



**Herne View Church of England Primary School including Apple Orchard Pre-School**

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### **Our New School**

Thank you to everyone for your support as we have now completed our first full week as Herne View Church of England Primary.

We're all enjoying the changes in our schools and the children (and staff!) seem confident now in knowing where everything is on their main site. Ditton Street has seen more of a change and we're also pleased to see that we have worked on many areas that our Year 6 indicated they wanted to see improved when asked last Summer term. Whilst we might not have achieved every wish (no mirror balls fitted), we have been able to add playground markings, improve the agility trail, get shade for the Quad, make a new Library and paint classrooms to name but a few.

Our kitchens have undergone a major refurbishment and the site now has new fencing and is awaiting new gates due hopefully in the next week, as a priority has been to make Ditton Street a secure site for the school community.

Five of our classrooms have been redeveloped and the whole site has benefitted from new doors and decoration to the railings and ceiling around the quad. Cloakrooms have been decorated along with the main pupil corridors and the Gym now has new windows and been decorated throughout. The main contractors DR Jones of Yeovil have also supported by donating and installing new kitchen and sink units for the staffroom.

At Silver Street, work on the internal walls has taken place in a number of areas of our main oldest building and this is alongside external decoration of our now wrap around care building (was Year 4) and the Annexe.

There is still some snagging and minor parts to finish but we are very pleased with how the two sites have developed and met our vision for the environment we wanted to create for our school community to learn and work in. We would like to welcome families in to look at the sites and are offering the following 'open' times to look at each campus:

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October until 4.15pm at Silver Street  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October until 4.15pm at Ditton Street

As usual, our first formal newsletter is a reminder to families of lots of key messages that will be important throughout the school year so please take the time to look through this information.

Over the next few newsletters we will be sharing more about development areas for this year and you will also be receiving your child's curriculum newsletter and knowledge organiser for this term soon.



### **Umbrella Competition - Ilminster Children's Carnival**

A reminder that if your child would like to be judged by the Carnival Committee they need to bring in their decorated umbrella on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Umbrellas can be of any design and we encourage that these are completed by the children. We will then be walking in children's carnival on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September and any child can join us with their umbrella (need to be accompanied by an adult). We will be meeting at the front of the Youth Centre, Frog Lane and a time for this will be sent out next week although we expect this to be around 1.30pm.



### **Starting School September 2023**

Do you know families with children ready to start school in September 2023? If so please encourage them to contact us to find out more about coming to school in Ilminster at Herne View Church of England Primary as we are very happy to talk to prospective families about the school.



### **Staffing**

This academic year has seen many new staff join Herne View Church of England Primary with the amalgamation. We wish all our staff, old and new, a warm welcome to the new school and I'm sure you will have the opportunity to get to know them as the school year progresses. A list of all the staff is available on the school website.



### **Newsletters**

Newsletters will continue to go out weekly this year by email and will continue to be **every Friday**. A lot of key information comes out only through the newsletter so please ensure you read this weekly. We realise everyone is very busy but having this system ensures we have one key place to send dates etc to parents.



## **Child Protection**

Everyone at Herne View Church of England Primary takes their roles of educating and looking after your children very seriously. With regard to Child Protection, please read the following extract from our school prospectus carefully:-

*Herne View Church of England Primary School strives to educate all its pupils within an environment where the Christian traditions of learning, truth, justice, respect and community are promoted. Consequently the overall aim of the Child Protection Policy is to safeguard and promote the welfare of the children in our care. In situations where child abuse is suspected, our paramount responsibility is to the child.*

*The school is committed to promoting the health and welfare of all pupils and if staff see signs that suggest that one of the pupils may have been the victim of abuse (or is at risk of abuse) they will follow the procedures laid down by the Somerset Safeguarding Children's Board. NB: Such action in no way infers that any parent/carer or other individual is being accused of wrongdoing.*

*The school's designated Child Protection Officer is Kerry Lewis and in her absence Claire Oaten or Andrew Whitfield..*

A full version of the School's Child Protection Policy is available on request or on the website.



## **School Website**

Please remember that the school has a very full website:  
[www.herneviewschool.co.uk](http://www.herneviewschool.co.uk)

You will find newsletters, lists of dates, recent photographs, notices and much more. Please refer to the website regularly for information you may need.



## **Letters home / information to families**

We continue to share letters to families via email so please check your emails regularly including in junk/clutter folders. Due to this, please ensure we have the up to date email addresses for your family and any changes should be notified to the school office.

Communication to teachers is via Tapestry in Reception and Class Dojo in Years 1 to 6. If you are still not connected to either of these please email the office, [office@herneviewschool.co.uk](mailto:office@herneviewschool.co.uk) who can help sort this out.



### **Extended Provision**

We continue to offer wrap around care from 7.45am at Breakfast Club to 5.30pm with After School Club. This is held on the Silver Street Site and there is a walking bus to/from the Ditton St site for children who are in classes there and this is led by school staff. Please contact the office for further details as these are available on both a regular booking and as ad hoc bookings where space is available. Bookings and payments are made via the SchoolComms app.



### **Packed lunches**

Please help us to promote healthy eating by encouraging your children to bring healthy lunches and snacks to school. Children are welcome to have choice but please can you avoid nuts, nut based products and sesame/sesame based products as we have children with allergies on the premises and want to ensure their safety.



### **Water Bottle**

Your child must bring a named water bottle to school to keep in their classroom. This should be taken home each night to be refilled however children will have the opportunity to refill these during the day. **Please note these should only contain water and not juice.**



### **PTFA Parent Teacher and Friends Association**

Our FrOGS (Friends of Greenfyld School) association did a great role last year in bringing back events post Covid and also in running the swimming pool and fund raising to support developments for the new Herne View. As we are now Herne View, we need a new name for our PTFA and we are also looking for a new committee who would be willing to take this on to help create fun activities for families and carry on fund raising for whole school developments. The more people we have, the easier the roles become and for the committee we can have joint roles to spread this out even further. We need a wide range of skills but above all we need people who are friendly and full of ideas and want to support the school in giving the best for pupils and their families.

We will be holding our AGM on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm at the Silver Street campus and we will open the double gates off Wharf Lane to give parking on the playground. Although an AGM (Annual General Meeting) sounds very formal, it isn't, it is more about hearing the story of the last year and looking ahead to the work of the PTFA in the future. We will also be around from 6pm that night for anyone who would like to come and chat about what the PTFA does and find out a little more information with tea, coffee and biscuits provided.



### **Head lice**

Unfortunately head lice are always unwanted visitors in school and as they are easily passed by head to head contact children's hair should be checked at least three times a week. The sooner they are spotted the easier they are to deal with and this prevents a wide scale spread to other children in school. There is no shame in getting head lice and if you require any information in the prevention and removal of head lice I would suggest contacting your local pharmacist.



### **Naming Uniform**

At the start of the year our pupils look very smart and I know many families will have bought new items to fit growing children! Given the expense of these items I'm sure families do not want them lost so please can you help us by naming all of your children's clothing including shoes. If an item is named and found we always ensure it comes back to the pupil. Unfortunately every year we have lots of lost property so it would be good to try and reduce this by helping the children identify their belongings. If required, lost property is located in the covered way by the School Hall at Silver Street and in the cloakrooms at Ditton Street. Please speak to your child's teacher if you need to access the lost property.



### **Star of the Week**

Star of the week will start again w/c 26<sup>th</sup> September where we are going to continue a virtual assembly via Zoom as this has allowed more family members to join and see the children receive their awards. Children are welcome to bring recent awards from home to share at these assemblies as they can do this from their classrooms.



### **Safeguarding**

Somerset places a high emphasis on Safeguarding in School including all pupils from Reception upwards being able to explain how they 'safeguard' themselves. As in previous years you will see a lot of the word safeguarding and with school I hope you will also encourage your child to use this word. Safeguarding can involve site safety for example the gates being locked during the school day; playground safety with children told to walk bikes and scooters in school; PE safety of knowing how to follow adult instructions in using equipment; cyber safety where we teach them specifically about safety online and safeguarding themselves in the community e.g. knowing how to stay safe by roads. Safeguarding sections will continue to appear regularly on newsletters and the following are all key safeguarding messages for the year.

## **Safeguarding - Parking**

Unfortunately parking around Herne View Church of England Primary is very difficult, especially at the beginning and end of the school day. At Silver Street, we appreciate parking is very limited and we have no car park/drop off area so if you can walk/cycle to school this would help. Parking is also limited at Ditton Street in the car park and ask that only those with disability badges park there to allow clear access for school transports.

If you are parking around the school sites please park considerately for our neighbours, children walking along the pavement and the local community and remember we have an agreement with Orchard Vale Car Park by the Silver Street Campus, where there is a 30 minute period (15 minutes before, 15 after) around 8.50am and 3.20pm, when you are allowed to park without purchasing a ticket. Please be aware that going beyond this may lead you to incur a fine. We are still providing free passes to display in your car so that the parking attendants are aware of your visit and these must be displayed. Permits are available from the School Office Reception Desk. For those at our Ditton Street campus we are currently waiting for SSDC to respond if a similar offer can be made for the Shudrick Lane car park.

South Somerset District Council have also asked us to remind you that anyone not parking in marked spaces or using disabled spaces without permission may be fined by them.



## **Safeguarding –Dropping off and picking up**

At Ditton Street, in a morning, we will have staff positioned on the gates opposite Tesco and by the side of school down to the pre-school to welcome children as they start their day (arriving from 8.50am for a 9.00am start). Children can use either entrance to come into school and then into their classrooms where they will be met at the door by the classroom staff. At the end of the day (3.30pm) families will be welcomed on to the site, again entering by either of these gates, to collect their children from the playground – Year 3 and 4 on the lower playground by the field and Years 5 and 6 on the upper playground by the pre-school. This then allows families a chance to engage with the classteacher face to face.

We are aware that some families would like their children to walk to and from school without an adult. Whilst we appreciate this is a choice for families, we would suggest that this is more suitable for older key stage 2 children. If your child will be walking on their own to and from school, please can we ask families to email a letter to [office@herneviewschool.co.uk](mailto:office@herneviewschool.co.uk) letting us know that this will be happening and if this will be all days or specified days. If we do not have a letter to say children are walking on their own, we will not allow the children to leave the school site at the end of the day without speaking to an adult off their contact list. Please also let us know if you would like children to join their sibling on the alternate Ditton St playground for ease of collection.

Silver Street entry (from 8.40am for an 8.50am start) will be via the front gate or double gates (we are trialling not using the back gate near the car park to leave

space clear for the wrap around care walking bus to enter/leave). At the end of the day (3.20pm) families can come on to site to collect from outside the classrooms).

Please be aware we know some families may be later than 3.30pm arriving at Ditton St if they have children to collect from Silver Street.

Please can we still ask for no dogs, apart from disability dogs to come on to the school sites as we are aware a number of children are not comfortable being around dogs.



### **Safeguarding - Attendance**

Please remember to inform us as soon as possible if your child is going to be absent. When children are absent please contact the school office by telephone or by email by 9.30am, if we do not have contact then the office will contact you to ensure your child is safe.

To bring us in line with the Crewkerne and Ilminster cluster of schools and Local Authority expectations we will continue implementing penalty fines and warning penalty notices for unauthorised attendance which includes unauthorised holidays. Expected attendance at Herne View is 96%.

Within the local cluster of schools we have agreed the following:

The Local Authority will issue families with a penalty fine of £60 per pupil, per parent where any child is absent from school for 10 consecutive unauthorised sessions (5 days). This means that in the future, families can expect a fine of £60 per pupil, per parent for taking a holiday of a week or more. Please note these fines go to the Local Authority and not to the school. Children who are absent from school with illness for a week or more will not be fined and whilst in the majority of cases we will take a parent's word re illness, where there are concerns regarding the length of absence, legitimacy or frequency is questioned then medical evidence will be sought to support the need for absence e.g. prescription, medicine label, appointment card, screen print from the surgery – please note we are not asking for a Doctor's certificate.

Children who have 10 or more unauthorised absences in any 12 week period may receive a warning penalty notice from the Local Authority. Children who receive a notice will be expected to attend school for a given number of weeks without any further absences – otherwise a penalty fine will be incurred. Where a penalty warning notice is issued any illness absence must be accompanied by some form of medical proof.

There may be exceptional circumstances where leave is granted and these can be put in writing to the school. Where a family's children attend more than one school then these circumstances will be discussed with the other school and if required, advice sought from the Local Authority. Where leave is requested please try to

request this at least four weeks prior to the dates requested to allow for advice to be taken or any additional evidence found.

Please note:- a copy of the full attendance policy for the school is available at the school office or on the website.

From September 2015 the Department for Education is now classing persistent absenteeism as missing 10% of school sessions. This includes authorised and unauthorised absence and is reported to the Local Authority. Expected attendance is 96% or above and all children are monitored for attendance by the Local Authority half termly and you will also receive your child's attendance information every term. If you feel school can help at any point with your child's attendance please do not hesitate to contact the school office to arrange an appointment.



### **Safeguarding - Medicines in School**

If your child has got prescribed medicine please can you consider if your child is well enough to be in school and if they are, can the medicine be taken outside of school hours. If in extreme cases this is not possible then nominated staff can administer medicines in school. To do this parents must complete a form available via email from the office before any medicine can be administered and please leave the smallest practical dose with the staff there. If the above procedure is not followed, the medicine will not be able to be given in the interest of the child.

Please note we can only give prescribed medicines with a pharmacy sticker on with the child's name. **Over the counter Nurofen or Calpol cannot be given nor any over the counter cold/cough products.**

If your child requires an inhaler in school then this should be discussed directly with your child's class teacher and the appropriate form completed.



### **Safeguarding - Pupil contact information**





Please can parents ensure that they keep us up to date with contact details sending any new addresses, telephone numbers etc to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.





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	<b>Inset Days</b>

**Term dates summary:**

<b>Term 1:</b> 01 September – 21 October 2022 (37 days)
<b>Term 2:</b> 31 October – 16 December 2022 (35 days)
<b>Term 3:</b> 03 January – 10 February 2023 (29 days)
<b>Term 4:</b> 20 February – 31 March 2023 (30 days)
<b>Term 5:</b> 17 April – 26 May 2023 (29 days)
<b>Term 6:</b> 05 June – 21 July 2023 (35 days) <b>TOTAL = 195</b>

**Bank and public holidays 2022/23**

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	27 December 2022*	Easter Monday	10 April 2023
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### **Thank you**

We would like to say thank you to all our parents and families with the changes of timings. We have had a lovely first week back at Apple Orchard Pre-school. The children have all settled in really well and it has been a fun filled week with lots of playing and laughing.

### **Lunch Boxes**

Please could we remind parents and carers that we are a nut-free and sesame-free in Pre-school. Please do not put any products that contain nuts in your child's lunch box. This means that if you send your child in with a packed lunch, you must not include any items containing nuts or sesame. This would include things like peanut butter sandwiches, Nutella-type spreads or nut-based snacks. These are just examples.

We have a number of children at the school who have severe allergies. They would experience a severe allergic reaction on contact with the food as well as if they ate it.

Please help us keep all our pupils safe by adhering to our nut-free and sesame-free policy.

### **Umbrella Competition**

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September the Ilminster Carnival Committee are very kindly again supporting and providing prizes for a decorated umbrella competition.

All Children are welcome to decorate umbrellas at home and bring them in on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September for judging. All children will also be welcome to walk with the school in the Ilminster Children's Carnival on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September in the afternoon, accompanied by their parent/carer. Winners are then invited to join the main Carnival Procession on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

This competition is open to all children from pre-school to Year 6.