

Herne Flyer 4



Knowing Every Child – Inspiring Every Mind – Achieving Every Day

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GOVERNORS AT HERNE



At the beginning of term, Governors were involved in deciding the school's priorities for the next academic year. Discussion between Governors and the Senior Leadership Team resulted in a comprehensive document being produced by Peter Castle, our Deputy Headteacher. The School Improvement Plan was approved by Governors at their first Meeting of the academic year this week. Grateful thanks were expressed to Mr. Castle for all his hard work in finalising this essential task.

In the months ahead, Governors will monitor the progress of each target to ensure that school improvement is being implemented for the benefit of every pupil. This year's School Improvement Plan expects that the curriculum will be enhanced by integrating more subjects into existing themes. It also has as a target to further accelerate the school's progress and attainment in reading. One of the key functions of the Governing Body is to hold the School Leadership Team to account for the educational performance of all pupils.

Governors have also approved the new Policy Schedule which has been prepared by Jane Bissex who supports senior leaders in the school. We are very grateful that Jane keeps us 'on track' with all the policies which are required by the Government to be 'in place' and monitored regularly. As always, Governors welcome feedback from parents about any aspect of school life. We can be contacted through the School Office where the Office Staff will ensure that any messages or correspondence are delivered safely and promptly.

MARY FAIR (Chair of Governing Body)



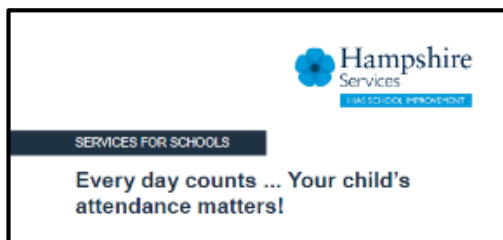
Strategy



Creating robust accountability



Financial management



Every Day Counts

We have attached to this Flyer guidance for parents regarding time off for illnesses. It is issued by Hampshire County Councils' Inspectors (called HIAS) and is aimed at providing a bit more information on making a judgement about sending your child to school or not when they appear to be ill. We understand that this is often a tough call! We hope this guidance helps.

Parents Evening Bookings

Online bookings on our parents evening system go live on Monday 30th September at 9am. A guidance sheet for signing up was sent out yesterday. PLEASE NOTE: The email address you use to sign up with must be the one we already hold on our system for you, or you will not be able to book online. If you are not sure which email this is, please give us a call. It goes live on MONDAY.

Vacancies at Herne

There are two Cleaning Vacancies, Mon – Fri 3.30 – 7.30 and we are once again looking at lunchtime supervisors to work between 12.10pm and 1.20pm. Starting Pay for these roles is £9 per hour. Please contact the school office to find out more and make an application. Over October, we would also welcome someone to be able to do some temporary hours for cleaning whilst one of our team is off for the month, so if you think you could help us short term please contact the office.



Confirmation of INSET days

We have already had one of our five INSET days this year at the beginning of term. The following four dates are below, three of which are linked with Petersfield Infant School (shaded yellow), but one is now different (shaded green):

Monday 4th November. Monday 6th January 2020. Monday 24th February 2020. Friday 22nd May 2020

Please also remember that the May Bank Holiday has now changed to Friday 8th May for the 75th Anniversary of VE Day.

Harvest Assembly Donations



It's not too late to make donations to the school for Petersfield's Food Bank. As a reminder, they are looking for:

Hot chocolate, Tea bags, Porridge, Tins or Cartons of tomatoes, Tinned pulses (but NOT Baked Beans) Rice, Tinned fruit, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Gluten free products, Vegan products, Dog food, Cat food, Jam, Packets of soup.

Please Do NOT donate any of the following at the moment, as stock for these goods is already high: Pasta, Baked beans, Tinned soup

Twilight Club

Please be aware that if you have an outstanding bill for Twilight club we cannot guarantee a place for October. If you are struggling to keep up with the fees, please talk to us in confidence rather than just stop paying. We are here to help. Thank you.

ParentPay

We have sent out reminder letters to parents who have not yet activated their ParentPay account and we ask that parents activate their accounts. This account is used to pay for meals and all of our school trips and other items. If you need another letter with your log-in details, please contact the school office. Thank you.

Reminder! Y6 Applying for Your Child's Secondary School Place

Applications for secondary schools for Hampshire residents are now open. You can apply online via the Education Online Portal at: www.hants.gov.uk/admissions You must apply to Hampshire County Council even if you wish to apply for schools in another local authority. If you do not live in Hampshire (including Portsmouth and Southampton) you must apply through your home local authority. If you have used the Education Online Portal previously, you will be able to log in using the same e-mail address and password. Please check your details are up-to-date in the 'My Account' section of the portal before starting your school application.



If you have not used the online portal before, you will need to register by clicking on the 'Register' button and following the onscreen instructions. You will be sent an email from the system containing a link to the log in screen. You will then be able to log in using your e-mail address and password.

The deadline for applications is midnight on 31st October 2019.

It is very important that you submit your application by this date. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered until after all on-time applications have been processed, which means late applicants are less likely to be offered a place at one of their preferred schools. If you are unable to apply online, you can request a paper form from us.

Breaktime Snacks Situation – Any Ideas?

Just a reminder that the Kitchen have stopped selling snacks at break time, which was a decision linked to the school's stance on plastic packaging. This will continue to be suspended until further notice but we are trying to see if there is a healthy solution to this issue. If parents have any thoughts, ideas or feedback to offer on this matter, please get in touch as we'd like to hear your views.

Reading Stickers

We have been developing reading stickers to go in the Home Link books, to be used to remind parents about the need to hear their children read regularly. As a reminder, we would like children to read at least 5 times a week for a minimum of 10 minutes and, for those aspiring to a Platinum Reader certificate at the end of term, they will need to read 6 times a week. Thank you for your support.

DIARY – Autumn Term 2019			
October		October/November	
Mon 30 th Sep	9.00 Parents' Evening Booking System goes live!	Thu 17 th	Parents' Evening – details to follow
Thu 3 rd	OPEN MORNING alongside Petersfield Infants. 3.30 OPEN SCHOOL –see your child's books.	Thu 24 th	Friends of Herne Halloween DISCO: Letters have gone home about this...
Wed 9 th	Parents' Evening – details to follow	Fri 25th	Finish 3.30pm - HALF-TERM
Sat 12 th	Tina Allingham photoshoot in School Hall	Mon 4 th Nov	INSET DAY – both Herne and Petersfield Infants CLOSED
Sun 13 th	Tina Allingham photoshoot in School Hall	Tues 5th	Children back to school.