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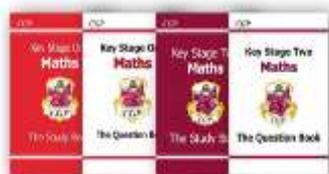
COVID-19 Coronavirus: Latest Measures at Herne

Herne governors and staff are remaining very vigilant to ensure that we are putting all of the children's and community's health at the very top of our priorities. We have brought in the following additional measures to respond to the concerns about the spread of the virus:

- Extra emphasis on the importance of hand washing, first thing in class, before meals and after using the toilets
- The Year 4 girls' and Year 5 boys' toilets have been re-opened at the beginning of the week, having accelerated the builders to complete those refurbishments (children have been able to wash hands in class throughout the refurbishment anyway)
- All assemblies have been cancelled until further notice, minimising large groupings of pupils
- All packed lunches are being eaten in the classrooms where tables have extra cleaning before meals
- Only hot lunches go to the hall and these are in shifts to minimise large groupings
- Additional supplies of soap, paper towels and alcohol (60%+) antibac gel have been ordered and are arriving at the school
- Parents' evenings will go ahead, but there will be a two metre distance between teachers and parents as a precaution (to protect both parties – it's not because we don't want to see you!)
- Finally, can we please insist that if your child shows signs of a high temperature or fever that **THEY DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL** in those circumstances, even if they do not have coughing or breathing issues

Contingency Planning

Governors have asked the senior leaders to prepare a number of additional measures in the event of the school needing to close, either for deep cleaning or, as in Italy, for a longer period. Our main provision will be through online resources which can be accessed through the Internet via our website. Any interim news between our weekly Flyer will be sent out via Twitter, so please Follow us to keep up with daily news. In the case of anything urgent, we will write separately to parents and carers and/or text.



Revision Books on Sale at Parents Evening

Helping your children to follow-up their learning in school is well proven to be a great way to help your child to do well in their academic studies. We will again be offering discounted CGP maths and reading booklets **at both of our Parents' Evenings**. The school makes no profit out of this but as we buy them in bulk, we can sell them to you for a very reasonable price.

With the new national curriculum and formal assessments being substantially harder than the previous national curriculum, it is a joint challenge for schools and parents to make sure the children are well-supported in achieving these new higher expectations. These books are designed to be user-friendly and have helped many of our children over the last few years! 😊

Maths Revision Question book and Study book will be £6 (for both books) RRP £11.90 (for both)

Reading Revision books will be £2 (including the answers) RRP £3.50

Year 6 SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) Revision £4 RRP £5.95

Parents' Evenings

As a reminder from last week, our Parents' Evenings are on Wednesday 11th and Tuesday 17th March from 3.40 onwards. The closing time to book online for next Wednesday is the day before, Tuesday 10th at 12.00 midday. Please visit the booking website at <https://herne.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

For instructions to login to the system, please see last week's Flyer (page 2).



World Book Day

Well done to all of our children for their fantastic dressing up yesterday. Our five winners received a £5 Book Voucher from Scholastic to spend at our Book Fair which comes to the school on 30th March until 2nd April. In the meantime, we have so far raised over £1,000 towards our £4,000 target from sponsorship money. Please keep reading and bring in your sponsorship money once you've collected it all. 😊

Orchestra Success

Well done to all of our orchestra members and, in particular, the brass section as they managed to win two awards at last weekend's Portsmouth Music Festival at Crookhorn College. They did amazingly well and were up against adult contestants as well as other schools! The orchestra won the Maritime Brass Ensemble Cup and the Brass section won the Eric Roberts Cup. Well done to you all!



Fairtrade Thank You

Thank you for all of the amazing donations and later today no less than five hampers will be raffled to raise money for Fair Trade communities and farmers from other parts of the world. THANK YOU!

Class/Leavers Photos – 12th March 2020

Yellow Photographers will be coming in to school on the 12th March to take class photos for this year. If you **do not** wish your child to be included in the photo can you please notify the school via email by the 10th March? Thank you.

They will also be taking photos for our Year 6 Leavers. It would be wonderful if all of the children are looking smart and tidy for this day.

ParentPay



This is another reminder to all parents that the access to school lunches is on the understanding that your children's lunch account has credit to cover the cost. We are unfortunately experiencing a high volume of accounts that are not being topped up regularly and kept in credit. We will be calling home for packed lunches to be brought in to school if your child's account is in debt.

Clerk to Governors

Herne Junior School governing body will be looking to recruit a new Clerk to Governors to start with us in September 2020. If you think you would be interested in this position, please get in touch with us. The pay is approximately £15 an hour (pay rise pending) and will mainly involve a couple of evenings each month. We have already agreed our meetings for 2020-2021, so please do get in touch if you'd like to find out more.



How to Wash Your Hands

The Importance of Hygiene

Proper hand hygiene is a legal requirement, such as where food is handled. For other workplaces it is still essential.

Essential reasons:

- Washing hands prevents the spread of germs which lead to diseases such as flu, stomach bugs and even potentially fatal diseases such as MRSA.
- Contaminators on the hands can get onto food, cigarettes etc.
- Contaminators can also be passed onto others such as children.

Employers must provide hand washing facilities that are well stocked and suitably sized.

Hand washing facilities must be provided in toilet areas and close to food preparation areas. The facilities must include a basin with hot and cold water, liquid soap and paper towels with a waste bin.

Hand Wash Procedure

- Wet your hands with water.
- Apply enough handwash/soap to cover your hands.
- Rub hands palm to palm.
- Rub right palm over the back of your left hand and vice versa.
- Palms to palms with fingers interlocked.
- Backs of fingers to opposing palms with fingers interlocked.
- Rotational rubbing of left thumb clasped in right palm and vice versa.
- Rotational rubbing, backwards and forwards with clasped fingers of right hand in left palm and vice versa.
- Rinse your hands with water.
- Dry your hands thoroughly with a single use towel.
- Use the towel to turn off the tap.
- Your hands are now safe!

AIM TO WASH YOUR HANDS THOROUGHLY FOR AT LEAST 20 SECONDS.

THIS IS ABOUT THE TIME IT TAKES TO SING 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY' TWICE!

TOGETHER, WE CAN KEEP GERMS AT BAY.

THANK YOU!

March		March/April	
Wed 11 th	3.40 onwards - Parents' Evening	Wed 18 th	7.00 Petersfield Music Evening at Festival Hall
Thu 12 th	Yellow (Photographers) – Class & Y6 Leavers Photos	Fri 20 th	1.45 Rocksteady concert to parents in Hall
Mon 16 th	7.00 Petersfield Music Evening at Festival Hall	Mon 23 rd	Small World Week (until Fri 27 th Mar)
Tue 17 th	3.40 onwards - Parents' Evening	Mon 30 th	Book Fair arrives...until 2 nd April

We have a blue and white plastic cake container that had the cake in for the raffle before half term. If it is yours please claim it from the office. Thank you.