



Herne View Church of

England Primary

School including Apple Orchard Pre-School

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Welcome back to our new school year

It has been wonderful this week to see all the smiles as our school sites have come alive again with the pupils coming back to class. We've heard lots of chatter about the school holidays and the children all look very smart in their uniforms.

A special welcome to all our new Reception families and to the other families who have joined the school in older age groups. We hope you enjoy being part of the Herne View community.

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 - Iminster Children's Carnival

We are really pleased that once again Iminster Carnival Committee are supporting the school in having their own decorated umbrella classes. If your child would like to be judged by the Carnival Committee they need to bring in their decorated umbrella on Friday 29th 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 30th 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 nearer the time although we expect this to be around 1.30pm. It is lovely to be able to walk as a large school group so please can we encourage as many of you as possible to join us on the Saturday to support the school and the future of carnival.



Starting School September 2024

Do you know families with children ready to start school in September 2024? 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

We are pleased to welcome some new staff to Herne View this year. Mrs Abby Coe joins us as Assistant Headteacher Inclusion and Miss Amber Eaton as Classteacher in Golden class. We are also welcoming Ms Burton, Ms Watkins, Ms Barnard and Mrs Pearce to support pupils in class. I'm sure you join with me in welcoming them to the school and becoming part of the Herne View school community.



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 Abby Coe and in her absence Claire Oaten, Andrew Whitfield, Laura Budd or Carly North.

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

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 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 School Gateway 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

Herne View PTFA arranges fun activities for families and carries out fund raising for whole school developments that make a positive difference for all the pupils. 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 18th 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 25th 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. We are currently waiting to see if Somerset Council will continue to agree to the 15mins parking either end of the day in Wharf Lane car park and have asked for the same in Shudrick Lane.

As previously, in the council car park, a reminder 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. Thank you to those families who have already returned their form giving permission for their child to walk to/from school. 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. 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. We would also appreciate families with dogs not waiting directly by the gates as this can also cause an issue for some children who need a clear entry/exit.



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 on the absence line 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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	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time
	Inset Days

Term dates summary:

Term 1: 04 September – 20 October 2023 (35 days)
Term 2: 30 October – 15 December 2023 (35 days)
Term 3: 02 January – 9 February 2024 (29 days)
Term 4: 19 February – 28 March 2024 (29 days)
Term 5: 15 April – 24 May 2024 (29 days)
Term 6: 03 June – 24 July 2024 (38 days) **TOTAL = 195**

Bank and public holidays 2023/24

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	25 December 2023	Easter Monday	01 April 2024
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Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.



Staffing Vacancies

Permanent cleaner

1.5hrs per day (7.5 hours a week), times would either be between 7am and 9am or between 3.30pm and 6.00pm
39 weeks a year + 5 (term time, INSETs and some holiday cleaning at Christmas/Easter and Summer)

Grade 17 pt 1 £10.50 an hour (pending support staff pay rise)

Cover cleaning staff

To cover as required, times would either be between 7am and 9am or between 3.30pm and 6.00pm

Grade 17 pt 1 £10.50 an hour (pending support staff pay rise)

Are you interested in being part of our Primary School Site team? We are looking for cleaners with enthusiasm, initiative, organisation and high standards to help provide a good learning and working environment for the children of Ilminster.

The role will be based across both of our school sites and will involve working with our existing site team under the supervision of our Site Manager.

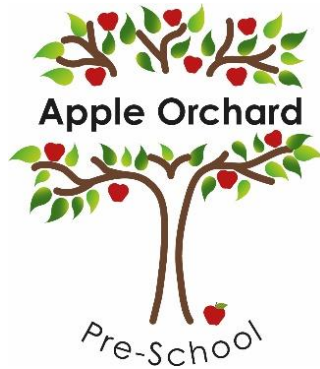
Cover MDSA (Midday Supervisors)

To cover as required, 11.30am to 1.30pm term time only

Grade 16 pt 2 £10.60 an hour (pending support staff pay rise)

A job description and application form are available by contacting the school office at Silver Street and visits to the school are warmly welcomed by contacting the Herne View school office on (01460) 52686 or email office@herneviewschool.co.uk.

Herne View C of E Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share its commitment. All of our staff must undertake a DBS clearance prior to employment. Online checks will also be made of shortlisted applicants in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education legislation.



Apple Orchard Pre-School

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Newsletter Number 1. Friday 8 September 2023

Welcome

We would like to say a huge welcome back to all of our existing families and welcome to our new families joining us at Apple Orchard Pre-school. We hope that you have all had a great summer holiday, making lots of memories. We have loved hearing all of the children chatting about their adventures.



Website

Do have a look at our page ('About us' Tab) on the Herne View Church of England Primary School website, www.herneviewschool.co.uk. For key information including staffing, admissions and uniform.



Session Times

Session Times Ditton Street Campus Monday to Friday

9.00am - 11.45am – AM session
11.45am - 12.45pm – Lunch session
12.45pm - 3.30pm – PM session

Ditton Street (arriving from 8.50am for a 9.00am start)

Entrance to Ditton Street Campus will be the double black gates at the side of Herne View Primary School. Parents will be able to drop off at the front door of our Preschool.

Ditton Street (End of the day 3.30pm) Families will be welcomed on to the site, again entering by the black double gates, to collect their children from the Pre-school door

Session Times Silver Street Campus Monday to Friday

8.50am - 11.35am – AM session
11.35am - 12.35pm – Lunch session
12.35pm - 3.20pm – PM session

Entrance to Silver Street will be by the double black gates onto the playground which open at 8.40am. Walk across the playground to the pre-school.

Lunchtime pick up and drop off. Come to the double black gates onto the playground and a member of staff will come and let you in.

Silver Street (End of the day 3.20pm) Families can come on to site to collect from outside the pre-school via the front gate or double gates.



Apple Orchard Curriculum

We offer a rich and varied curriculum to all our children, to ensure that all children have the opportunity to access a wide range of resources to help them thrive and aid their development. We offer a free flow environment which allows access to both indoor and outdoor activities.



Nappies

Please bring in wipes and enough nappies for your child's day including some spares. Please ensure they are in a named bag.

Contacting Apple Orchard Pre-School

The email for both Silver Street and Ditton Street pre-schools is preschool@herneviewschool.co.uk

At present we cannot receive incoming telephone calls to Silver Street pre-school but we hope to resolve this soon. If you need to contact us please use the office email preschool@herneviewschool.co.uk. Ditton Street telephone numbers are still working for now, so please use 01460 57444 to contact the staff there.



Lunch

Children will need to bring in a named drinks bottle for lunch. We will provide drinks throughout the day. It is important that the lunch box and drinks bottle are named. Please can you also name all bags and coats and if possible clothing.



Pre-School Sessions

If you would like to book sessions at the pre-school, please email preschool@herneviewschool.co.uk for further details and an application pack. We accept 2 and 3 year funding and 30 hour funding.



Dates for your Diary

October Half term – 23rd October to the 27th October

INSET day – Monday 30th October 2023

Autumn Term starts 31 October 2023



TRAINING



WEDNESDAY

6PM - 7PM U 10 BOYS AND GIRLS
7PM - 8PM U 12 AND U 14 GIRLS
7:45PM - 9PM LADIES

THURSDAY

7PM - 8PM U 12 AND U 14 BOYS
8PM - 9PM MENS

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