

Herne Flyer 5 – Autumn Term 2024



Knowing Every Child – Inspiring Every Mind – Achieving Every Day

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A Note from our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,



Sadly, we have started reminding children and staff about handwashing and tissue use again! The new strain of **winter flu** is whipping through our staff rather than children - all local schools are reporting the same! If you can send your child in with a box of tissues, that would be much appreciated!

Thank you to parents who attended the **Smart Phone** talk on Monday night at TPS. That was an eye opener! Please see attached a follow up letter on behalf of all local schools. The speaker promised to follow up with a link to the survey on a new phone for children and teens. It would be wonderful if parents from around Petersfield could help shape the phone's functionality – they are hopeful they can launch a product in the spring, hopefully the first of many which are child-safe by design.
<https://survey.xplora.co.uk/>



Just a reminder that if your child is coming in with a phone, you need to have completed the form sent out last week...attached again. We still have some children bringing phones in without parental consent and on days they are being collected.



We are delighted to announce that we have recruited a new **Home School Link Worker** from our current staff - Mrs Lynne Tandy will start the role after half term. We said goodbye to our Attendance Secretary, Mrs Karin Hewson, last week. We have recruited Mrs Morley, as new **Attendance Secretary** who will start a week on Monday. In addition, we have recruited a new member to our **Forest School Team** – Mrs Graves and a new Member of our **Learning Support Team**, Mrs Inna Kopeichykova. We know you will welcome them to our Herne family.

And Finally...whatever you are up to this weekend, enjoy! Quiet weekend planned in the Sayers' household after our bout of Winter Flu with some chance to catch up on that reading!

Best wishes

Sue Sayers

Headteacher

School Photos

Just a reminder that the closing date for photo orders is Tuesday 15th October.



Walktober 2024!

As we head into autumn, it's important that we all keep active and where possible, get outdoors. To encourage this, the My Journey Team at Hampshire County Council has invited schools to celebrate International Walk to School Month by taking part in Walktober. This event is designed to inspire pupils, families and staff to travel actively and sustainably throughout October.

We hope as many of our pupils, families and staff as possible can get involved by walking, wheeling, cycling, scooting, using Park and Stride and public transport more often. More information can be found at:

<https://myjourneyhampshire.com/walktober>



World Mental Health Day

On 10th October, it's World Mental Health Day and Young Minds are campaigning for people (especially schools and staff) to wear yellow to raise awareness that everyone has mental health and that you are not alone if you are dealing with overwhelming feelings. This is purely an optional event, but as a school we would fully support any child who comes to school on Thursday 10th October wearing a small item of yellow, to show support for this important day.

Afterschool Club Collection Reminder

Please wait at the front door for child to be escorted to you by the club leader. For outdoor clubs please wait at the top path or in the hideout, but no further onto the premises please. Collection from Twilight is from the middle playground or the hall. Friday night football parents may descend the first steps and cross the basketball playground ONLY then walk around the field. These instructions are for safeguarding reasons as we are still operating as a school. Thank you for your understanding.

School Orchestra

Mr Thomas, Hampshire Music Service, runs an orchestra every Thursday after-school 3.30 – 4.15pm and he is keen to sign up new members. If your child has been playing their instrument for approx. a year or more, Mr Thomas would love them to join the group. Please pop into the school office to get a sign-up letter or email: c.morphew@hernejunior.com for more details. The orchestra is free.



Missing Coat

Reggie in Ash class has lost his precious RNLi blue coat. We think someone has taken it home by mistake, as we have searched the school high and low. Please take it for Miss Whitehead's class (Ash) if you find it – thank you!

COMMUNITY MESSAGES



Book Festival at Butser Ancient Farm

An incredible two days of entertainment and inspiration with bestselling writers! Join us for our inaugural book festival celebrating words, worldbuilding and the wilderness that inspires us. We will welcome in the autumn with literary talks covering a range of writing genres, live poetry readings and folk music, local craftsfolk, storytelling, fun activities for all the family, in-depth writing workshops, and book signings, all set against the ancient backdrop of Butser Ancient Farm.

<https://www.butserancientfarm.co.uk/butser-book-literary-writing-festival>

Junior Trail Run

After recent success at the Butser Hill Challenge, a group of parents are putting together a Herne Junior School team for the Midhurst Milers Blackdown Hill Junior Trail Race on 20th October.

<https://www.midhurstmilers.org/backdown-hill-junior-trail-race> They have set up a group whatsapp to share news of other running events in the future. Whatsapp group <https://chat.whatsapp.com/leOOpsnwm0J0v5cluEUxyz>



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October		November	
Wed 9 th	Maple – Science Centre Trip	Mon 4 th	Start of Autumn 2 half-term Plum - Butser Ancient Farm Trip
Thurs 10 th	Parents' Evening 3.45 – 7.30 Cedar – Science Centre Trip	Fri 8 th	Pear - Butser Ancient Farm Trip
Wed 16 th	Parents' Evening 3.45 – 7.30	Mon 11 th	Lime - Butser Ancient Farm Trip
Fri 25 th	Last day of the half-term (12.30 finish)	Thurs 14 th	Flu Vaccination
Mon 28 th – Fri 1 st	Half-term	Fri 15 th	Palm - Butser Ancient Farm Trip