

Herne Flyer 9 – Autumn Term 2023



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A Note from our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your patience during the last two stormy days: we know there was a lot of concern, which we shared. Our Leadership Team and local Headteachers were in communication overnight and from very early both mornings, assessing the situation. As a group of schools, we wanted to provide as much continuity for the children and stay open if it was safe to do so. We were exceptionally lucky in our area to not be so badly affected by the storm. I'd like to offer a huge thank you to staff who live on the coast who got up extra early and bravely tackled the main roads in order to get in. We have kept the children indoors to safeguard against any tree damage/ falling boughs just to be on the safe side.



It's been a busy start to the half term with, **Break the Rules Day** on Tuesday (Lots of odd coloured socks and crazy hair, plus a few very Hallowe'en themed hairdos) and **Rock Star Day** today. As ever, all dress up activities are voluntary and can be done with minimal effort (Jeans and a T-shirt seemed the most common Rock Star outfit!).

Our next event is **Odd Socks Day** on 13th November for Anti-Bullying Week. No donations required, it is just to show support for Anti-Bullying week to wear odd socks for the day (more information next week).



And Finally... as November 5th and Firework/Bonfire parties start this weekend, do be careful out there. See attached a **Firework Safety** link to use with children if you would like to. We're off to a neighbour's party, weather permitting...or will be watching the sky from the comfort of our sofa!! Do remember if you have neighbours with pets to let them know if you are releasing fireworks – it can be very traumatic to animals.



www.rospa.com/policy/home-safety/advice/fireworks-safety



Have a lovely weekend!

Take care

Sue Sayers

Headteacher

P.S. I rarely give up on a book but I admit to abandoning, "Women Talking" by Miriam Toewes - I'll watch the film instead and see how far I get with that!! Just finished "Dirt Town" by Hayley Scrivenor (Winner of the Crime Writer's "New Blood" Award 2023) – loved it! (If you like Australian thriller writers such as Jane Harper or Chris Hammer, you'll enjoy this!) Next, in parallel reading with my Dad, it will be the new Lee Child novel, "The Secret" (Jak Reacher number 28!). Easy read, bit of a formula to the books but the best bit is that we share a glass of wine and critique it via Zoom each weekend!



Christmas Services

Years 4, 5 and 6 will all be going down to St Peter's Church (in the Square) for a special Carol Service. Parents are very welcome to join us for this event. They are being held on:

Year 6 – Monday 11th December 2.00 - 2.45pm
Year 4 – Tuesday 12th December 10.00 – 10.45pm
Year 5 – Tuesday 12th December 2.00 – 2.45pm

After School Clubs – IMPORTANT

Please can parents inform the office if your child is not going to be attending an afterschool club. Each club takes a register and if your child is not at the club, having been at school that day, you will receive a safeguarding telephone call to establish their whereabouts. Making numerous unnecessary telephone calls may delay genuine identification and subsequent action concerning a missing child. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Club Collection Reminder

Just a reminder, that if you are collecting a child who has been at an after-school club inside school - the collection point is the front office door. Outside clubs, the collection point is the Herne Hideout area (by the top of the basketball playground steps). If you are late collecting from an after-school club, the club teacher will not leave them unattended. If you are significantly late your child can wait in Twilight Club who will be either in the playground or the hall.



Children in Need

On Friday 19th November it is Children in Need, we are going to have a low-key celebration this year, due to the amount of other events we have had on. So, on this day we are asking the children to bring a favourite teddy (or any cuddle toy) in and to bring a small donation (no donation is too small – every penny will help).

Twilight Club Bookings – IMPORTANT REMINDER

If you have reserved a space on a day and haven't booked the session online, we will book your children into their sessions onto ParentPay on the session day only. This will debit your account of your session fee and, if you are not in credit, your account balance will drop further into debt. You cannot book sessions unless you are in credit.

- Please keep your accounts in credit. Please book the sessions in advance. (Making a payment by any method does not automatically do this).
- If paying by voucher, please allow a week for your Parentpay account to be credited. Please inform admin@hernejunior.com of the date vouchers were paid, the amount, the child's name and company used so we identify the payment and credit ParentPay.
- Please endeavour to stay in credit regardless of your means of paying and please book in advance. Failure to do so may result in us withdrawing the place.
- Please note that a months notice is required to cancel your twilight space.

Are you having a clear out before Christmas??

Help!!! Nurture needs you. Are you having a clear out before Christmas? Any games (e.g. connect 4, snakes and ladders and twister) or Lego you no longer require bring them in to us to use in our new nurture groups please. The children would appreciate it. Please bring to the school office. Thank you.

Flu Jab (20th November)

Please see this reminder poster (to the right). If you have not already followed the link in the previously sent email to consent or opt out of the flu nasal spray, you can scan the QR code on the poster to complete the form.

School Crossing Patrol Recruiting in this area

Why Join the Team?

- 1) Earn money for holidays or top-up your income.
- 2) 10 hours per week during term time.
- 3) Hours that can suit your other interests.
- 4) At least five hours off during the day.
- 5) Feel good supporting your local community

For an informal discussion please contact the School Crossing Patrol Team on 0370 779 0101 or to apply visit hants.gov.uk/SCPjobs

Christmas Post Box begins on Friday 1st December

(The Year 6 Ambassadors will deliver cards around the school. Please ensure children write full name and class on the envelope.)



November		December	
Mon 13 th	Anti Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day	Fri 1 st	Christmas Post Box Begins
Fri 19 th	Children in Need – bring a bear for a small donation	Mon 4 th	HAFS Christmas Activity Week begins
Fri 24 th	Choir Singing at Christmas Light Switch On	Wed 6 th	Year 3 and 5 Disco
Mon 27 th	HAFS AGM 7pm	Thurs 7 th	Year 4 and 6 Disco
		Fri 8 th	Rocksteady Concert / Open School
		Mon 11 th	Year 6 Church Service 2.00pm St Peter's Church
		Tues 12 th	Year 4 Church Service 10.00pm St Peter's Church Year 5 Church Service 2.00pm St Peter's Church
		Wed 13 th	Year 3 Christmas Production (more details very soon)
		Thur 14 th	Christmas Lunch Carols around the Tree
		Fri 15 th	Herne breaks up for Christmas Holidays (12.30pm)
		January	
		Tues 2 nd	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR TRAINING
		Wed 3 rd	Spring Term Begins at Herne