

Herne Flyer 2 – 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,
Some important notices this week.



Just a polite reminder that **our drop-off window** for the start of the school day is **8.30 – 8.40am**. We have seen many children this week arrive at school significantly earlier than this and we have had groups of children gathering around the classroom doors unsupervised. Can we please ask that, unless they are coming in early for an intervention or breakfast club, no child enters onto the school site until 8.30am. In addition to this, we have also decided to now lock the bottom gate (Hoadlands entrance) at **8.50am** (it was previously 9.00am), to make sure the site is more secure in the mornings – registration takes place at 8.50am.

We have had many reports this week of people parking across intersections and parking over the pedestrian crossing on **Moggs Mead**. With previous incidents on this road, involving Herne children, we ask everyone to think very carefully where you park to make sure it does not add more danger to an already busy road. To help this situation, we have teamed up with EHDC to provide **FREE parking permits** for the Festival Hall (these will be available from Monday and are for parents/carers with children at Herne only or with children at BOTH Herne and Petersfield Infants.) Please come and request from the office. We're also very grateful to the football ground who let parents park there too!



Another reminder for all, but this might be helpful for new parents – there is a lot to read in our handbook!

- 1) **School – Home Link Books** – these books are checked daily in every class by the child's teacher or the Learning Support Assistant. If the issue is of a confidential nature, you can always request that the child's teacher gives you a phone call.
- 2) **Email admin@hernejunior.com** - this email address is monitored during office hours. The office will ensure that the email is forwarded to the appropriate staff on that day. It is most likely teachers will read and respond to this email at a suitable non-teaching time. If the email is urgent, e.g. home issue, medical or safeguarding, it will be forwarded to the Senior Team too and the office team will make sure the teacher receives the message as soon as possible.
- 3) **In person** – if you would like a quick word with the class teacher before or after school, you are welcome to pop into the office and ask if they are available, however this is not always possible due to meetings, workshops and other commitments. The office will be happy to get the teacher to ring the parent back when they are free to arrange a meeting.
- 4) **Emailing the class teacher** (their emails will be on the curriculum letters which are coming out on Monday) - as teacher's are not usually able to answer emails due to teaching activities, please use this contact sparingly. Please do not use teachers emails as regular form of contact outside school hours.

For non-urgent emails/messages, we have a 48-hour response policy. Don't forget, if it is a message just asking for a quick clarification (e.g. Is there a school trip tomorrow?) there is always the class **Whatsapp group** that is a fantastic resource for these questions.

Safeguarding Our Children

On Monday, every child will receive a copy of this important annual publication from the school which highlights how we work with parents and other people to keep our children safe here at Herne. Here is the front cover, so please look out for this in bags next week. In the meantime, **one key message is that it is vital that your child knows where to meet you after school**. If you are delayed, or your child can't find you for any other reason, please say to your child to come into the front of the school and speak to someone in the office to let us know. We can then call you to see what has happened and reassure you that they are safe. This routine also relies heavily on us always having your most up-to-date contact number, so if you change your mobile number, please tell us IMMEDIATELY.



And Finally...whatever you are up to this weekend, enjoy. I'm off to Gilbert White's house...and a dreaded IKEA trip!!!

Best wishes

Sue Sayers

FREE SCHOOL MEAL ENTITLEMENT AND ADDITIONAL FUNDING

If your child is entitled to free school meals we ask that you register them for this, even if they do not want to have a school meal, as it means the school qualifies for additional funding. This additional money is called 'Pupil Premium' funding and equates to currently **£1,455** for each eligible child. With school budgets being cut drastically, it is therefore vital that we ensure that we get all money to which we are entitled, so that we can give all our children the best support possible.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals>



Service children:

Please can Armed Service parents (any parent who has been in the armed forces within the last six years) register their child by informing the school office. By doing this, the school will be able to claim **£340** a year for each child registered as having a Service parent. If a couple are divorced and the child/children are now living with their mother and a partner not in the services, as long as the birth parent is still in the services, then the child can still be registered as a service child. Also, if a mother and her children are living with someone who is in the services, even if they are not married, the children can also be registered as service children.

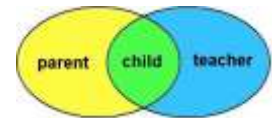
Meet the Teachers (Years 4 and 5)

The Year 3 parents had a chance to come into school and meet their child's new class teacher before the summer, but now it is time for the other year groups to have the opportunity to come in and meet their child's new teacher. The teachers will do a very short presentation regarding key information about the year group, then they will be around to answer any questions.



Year 4 – Wednesday 18th September 3.40pm

Year 5 – Tuesday 17th September 3.40pm



They will be held in your child's classroom, so just come round the edge of the school and enter the classroom by the external fire door.



OPEN EVENTS FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS FOR HERNE & TPS

On Monday 14th October at 10am and Tuesday 5th November at 2pm, Herne Juniors will be open to prospective parents. This event will open with a chat from Mrs Sayers followed by a guided tour of the school by our Year 6 children, for approximately one hour. No need to book. TPS have their open day on Saturday 21st September 9am – 1pm.

Attention Qualified Educators

We are looking to expand our roster of supply teachers. If you possess the requisite teaching qualification and are interested in contributing our school community, we invite you to reach out. Please contact our Deputy: Peter Castle on p.castle@hernejunior.com to obtain the necessary application documentation. We look forward to the possibility of welcoming you to the Herne team.

PAPAYA
Parents Against Primary Age Pupils Using Smartphones

Smartphone Free Childhood

“ LET'S TALK ABOUT OUR KIDS AND THEIR TECH ”

JENNIFER POWERS

In association with Buriton Primary School

A talk for parents

Date: **MONDAY 30th SEPTEMBER**

Time: **7 – 8.30 pm**

Venue: **The Studio at The Petersfield School (TPS)**

To book your **FREE** place, visit: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/thestudiotps/t-zzaxxy>

September		October	
Mon 16 th	Mimosa – River Trip (Selborne)	Thurs 10 th	Parents' Evening 3.45 – 7.30
Tues 17 th	Year 5 Meet the Teachers – 3.40pm	Wed 16 th	Parents' Evening 3.45 – 7.30
Wed 18 th	Quince – Rive Trip (Selborne)	Fri 25 th	Last day of the half-term (12.30 finish)
Thurs 19 th	Year 4 Meet the Teachers – 3.40pm	Mon 28 th – 1 st Nov Half-Term	
Fri 20 th	Willow – River Trip (Selborne)		
Mon 23 rd	School photos		
Mon 30 th	Damson – River Trip (Selborne)		
	Smart Phone Free Childhood talk (TPS Studio 7-8.30pm) – more information to follow		