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BREXIT DAY

Herne joins with the nation, all of our children, staff and parents to acknowledge a historic event today. At 11pm today, 31st January 2020, Britain officially leaves the European Union.

The word 'Brexit' comes from joining the two words 'Britain' and 'Exit', meaning an exit from the European Union (EU). The path to this historic moment started in 2016 when British voters at that time were given a choice to stay in the EU or to leave through a thing called a REFERENDUM. The vote showed that 52% of voters wanted to LEAVE and was a close result where 48% voted to stay in the EU. This has split the nation, and even many families, for the last four years. The flags on the left are held up by Herne children in 2014; about the time that a Referendum was being discussed behind closed doors.



Parliament could not agree the terms of leaving and at every turn there were so many different views from Members of Parliament (MPs) that in the end a General Election was called in December 2019. This was the second election since the Referendum in 2016.

The new Conservative government that won this General Election gained a much bigger majority of seats in Parliament and this allowed a final decision to be made. The European Parliament agreed on the terms to leave on January 29th paving the way for Britain to leave on January 31st 2020. The EU flag is likely to change slightly with one less star on the flag; each star representing each member nation of the EU. Herne will still fly this flag from time to time to recognise that our school is made up of families and children from the EU and elsewhere from around the world. ☺



Although opinions are still very much divided in Britain, possibly for the first time since the English Civil War (1642 – 1651), the hope is that the country can now work with everyone in the world, including our European neighbours, to keep the world a safe and prosperous place for the future. Herne will ALWAYS welcome people from mainland Europe and other parts of the world.

Daily Readers – Can You Help? (Repeat Message)

As mentioned last week, the school places huge importance on reading and we are keen to seek any additional help to support those children who should have the opportunity to read to an adult, particularly those flagged up as 'Daily Readers'. **If there are any parents who could come in and listen to a child read between 8.45 and 9.00**, that would be a great help. You don't need to commit to this every day. We've only had a couple of replies so far (thank you ☺). Please return the slip below to the school office to express your interest. We have approximately 5 Daily Readers in each class who would really benefit from your help.



Book Fair - Monday 30th March to 2nd April

Herne will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair where children can choose from an extensive range of top titles at great prices. Book Fair tokens can be spent here too on any book over £2.99. It will be held in Ash class Monday-Thursday before school from 8.10-8.30 and after school from 3.40-4.15. This gives Miss Whitehead time to organise her classroom ☺. Any money raised from holding the book fair and money raised during our Readathon on World Book Day (when we'll all dress up as book characters), will go towards our school target of £4,000. This will be spent on amazing new books which children can then bring home to read. See our display near the school office to keep a track of how we're getting on.

I Can Help With Daily Readers!

Parent or Carer's Name (Please Print) :

Preferred Year Group: (Please Circle) Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6

Days I Can Help: (Please Circle) Mon Tue Weds Thurs Fri

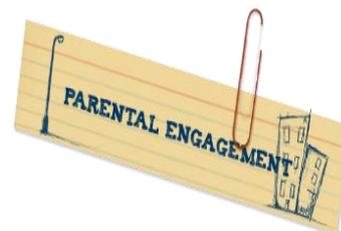
Signed: (If you circle multiple days but only want to help on one occasion, just note that on this slip)

First Thing on the Playgrounds

We are increasingly concerned that many children are being dropped off at the school very early in the morning (sometimes as early as 8am) to stand on our playgrounds unsupervised. As a reminder, we only have supervision from 8.30am. If you need to get your children to Herne earlier than that, we have the provision of our Breakfast Club. We can appreciate that if children arrive a few minutes before 8.30am, we're not going to leap up and down about that, but we will note any children who turn up from 8am, with a view to talking to parents about safeguarding their child. Any child turning up early will be directed to go to the Herne Hideout and we'll continue to monitor this next week. This is for every child's safety, so we hope you understand.

Parents' in Partnership – Spring Term Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 1st April at 9am. All parents and carers will be welcome to come along to speak to senior leaders at the school and we are happy to take suggestions as a focus. We will use this opportunity to report back on latest developments on homework. 😊



Hampshire CAMHS to Help Parents

Many parents talk to us about issues they have with their children at home which can impact on well-being for both adults and children alike. The Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAHMS) will take referrals directly from parents to assist with many issues, but a good starting point is to look at their website. Here is the link: <https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/>

Number Day – Friday February 7th

Herne will be celebrating Number Day 2020 next Friday by getting everyone in the school to challenge themselves with some super-tricky mathematics. This will be a normal school uniform day but any money donated for Number Day (which is completely voluntary) will be passed on to the NSPCC to help them protect our most vulnerable children in society.



CM Sports – Half Term Holiday Club at Herne Junior School

CM Sports will be running their holiday club at Herne everyday over the Half-Term holiday (including the INSET day on Monday 24th February 9 – 3.30 for a special £20 for this day). For every child that signs up, CM Sports gives £5 back to the school. The club is open for Petersfield Infants Children and Year 7/8 TPS children as well. Please see their website to see prices and to book your child's place. <https://www.cm-sports.co.uk/holiday-courses/>

After School Clubs – Reminder

If your child normally attends one of our after-school clubs or goes to the In-Between Club and you decide you don't want them to go to these clubs on a particular evening, please ensure that we are informed in the school office here at Herne as well as telling the after-school club. Please help us keep your child safe. Thank you

GDPR – Children's Data Protection at Herne

The governors have asked Mr Markham to report on the details that we record about our children on software logins. We are in the process of completing this audit and will report back to parents in February, alongside some adjustments we are making to make doubly sure that sensitive data cannot be collected by third parties when we create logins for the children. By way of reassurance, we have a very secure network, much of which requires two-factor authentication.

Twilight Club

Please ensure you have paid your twilight club invoice to secure your child's place for next term, thank you.



February		February/March	
Thu 6 th	Local Authority Inspection of School 3.30 OPEN SCHOOL – Parents can see children's books 3.30 Bake & Book Sale	Tue 25 th	Children back to school.
Fri 7 th	'Number Day'	Thu 5 th	World Book Day – Readathon (details to follow) Dressing up day for children and staff! 3.30-5.30 OPEN SCHOOL – Parents to see children's books
Fri 14 th	End of Half-Term. Finish at 3.30pm as normal.	Wed 11 th	3.40 onwards - Parents' Evening
Mon 17 th	CM Sports at Herne throughout Half-Term	Thu 12 th	Yellow – Class & Leavers Photos
Mon 24 th	INSET Day at Herne and Petersfield Infants	Tue 17 th	3.40 onwards - Parents' Evening
		NB: Note that May Bank Holiday is Friday 8th May (not Monday 4 th)	