

# Herne Flyer 31



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## GOOD NEWS! Baby Thakore!

With all of the gloomy news that fills our homes on a daily basis, we thought it would be great to start this week's Flyer with an excellent announcement from the school. We are delighted that Mrs Bee Thakore and her husband Alex are now the proud parents of a little baby boy, Rueben! He was born on the 7<sup>th</sup> April and weighed in at 6lbs 15oz, making his way into the world 20 days early! Congratulations from us all! Mrs Thakore wanted to send this message to her class:

*To the children of Oak Class. Thank you for looking after me and being so excited to hear about baby Thakore! You are all amazing! Thank you also to your parents for their kind words of support. Reuben can't wait to meet you all! Sorry if it may be a little later than we had hoped! Take care and enjoy the sunshine! Mrs Thakore x*

## Message from Headteacher

What an interesting two weeks we have just had over the traditional Easter Holidays. The school has remained open and in operation during this period in support of our Key Workers in order to provide childcare for their children. We have continued to supply Free School Meals, check on families who need our help, provide technical support for those that are accessing remote learning and even looked after a pupil from another school. Yesterday's news of at least another three weeks of LOCKDOWN, means that Herne will continue to remain open for the children of Key Workers whilst we work with the Local Authority to make plans for the next phase of how schools will support children in our community. To keep up with all of our breaking news during the weeks ahead, follow us on Twitter, download the Twitter app then look for: [@HerneJunior](https://twitter.com/HerneJunior) and see our website for lots of updates on helping you child at home: [www.hernejunior.com](http://www.hernejunior.com)

If you'd like to contact me personally, my email is: [headteacher@hernejunior.com](mailto:headteacher@hernejunior.com) **Keep Safe.** Tony Markham, Headteacher.

## Home Learning Timetables

On Monday, our Year Group Home Learning timetables will return onto the website. They can be found under the 'Children' tab. Don't forget that completed work can be uploaded onto our J2E platform for teachers to comment on or, alternatively, photos of completed work can be emailed to the class teacher once a week.

The teacher emails are on the bottom of the year group home learning web page. As a reminder, we have a dedicated web page on how to use our J2E platform and this can be found under the 'Children' tab and then 'J2E Help Files'. If your child is having any issue with remembering login names or passwords, please email our lovely ICT Technician (and Doodle's Teacher of the Month!), Lynne on [L.TANDY@HERNEJUNIOR.COM](mailto:L.TANDY@HERNEJUNIOR.COM).

## Oak and Palm Class New Teachers

Due to Mrs Thakore and Mrs Clack now officially starting their maternity leave, we do not want Oak and Plum classes to miss out being able to email in work and for their work to be looked at

on J2E. So starting this Monday, **Palm Class** can now email Mrs Garforth and Mrs Lee [P.Garforth@hernejunior.com](mailto:P.Garforth@hernejunior.com) and [S.Lee@hernejunior.com](mailto:S.Lee@hernejunior.com) (Year 4 Year Leaders) and they will also be checking the J2E work as well.

**Oak Class** can email Miss Stanley (our newest teacher at Herne) [A.Stanley@hernejunior.com](mailto:A.Stanley@hernejunior.com) and she will also be commenting on uploaded work on J2E. Miss Stanley has met Oak class when she taught them a lovely maths lessons in the autumn term as part of her interview. She is really looking forward to getting to know the children better and we are excited Miss Stanley has joined our teaching team from Fernhurst Primary School. ☺

## Mrs Tandy – Doodle’s Teacher of the Week!

We are delighted to inform parents that Lynne Tandy, our fantastic IT Technician, has been recognised as the Doodle Teacher of the Week. This is no mean feat with the hundreds of schools using Doodle across the country and around the world, and especially during this busy time. In their own words, they told us:

*Lynne has stood out to us for a number of reasons:*

- *Taking an active role in developing their knowledge and understanding of our programmes - including exploring DoodleEnglish and DoodleSpell*
- *Achieving excellent usage of Doodle at Herne Junior School with an increasing percentage of students within their green zone week on week*
- *Supporting parents and teachers through this tricky time by setting up accounts, and dealing with inbound parent queries quickly*
- *Finding innovative ways of engaging students with Doodle, especially through distance learning - for example sharing Doodle updates in the school newsletter*

*As a company comprised largely of teachers, education and sharing professional expertise is of paramount importance to us, so when teachers such as Lynne have demonstrated such outstanding efforts, we feel it is really important to commend them for this. Thank you to the team at Herne Junior School for being a valuable part of the Doodle community! We hope you are all taking care at this difficult time.*

*Kind regards and take care, Lydia Carnegie (Doodle School Account Management Team)*

## Doodle Maths and English Update

DoodleEnglish: We can assure parents that if you have paid the extra £2 on ParentPay, then the software should now be back on your account. Mrs Tandy has finished updating DoodleMaths and English and the uptake by parents was great for both. The school took on another 74 DoodleMaths users and 68 families took up the DoodleEnglish offer.

These licences will expire on 19th October 2020, which we will review in the new academic year.



There may be some parents who may still wish to take up the DoodleEnglish offer of an extra £2 and to allow for this, Lydia at Doodle has extended the deadline to **next Friday 24th April**. After that time there will not be any other chance of purchasing DoodleMaths or English until the renewal in October.

## TimesTables Rockstars

Just to remind parents that during next week Mrs Tandy will begin rolling out TT Rockstars to Y4 pupils via parent emails. Any problems with any of these online apps and software, please get in touch with Lynne Tandy and she will help you out! 😊

## Free Audiobooks for Children



[www.stories.audible.com](http://www.stories.audible.com) has a range of free audiobooks for children, including all the Harry Potter books. All books can be instantly streamed, with no login required and no downloading. Amazon have opened up this service free of charge, whilst children are home learning.

## 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 the service:

- 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! 😊)

## BBC Daily Lessons Starting Next Week

Beginning on this Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April, **BBC Bitesize** will publish daily online lessons for all ages. They will also have a new dedicated TV channel full of learning content, podcasts on BBC Sounds and loads of educational video on iPlayer.

Check out this link to find out more! <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>



## Free School Meals Update

Normal Monday collections for 5 days' worth of meals will resume from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:headteacher@hernejunior.com) ☺



The kitchen have requested that if you don't need your Free School Meal package in any given week, could you let us know by Thursday in the week before? This saves any food going to waste. If your only problem is picking your meal up on the Monday morning between 10.30 and 12.00, let us know and in a small number of cases, we could hold on to the food through to the Tuesday. However, this is limited by the amount of refrigeration space we have, so we would like the vast majority of pick-ups to take place on Monday mornings please. Social Distancing measures are in place for everyone's safety.

## Key Workers Communication

As of yesterday, the school has sent a new letter to all Critical Key Workers on our list to ask for your provision needs for the next two weeks. If you didn't get a letter and you think you need provision (we will need to authorise your role if you are a new applicant), then please email us on: [admin@hernejunior.com](mailto:admin@hernejunior.com) Mr Markham will continue to check our records and will be in touch over the weekend if he spots a family he missed out yesterday. A really important point to help us with our staffing rota is for Key Workers to let us know if you don't need your childcare provision at the school, then we can adjust our staffing accordingly. Thank you. ☺

## Avon Tyrrell Update on Refunds

We are pleased to be able to say that **we can confirm that all money paid by parents and carers for this trip will be coming back to you.** Frustratingly, we are now waiting on other organisations (Avon Tyrrell, ParentPay, Hampshire Local Authority Finance) to work out how to get the funds back to parents' accounts. As you may be aware, the money paid was originally in dribs and drabs, so trying to get a lump sum back into the school in the multiple thousands of pounds is proving more complicated than we would like. Please be assured we have been working on this over Easter and hope to get a resolution very soon, especially as we know many families could do with the money just now.



## School Reports Children's Self-Assessments – Repeat Message

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!

## REMINDER MESSAGE FROM THE NHS



“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 professionals 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.

## Other Government Support for Parents

The DfE have produced a list of online educational resources for schools and parents to help children to learn at home: [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources?utm\\_source=221c3f13-61f1-472c-b35f-4c2578319c59&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=immediate](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources?utm_source=221c3f13-61f1-472c-b35f-4c2578319c59&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate)

The Children's Commissioner have produced a digital safety guide & well being kit for children and one for parents. <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/coronavirus/digital-safety-and-wellbeing-kit/>