

Herne Flyer 1 – Autumn Term 2024



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A Note from our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a restful summer and that the first week back is going well for you – our start of term has been really lovely and our new children look like they have been here forever!

We had a spectacular INSET day with the **Everyday Racism Team** – we now need thinking and planning time and to generate a working party – if you are interested in joining, please do let me know via admin@.

As mentioned last term, we have worked together with local schools to arrange a talk for parents (Years 4, 5 & 6) about **Smart-phone Free Childhood** which will be held at The Studio in TPS on Monday 30th September from 7.00-8.30pm. Please do come along. Mark the date – flyer to follow with details of how to book a free ticket (so that TPS can have an idea of numbers). In the meanwhile, remember, Yr5/6 only with phones please which are given to staff on arrival. Please only provide your child with a phone if they are walking home alone. Our policy may change in line with agreement with other schools – watch this space!



Huge thanks to Mark Belcher for building our **Adventure Play Ship** over the last 18 months – a labour of love. It is now finished and ready to launch but we need it signed off by health and safety at County before it can be used. HAFS are running a name the ship competition – and NO, “Boatie McBoatface” will not be considered!!!

Over the holidays we had some sad news for us but a great opportunity for one of our talented staff. Miss Balmer has moved on to an exciting new job working in a special setting where they use animals as a part of their therapy. Her dream job! We are so sorry to lose Sonja and know that those who have been supported by her will join us in wishing her Good Luck. We therefore have an advert out for a new HSLW. See link below. They will have big shoes to fill!

<https://www.hernejunior.com/page/?title=VACANCIES&pid=191>

And finally...whatever you are up to this weekend, take your waterproofs but enjoy. I'm off to Wisley Flower Show!



Best Wishes

Sue Sayers (Headteacher)



P.S. My summer reading included 2 books by Kate Grenville: “A Room Made of Leaves” and “Restless Dolly Maunders”. Both set in Australia at the time of colonisation and both written from diaries/historical source material but great novels about women and the impact on their families. I would recommend both!

PE Uniform Day (reminder). Children are to come to school in their PE Uniform on the below stated days.

Year Group	CM Sports Day - Outdoors	PE Day - Indoors
Year 3	Thursday	Wednesday
Year 4	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 5	Tuesday	Monday
Year 6	Friday	Tuesday

The classes who have Forest School this half-term, have been emailed to remind them that on their CM Sports Day – they will require their Forest School kit.



Pocket Dictionaries

Just a reminder that children are allowed to keep their own pocket dictionary in their tray. This is not an essential piece of equipment but we have observed that it helps motivate them with their daily vocabulary work if they have their own copy.

They are available from lots of retailers for less than £5. Oxford or Collins are good ones as they need to have 90,000 words.

Here is a link to one of these to give you an idea of size and type (£4.99): [Amazon Link](#)

Bags in School

It is vital that areas where children are congregating (i.e. cloakrooms) are not cluttered, so please can all bags be kept to as small a size as possible. Book bags would be ideal or a very small back pack.

Clubs

Like last academic year, we are going to start our clubs (that are run by staff) in October (giving everyone a chance to settle into the new academic year). We will publish a full list of clubs on Friday 20th September. CM Sports clubs have already started with their football club on a Tuesday afterschool and Netball on a Wednesday after school. You can book your child a place at these clubs by going onto the CM Sports Website.

Meet the Teachers (Years 4, 5 and 6)

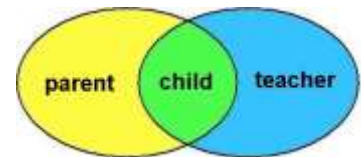
The Year 3 parents had a chance to come into school and meet their child's new class teacher before the summer, but now it is time for the other year groups to have the opportunity to come in and meet their child's new teacher. The teachers will do a very short presentation regarding key information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



Year 4 – Wednesday 18th September 3.40pm

Year 6 - Tuesday 10th 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. The map below should help you find the right room (the blue arrow is the front gate entrance).



Wrap around care - Twilight Club members

A warm welcome to all returning and new members. Please take a moment to read our FAQ document sent out with this Flyer. It will help us to help you if you could familiarise yourself with how the club operates. We've worked hard to consider every possible query so do please consult this, but get in touch if we've missed something.

If your child has Asthma please provide an inhaler they can keep in the classroom as we ask this to be brought to Twilight for the session. We can either return it to your child at the end of the session to take home with them or return it to the class for the next day.

Collection from Twilight is from the middle playground if we are outside, or from the hall. Please make yourself known to us before you dash off with your child. There are some new faces to learn.

PLEASE REMEMBER – BOOK and PAY for Sessions on PARENTPAY for EVERY SESSION as per your reserved place, in advance. DO NOT BOOK other days of the week – as you will steal someone else's place, call the office to ask if we can help. Let us know if your child will NOT attend on any day. Keep your account in credit. THANK YOU.



September		October	
Tues 10 th	Year 6 Meet the Teachers – 3.40pm	Thurs 10 th	Parents' Evening 3.45 – 7.30
Wednesday 11 th	HAFS Meeting (in the school hall) – 7.00pm	Wed 16 th	Parents' Evening 3.45 – 7.30
Tues 17 th	Year 5 Meet the Teachers – 3.40pm	Fri 25 th	Last day of the half-term (12.30 finish)
Wed 18 th	Year 4 Meet the Teachers – 3.40pm	Mon 28 th – 1 st Nov	Half-Term
Mon 30 th	Smart Phone Free Childhood talk (TPS Studio 7-8.30pm) – more information to follow		