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URGENT MESSAGE FROM THE NHS



Essentially, children are coming to serious harm from infections *other than* Covid-19 because their parents are assuming they have Covid-19 when they are unwell with a temperature and are not seeking help soon enough. Children with a persistent fever or who are unwell should be assessed by a healthcare professional and they can still be seen at GP surgeries and A+E Departments (even if the initial triage is by telephone). The website in the statement below is a fantastic resource, which was developed locally, specifically to guide parents in making safe decisions about the care of their child when they are unwell.

Sadly the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health have received information about a number of cases since the Covid-19 outbreak where delayed presentation of unwell children by parents may have contributed to significant adverse events (including **deaths from sepsis**, appendicitis etc.). There have also been reports of increasing rates of **non-accidental injury** associated with this period of lock-down. These national findings have also been noted locally. GP Surgeries across the region are being asked to communicate the following message to patients:

COVID-19 is unlikely to cause a serious illness in children, but please remember children can still become seriously unwell from other causes. Please do not let concerns over COVID-19 stop you from contacting medical services.

“At this challenging time, it is extremely important for you to know that COVID-19 is unlikely to make your child unwell, but they, like everyone else, might be infectious so staying at home when well remains the message. However, all the ‘normal’ illnesses that can make children severely unwell still remain and there is a major risk that parents may delay bringing their child to the attention of a healthcare professional even if they are unwell because of concerns about COVID-19. GPs and hospitals are still providing the same safe care that they have always done for children. If you are not sure if your child is unwell and whether they need to be seen, click here <https://www.what0-18.nhs.uk/national> call 111 or contact your GP. For information about crying babies, click here: <http://iconcope.org/parentsadvice/> If your child appears severely unwell and advice is not quickly available call 999 or take them to Accident & Emergency Departments as you would in other times.



STAY AT HOME – PROTECT THE NHS – SAVE LIVES

As we enter the Bank Holiday weekend, it is ever more important to stick to the government’s guidelines to STAY AT HOME. This is particularly hard when the sun is shining and temperatures are so good for this time of year, but regardless of your role in society, we are all doing our bit for the country by listening and abiding by the government’s main message.

Please keep up to date with all things at Herne by following us on Twitter and through our website. We remain open throughout the Easter Holidays apart from Good Friday and Easter Monday Bank Holidays (due to too few children requiring our support). The remainder of this Flyer includes some reminders and a continuation of our Free School Meals service.



In order to Follow us, download the Twitter app then look for: [@HerneJunior](https://twitter.com/HerneJunior)

Also see our website for lots of updates on helping you child at home: www.hernejunior.com

Feel absolutely free to allow your children to have an Easter break (just keep up with the reading!), as there’ll be plenty of opportunity for learning at home from the beginning of the summer term on 20th April.

If you’d like to contact me personally, my email is: headteacher@hernejunior.com **Keep Safe.**
Tony Markham, Headteacher.

Free School Meals Update

Thank you so much to all of the staff in our kitchen at Herne who work for Hampshire Caterers, HC3s. Our regular ladies in the kitchen led by Della have been fantastic! Thank you Della, Carrie and Emily. Thanks also to the area manager, Karen Brewster who has been co-ordinating meals for other schools in the Petersfield area and ensuring children from across the region are fed from our kitchen at Herne! 😊



If you usually pick up your weeks' worth of Free School Meals on Mondays, please note that NEXT WEEK, the collection day is TUESDAY 14th APRIL, when you will receive 4 days' worth of food to take you through to the weekend.

Normal Monday collections for 5 days of meals will resume from Monday 20th April. We have managed to contact every family who are on our list to offer this service, but if you think we've missed you or you have a problem collecting your package, please let Mr Markham know by phoning the school during the day or emailing him directly on: headteacher@hernejunior.com 😊

PPE Donation – Thank You!

Thank you so much to Leanne Fardell (Vega's mum), who spotted that we couldn't get hold of Personal Protection Equipment for our staff who supervise the Key Worker children throughout the week. She donated the remainder of her facemasks to the school (20 in total), which at least gives staff the option to wear a mask if this helps their peace of mind whilst working with the children.

Our Website Over Easter – Reminder

Our website will remain as our first port of call for all recommended Home Learning tasks and our weekly timetables will be returning on **Monday 20th April**. All year groups have uploaded some lovely Easter tasks/activities that parents and children are welcome to explore over the next two weeks. Echoing what we said on last previous Flyers, we completely understand that many parents, like many of our staff, are juggling Home Learning whilst still working from home, so the website timetable is just **suggested task and activities** and we do not want parents to feel pressured to follow every single lesson.

We are passionate that:

- **children keep reading**, listening to stories and talking about reading (this is our top priority);
- **that they keep working on their maths** (if this is through our website's timetable tasks, Doodlemaths, CGP books);
- **and that they keep up their writing** (if this is timetable tasks, writing a diary, DoodleEnglish, Education City...etc.).

Reading Material In Short Supply? “Wheelers”

If your child has run out of reading books, do not panic! Our school library is linked to a website called ‘Wheelers’ where all our pupils can borrow digital books and audiobooks (all for free). It is a fantastic resource and well worth a visit. To start using this:

- Firstly you need to go to <https://help.eplatform.co/hc/en-us/articles/115003984988-Downloading-Mobile-Apps>
- Select which version (Windows, Apple...etc.) you want and let it load.
- It will then tell you to launch it.
- It will tell you to find your library. Type in ‘Herne Junior’ in the long blue bar and ‘Herne Junior School’ will appear. Click on it.
- The username and password is the same as Education City. (Enjoy! 😊)

School Reports Children’s Self-Assessments



As part of our summer term Reports to parents, we always get the children to think about their year at school. We would like to get the children to consider the following questions and send in their answers whilst things are still fresh in their minds.

1. What lesson have you enjoyed most this year – explain what you liked about it?
2. What learning are you most proud of and why? (school subjects e.g. my art portrait, collage, maths, writing...)
3. What aspect of your learning would you like to improve? e.g. I would really like to improve my knowledge of times tables so I can recall my multiplication quickly. Or I would like to include more powerful vocabulary in my writing.
4. What target would you set yourself moving into the next year group?
5. What are you most looking forward to next year?
6. Which club did you enjoy attending the most, explain why?
7. What productions / teams / groups have you enjoyed taking part in?

If they could record their answers and then send them to the relevant teacher(s) after the Easter Holidays, that would be fantastic! Thank you 😊

Look out for another Flyer NEXT FRIDAY and... KEEP SAFE – STAY AT HOME!