HERNE CE INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL WEEKLY BULLETIN

FRIDAY 9th OCTOBER 2026



COME AND SEE OPEN DAY~FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER

School will be open from **2.15pm on Friday 23rd October** for you to come and have a look around. This is an opportunity for your child to show you their class room and other areas of our wonderful school. You may take your child home with you once you have collected them from their class. **Nursery children** who attend the **first half of the week** may come and see the nursery on **Wednesday 14th October at 10.45am**

YR HEIGHT AND WEIGHT PROGRAMME

Each year in England, school children in Reception have their weight and height checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). This is a reminder that the School Health team will be visiting us on **Monday 12th October,** for those who have opted to take part. Thank you

NHS Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust

PARENT/CARER CONSULTATIONS ~ REMINDER



Virtual Parent/Carer Consultations are taking place on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th October.

All parents and carers will have received an email advising of booking an appointment. This needs to be done using the Arbor Parent Portal and App.

Arbor Parent Portal and App

We have extended booking system time and it will now close at 10pm on Sunday (11th October) night for those who have not yet booked a time.

HARVEST GIVING – WEDNESDAY 14th OCTOBER

This Harvest we will be supporting the work of Foodbank and collecting donations on their behalf. We have chosen Foodbank as our Harvest charity as they work with our local community and assist families in times of need. Please have a look at the items listed below and if you are able to donate an item, we will be collecting these on Wednesday 14th October.

This Harvest the Food Bank would appreciate:

Instant mash, canned peas, canned carrots, canned sweetcorn, canned potatoes, pasta sauce, cup soup, long life juice, long life whole milk, tinned fish, rice pudding, instant coffee, large nappies (sizes 5, 5+, 6, 6+), cleaning sprays, washing up liquid, toiletries (all), tinned fish, tinned, beans and soup. If you need the support of foodbank, please call **01227 936450** or email info@canterburyfoodbank.org

HOPE WISHLIST

To support our lunchtime provision, HOPE (Herne Outdoor Play and Exploration) further, we would greatly appreciate donations of the following toys, that are in a good, clean and safe condition. They will need to be of a suitable size for our children from Year R to Year 2.

Baby doll pushchairs, **baby doll prams**, **baby dolls and clothes**, **wheeled suitcases**, **Trunki cases and teddies**.

Please bring them to The Cove (near the HIVE) on a Monday morning to Mrs Stroud and Mrs Nicklin. Thank you so much for your support.

WELLBEING TEAM NEWS

'All Wrapped Up' is a Charity Christmas project run by the Riverside Church which we and other local schools have supported for many years.

'All Wrapped Up' provide a main gift for each child in the household, a few stocking gifts and a food voucher to help with the extra cost of a Christmas meal.

There is no means testing for this and no-one will question your eligibility however it is only accessible via a referral from school.

If 'All Wrapped Up' can support your family this Christmas please contact Mrs Stroud (FLO) either by email wellbeing@herne-infant.kent.sch.uk or telephone 01227 740793 so that we can make a referral.

Forest Group news

This week in Forest Group we have been painting pictures. The children worked in pairs using their wellies to print the picture they had agreed to create together. They had to problem solve to work out how to get the paint from the tray to their paper without getting the paint on the floor!!

In the afternoon group we made scented mud soup in the mud kitchen. Some children liked the smells we chose (lemon, peppermint, orange and lavender) and some were not very keen. We made a bridge for a tyre to travel over which they had to plan and problem solve together. We also enjoyed making tree pictures through bark rubbings using autumn colours.

ATTENDANCE

Whole school has had an attendance of 94.7%

Well done to Owl class with a great attendance of 97%

THIS WEEK'S NEWS FROM CLASS

Dragonflies

We have done lots of lovely learning in Dragonflies this week. We have been continuing our learning about the enormous turnip and have amazed our grown-ups with our ability to recall the story. Our Language Through Colour learning has taught us that "people words are pink" and "thing words are orange". We have been working on combining objects in maths and displaying this as addition number sentences. Next week, we will continue our addition work and move on to learning about Goldilocks and the three bears.

Butterflies

In Butterflies this week we have continued to explore our environment both indoors and out. We have had some time up in the Hive and have enjoyed playing with and getting to know our Butterfly friends. We have been learning all about Goldilocks and the Three Bears and have explored and role played the story together. We particularly enjoyed exploring the porridge oats!

Windmill Nursery

This week:

This week, we read the story 'Leaf Man'. We had lots of fun taking part in autumn inspired activities including painting with conkers and creating our own leaf people and animals in the Hive using googly eyes!

We have been practising counting to five and identifying different numbers to match the amount. We enjoyed exploring the tuff spot with different number themed activities.

We enjoyed reading the stories 'Five Little Chicks' and 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' this week to explore counting.

Next week:

We will continue our Autumn theme by reading the story 'Sweep' by Louise Greig and by learning the nursery rhyme 'Dingle Dangle Scarecrow'. We will be practising our dots by painting an autumn tree.

In Maths, we will continue practising our counting by reading stories linked to number and singing counting songs

Notices:

If your child has grapes in their lunch box, please can they be cut in half for health and safety reasons. Thank you



Year R

Highlights from this week:

What another fabulous week we have had in reception! We have loved taking part in a range of learning opportunities this week related to our story, 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears.'
The story has helped us to explore and use mathematical language such as, small, medium and big. We have been measuring the three bears and have explored size by comparing objects in the garden.
We have all been continuing our own learning around 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' through role playing the story in the mud kitchen, building and role play areas.

Key learning for next week:

Next week, we will be receiving yet another special delivery with clues for 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff.'
We will continue our own learning by building bridges, exploring materials that are strong and retelling the story using props and costumes.
In phonics we will be learning our last few sounds of the term! We are even going to have a go at spelling a word as a class!

Notices:

Please continue to practise being independent when taking off jumpers and doing up zips and buttons. This really helps with your child's independence at school.
PE Days this term are on Wednesday. Please ensure ear rings are removed and long hair is tied up. Thank you.



Year 1

Highlights from this Week:

Our homemade chips were absolutely delicious and they were eaten in no time at all!! The children have really enjoyed sharing their own experiences about making their own food at home whilst we spoke about recipes, ensuring we followed the steps in the correct order. Another highlight was printing with primary colours and making dots for a piece of pumpkin artwork, inspired by the artist Yayoi Kusama in Art.

Key learning for next week:

Our next book hook will be 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and so we will be creating story maps and writing words and sentences for English, playing the 'hot seat' game where we will be thinking about the characters feelings for PSHE and even building a safe home for Goldilocks in the HIVE using natural objects. To continue our DT learning we will be making healthy porridge where we will be grating fruit and mixing the ingredients together before trying it, hoping it's just right! Our key spellings are 'we', 'me', 'he', 'she' and 'be' and in Maths we are exploring 2D and 3D shapes.

Notices:

Please continue to name all items of clothing and if your child wears trainers with laces for PE, please practise shoe lacing at home to speed up the changing process. Thank you.

Thank you to those who attended our parent workshop last week. We hope you came away with lots of enthusiasm about the power of reading.



Year 2

Highlights of the week:

We enjoyed creating our 'Three Dancers' art inspired by Pablo Picasso's famous artwork and creating our Go Green posters using all our ideas and new learning from last week. Swimming, again, was something all the children thoroughly enjoyed.

Key learning for next week:

For our writing we will identifying verbs and using adverbs to add information about a verb in our key text 'Greta and the Giants' ready for our big write the following week. In Maths we will be supporting the children with their mental maths as we learn to add a 2 digit and a 1 digit number together using pictorial representations, whilst linking in with our knowledge of number bonds to ten. For RE we shall be discussing how Christians show that they are grateful, in PSHE we will be talking about who we live within our home/homes and in DT we will be making our apple crumble!

Notices:

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our reading parent workshop this week and thank you for all the crumble ingredients! Thank you also to Mrs Taylor in the office for all the home-grown apples!

Have a wonderful weekend!