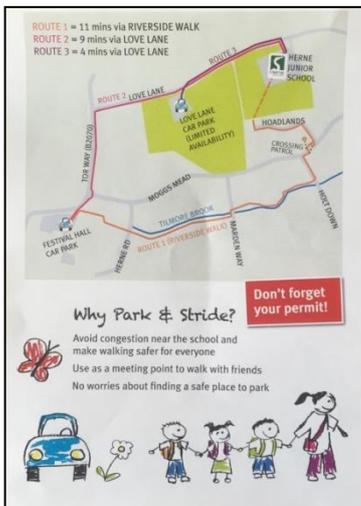
Break Snacks

Children can buy a snack on their lunch card on certain days of the week. See the rota below so that you know when this is available. The reason it is split like this is because the queues were taking far too long when all of the school were trying to buy snacks at the same time.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 3/4	Year 3/4	Year 5/6	Year 5/6	All

Parking at Herne – Drop Off and Collection

As last year, we are allowing parents to enter the school site in the mornings to loop around our car park to drop off the children. However, some people are parking in the school's car park at this morning drop off and our staff are then blocked from parking to come to work. Please can we kindly ask that parents do not park in our school car park, unless you have express permission to do so (e.g. for children with disabilities).



At the end of the day, please note that we will be closing our gates as we did during last year, so please do not park in our car park. Collection of the children is always much more problematic, as parents can end up blocking the car park and this restricts vision for people walking out of the school. This is a safety hazard and could end up with a child getting injured, as children do not always look where they are going in their excitement to go home. You must not park on Zig-Zag lines outside of any school and people doing so will be photographed and the number plates/evidence will be passed to the police. This is an important safety issue, so your help with this is essential. Thank you.

Park & Stride...

We know the school run can be a nightmare, especially if you have little choice but to use your car. With this in mind, we were the first school in East Hants to run the hugely successful PARK & STRIDE scheme. Permits are available FREE OF CHARGE from the school office from next week, with special permits for parents to park at The Festival Hall car park, including extended

parking for those with children at both the infants and Herne. Please help to keep traffic to a minimum. If your child walks, cycles or scoots to school, they will contribute to their class winning an award AND it will keep them fit and healthy too!

Cyclists Dismount!

New signs have been put up on our fences as you enter our playground from the car park or the Hoadlands path. We are asking that all parents and children walk their bikes in the playground. This includes people on scooters too. This will help to keep everyone safe on our busy playgrounds. Thank you.



Butser Hill Challenge Run – Sunday 16th September

The Butser Hill Challenge will take place a week on Sunday. If you would like to run as part of the Herne team, please complete an entry form and hand it in to the office by Thursday morning on 13th September. Entry forms can be found on www.butser.org

The junior entry fee is £7, please enclose this with you application form. You can also collect sponsorship for the Rosemary Foundation – sponsorship forms are available online. Miss Edmondson has kindly offered to meet you at the course in the morning and will hand out your race numbers. Join her for a pre-race warm up. We suggest you arrive at 9:15.

Race schedule:

Year 3	Approx. 1km	09:50 a.m.
Year 4	Approx 1km	10:00 a.m.
Year 5	Approx 1km	10:15 am
Years 6 & 7	Approx 2km	10.50 am

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 4-6 Football Club (which will be on Friday's afterschool 3.30 – 4.30pm starting on Friday 21st September). We will be holding trials next week at lunchtime:

Year 4, 5 & 6 Girls – Tuesday Lunchtime
Year 5 Boys – Thursday Lunchtime
Year 6 Boys – Friday Lunchtime



Football Trials (continued)

The children can bring their own football kit in to wear for the trials (preferably Leicester City!!!) or can just wear school PE kit, Boots and shin pads must NOT be worn for this trial. 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.

ABPE Sports Clubs

Our friends at ABPE Sport are offering a fantastic number of after-school clubs. The sports available this term will be:

Tuesday – Year 3-6 Netball

Wednesday - Yr. 5/6 Dodgeball and Yr. 3/4 Football

The letters can be downloaded from our website, see link: <https://www.hernejunior.com/page/?pid=74&action=saved>.

The full clubs lists for all lunchtime and after school clubs will be published next week.

ParentPay

Apologies for the slight mix-up where named letters went to the wrong families. This should be all be sorted now, but if you are still confused or just need some help with setting up an account, please contact us.



Feedback from Parents

Thank you so much for all of the feedback from the end of last term which many parents contributed to. We promised to present an Amazon £20 voucher to parents who sent us feedback and we are drawing the result in front of the school today. We will be in touch with the winner later today and will announce this via Twitter and in next week's Flyer. The governors have been looking at the overall feedback and have used this to inform our thinking for the strategic direction of the school. We will publish the results later this month.

School Lunch 'Celebrating British Food' on Wednesday 26th September.

Please note, this is the only Menu choice for this day: Sausage Grill or Cheese & Tomato pasty & chips served with seasonal British vegetables. Pudding is Yoghurt Cup Cake or Fresh Fruit or New Forest Ice Cream. More details will follow next week. ☺

Break 4 change Support Group



This is a group which is aimed at supporting families to make positive change for young people aged 11-16. This programme aims to help the family break patterns where a young person in the home is: Controlling the environment; being violent or aggressive towards a parent; being emotionally abusive to a parent and/or making threats to harm a parent over a sustained period of time.

The programme will start on Tuesday 16th October 2018 and run for 10 weeks, 6.00-8.00pm, at The Petersfield School.

This group is by professional referral only. If you would like to attend or would like further information, please contact Sonja Balmer (s.balmer@hernejuniorschool.com). All referrals will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

FRIENDS OF HERNE NEWS

Every parent automatically becomes a 'Friend of Herne', but if you'd like to get involved in the committee that organises fundraising opportunities and events, please get in touch with the school and we'll pass this on to Naomi Dodd who is the Chair of FoH this year.



One fundraiser is a photoshoot with Tina Allingham Photography, which will take place on Sunday 14th October. Please keep an eye open for the flyers about this in the bookbags next week.

The X-Box One raffle result from last term is that Yolanda Lacey won the games console as a result of the draw in front of the whole school on the last day of term. Well done!

COMMUNITY MESSAGE:



New Yoga Class in the Hall at Herne (from 15th September)

Every Saturday: 10.45am-12.00pm.

For more information please contact Sonja Balmer:

www.rootsandwingsyoga.co.uk

rootsandwingsyogauk@gmail.com

Roots & Wings Yoga



DIARY – Autumn Term 2018

A list of dates will be published next week, so please make sure you get our weekly Flyer.