

Herne Flyer 5 – Autumn Term 2023



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A Note from Mrs Sayers

Dear Parents and Carers,

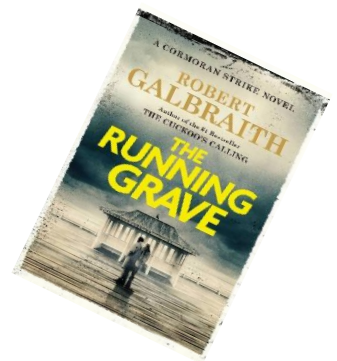
URGENT – help needed!!! Without your help we will have no PTA. As most of you know, HAFS need to recruit a new treasurer/s(shared role?) to support the PTA with financial matters and a new chair(s) to help lead the PTA. This week HAFS had a meeting to discuss future events however, after Christmas, if no-one is able to step forward, particularly for the Treasurers role, then the PTA cannot continue and there will be no more future events or funding for the school! Our children and our community will miss out on so many lovely events and our fundraising for the “cherry on top of the icing” items will cease to exist! **Please help if you can...see letter emailed out earlier today.**

This week our amazing children have been talking about what motivates humans to get involved in **Conservation** and how we can save animals from extinction. They were stunned at how many animals no longer exist and the things we can practically do to stop others going the same way! Perhaps at half term you might think about visiting a wildlife park or zoo and finding out what they do about conservation? Or just share the World Wildlife Fund webpage with your children. <https://www.wwf.org.uk> We particularly like the “23 BUDGET FRIENDLY WAYS TO GIVE NATURE A HELPING HAND IN 2023”

This week we had our **Open Day** for September 2024 Year 3 entrants. It was good to see so many existing parents as well as families who will be new to Herne. Huge thanks to our Ambassadors and Sports Captains who took parents on an escorted tour.

As we head to half term, don't forget that it's a 4 day week for children in the last week of term as we have **INSET** which focuses on Restorative Approaches to encouraging positive behaviour choices in our children.

And Finally...whatever you are up to this weekend, enjoy! We are off to re-visit Gilbert White's House after my trip with Year 6 last week – it was a great venue, with lots to do and see, and lots of lovely walks. My group particularly enjoyed playing Pooh Sticks and making wishes at the Wishing Stone!!



Many Best Wishes,

Sue Sayers (Head Teacher)

P.S. This week I've started the 7th book in the Cormoran Strike series, “The Running Grave,” by Robert Galbraith (AKA JK Rowling). The Detective Duo, Cormoran and Robin, are investigating a strange sect by going undercover within it!



Harvest Collection

On Thursday 12th October we will be having a special Harvest Assembly and we would love **parents to donate items for Petersfield Food Bank**. You can drop the donations off any day between next **Monday and Thursday next week** (we will put a table out under the canopy by the front office). Petersfield Food Bank are currently looking for: Donations of tinned, dried and packaged in-date food items. They regret that they cannot accept fresh, chilled, frozen or home-made goods, alcohol or pharmaceutical drugs, opened, damaged or unlabelled goods.

Year 7 School Applications

Just a little reminder that the closing date for Year 7 school places is the 31st October 2023. Any applications made after this date will be recorded as late and will not be processed until all on time applications have been processed. If you are having trouble accessing the online application site, please contact Hampshire County Council Admissions directly.

School Photos

Proofs have been sent home on Monday with the children for the school photo orders. The closing date for orders is the 17th October 2023. Unfortunately, if your child was absent on photo day **Yellow** (the photography company) will sadly not be coming back until March to take class & leavers photos.



Parents' Evening Reminder

Our two parents' evening this term are on Monday 16th October and Wednesday 18th October. We are going to do them all in person due to the overwhelmingly positive feedback from you last year about returning to face-to-face meetings. To book an appointment, please refer to the email that went out earlier today. Can you please make sure you only book one appointment per child. Booking system goes live at 6pm today.



Open School: First Friday of every Month

In November, we will be re-launching our after-school Open School events. On an Open School day, parents are welcome to accompany their child back into their classroom, so the child can show their parents the work they have been doing in their books. The first Open School will be on Friday 3rd November 3.30 – 4.30pm.

Covid-19 (latest guidance)

There is no longer any need to test unless you are in a vulnerable group, where you will have been sent a new test kit to use in case you feel ill (they were sent out last summer). Otherwise we treat it like a cold and return when you feel well enough to do so. If you are in a vulnerable category, use your new test kit and if you have a positive result, you should stay at home for 5 days. For more information see this link: <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2023/09/27/what-are-the-latest-rules-around-covid-19-in-schools-colleges-nurseries-and-other-education-settings/>

Parent Survey Results: Summer 2023

A big thank you to the 42 families who responded to our parent survey, here are the results. The feedback comments and these results were all analysed as a part of our school improvement meetings. These were super outcomes...thank you!

My child enjoys school	100%	I feel comfortable approaching the Headteacher/Deputy Headteacher/Assistant Headteacher with questions or a problem or complaint	92.5%
My child is making good progress	95%	Staff expect my child to work hard and do his or her best	97.5%
Bullying issues are dealt with promptly and effectively	92.5%	The school is well led and managed	97.5%
Teaching is good	97.5%	I understand the role Governors carry out for the school	85%
My child wants to learn	95%	Adults in school treat my child fairly	92.5%
I am well informed how my child is getting on	85%	The school seeks the views of parents and takes account of their suggestions & concerns	90%
I feel comfortable about approaching the office with questions or a problem or complaint	92%	I am confident about helping my child with his or her learning at home	92.5%
I feel comfortable approaching my child's teacher with questions or a problem or complaint	92.5%	My child is encouraged by staff to become mature and independent	100%

Actions for us as a result of these outcomes:

- Higher Governor profile at events throughout the year and targets in our SIP to strengthen the GB, recruitment of new governors with the right skill set to complement our GB, e.g. Premises.
- A rethinking to simplify end of year reports and reintroduction of our Open Events, as above.
- A reaffirming of our commitment to act quickly to deal with behaviour or bullying issues. We do take this seriously but can only act when we know this is happening...please talk to us.

October		November	
Tues 10 th	Rowan Class to Planetarium	Fri 3 rd	Open School 3.30 – 4.40
Thur 12 th	Maple Class to Planetarium	Fri 24 th	Choir Singing at Christmas Light Switch On
Mon 16 th	Parents' Evening	December	
Tues 17 th	DEADLINE FOR PHOTO ORDERS	Wed 6 th	Year 3 and 5 Disco CORRECTED DATE
Wed 18 th	Parents' Evening	Thurs 7 th	Year 4 and 6 Disco CORRECTED DATE
Thur 19 th	Year 4 Saxon vs Viking day	Fri 8 th	Rocksteady Concert
Fri 20 th	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR TRAINING	Thur 14 th	Carols around the Tree CORRECTED DATE
Mon 23 rd – Fri 27 th	HALF-TERM	Fri 15 th	Herne breaks up for Christmas Holidays
Tues 31 st	Deadline for Year 7 Applications	January	
		Tues 2 nd	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR TRAINING
		Wed 3 rd	Spring Term Begins at Herne