

Herne Flyer 4 – 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,

Please can we ask that you ensure your children are getting plenty of sleep and rising early enough to have breakfast. A school day can be terribly long if you are holding out until after midday to eat another meal. It is recommended as a guide that children of KS2 age should get around 10 -11 hours sleep a night. www.healthforkids.co.uk/staying-healthy/sleep/. It is great to see so many children cycling and scooting to school every day, however can you remind your child to dismount on entering the school site to ensure safety for all.



SHIP AHOY! Our wonderful ship finally has a name! A big congratulations to Ellen Norgate (Elm) whose name **HMS Heron** has been selected as our winning entry, which we thought was a lovely nod to our service families and a simple name for everyone to remember. **Due to the weather, we have decided not to have a naming ceremony after-school today, but instead we will celebrate this in assembly on Monday.** Thank you to all those who gave us some wonderful suggestions, we had a lot of fun reading through them and selecting the winning name. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the development of HMS Heron, especially to **HAFS** and all the parents/children who have supported HAFS events. Finally, the biggest thank you must go to Mr Mark Belcher. Mr Belcher, in his own time, painstakingly designed and built the boat. He has done such a stunning job, that we recently changed his role from Learning Support Assistant to joining our site team. What a talented member of staff.

Finally, after yesterday's atrocious weather **PLEASE** can I ask that you send your child into school with a coat every day. The weather has certainly turned autumnal and will be very unpredictable in the weeks to come.

Best wishes

Sue Sayers

Headteacher

Little Princess Trust

In last week's assembly, we celebrated the amazing Lila who recently had her long hair cut off and donated it to the amazing Little Princess Trust. The incredible charity uses the hair to make wigs for children who have lost their own hair due to illness or treatment. Lila also raised £220 for the charity. As a school we are so proud of you Lila – what an amazing thing to do.



Harvest Collection (NEXT WEEK)

On Monday 7th 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 **Monday 30th September – Friday 4th October** (we will put a table out under the canopy by the front office). Petersfield Food Bank are currently looking for: tinned food, dried food, packaged food, nappies and toilet roll. **They regret that they cannot accept fresh, chilled, frozen or home-made goods, alcohol or pharmaceutical drugs, opened, damaged, out of date 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.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/applicationprocess/year7>

Parents' Evening Reminder

Our two parents' evening this term are on Thursday 10th October and Wednesday 16th 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 will be coming out next week.



Social Media Age Restrictions

We have noticed increased conversations amongst the upper school children regarding TikTok. Just a reminder that TikTok (like many of the other social media apps) has an age restriction of 13 years old.

The Importance of Reading

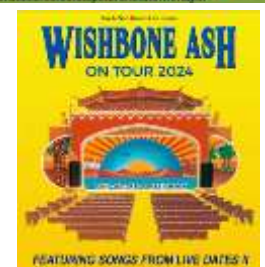
At Herne, we believe that learning to read is the key skill we want every child to master before they leave us in Year 6. The statistics in the chart opposite show how powerful it is for a child to read for 20 minutes a day and how there is a direct statistical link between the amount a child reads and how they perform in standardised tests. However, it is not just about performing in tests, we passionately want children to have an inert love of reading and to get endless pleasure from discovering a new book. Keep reading everyone ☺.



COMMUNITY MESSAGES

Here's what's coming up at PETERSFIELD FESTIVAL HALL this October...

- Thurs 03/10/24 – [Petersfield in Bloom Awards, Rose Room](#)
- Fri 04/10/24 – [East Hampshire Dementia Festival](#)
- Thurs 10/10/24 – [Winton Players: A Murder is Announced](#)
- Thurs 17/10/24 – [Town Mayor's BIG PICNIC QUIZ in aid of Rosemary Foundation & Petersfield Lions](#)
- Fri 25/10/24 – [Wishbone Ash](#)
- Sun 27/10/24 – [Militaria Vintage Antique Fair](#)
- Thurs 31/10/24 – [Princess LIVE!](#)



September		October	
		Thurs 10 th	Parents' Evening 3.45 – 7.30 Cedar – Science Centre
Mon 30 th	Smart Phone Free Childhood talk (TPS Studio 7-8.30pm) – more information to follow	Wed 16 th	Parents' Evening 3.45 – 7.30
Fri 27 th	Elm – Gilbert White trip	Fri 25 th	Last day of the half-term (12.30 finish)
Mon 30 th	Ash – Gilbert White trip Harvest collection begins	<p>Mon 28th – 1st Nov</p> <h1>Half-Term</h1>	
October			
Tues 1 st	Fir – Gilbert White trip		
Wed 2 nd	Oak – Gilbert White trip		
Thurs 3 rd	Rowan - Science Centre		
Fri 4 th	Beech – Science Centre		
Wed 9 th	Maple – Science Centre		