



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

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How was your day at school?

We hope these questions ideas are helpful and we'd welcome any feedback on these. This week's questions are:

What word did your teacher say the most today?
Did you need to ask your teacher for help with anything?

Please give these a go to encourage your child to think about their learning at school and link this to other learning either at home or in school.



Reading cafe

We are inviting you to come into your child's class to share a book with them at the beginning of the day after half term. The day of the week will change each week to enable as many of you as possible to come along. We will provide the books or you can choose from our book corners. The aim is to enjoy stories, poems, and non-fiction books together. Your child can read with you or listen to you reading aloud to them.

We are trialling the café in KS1 this next half term if this proves successful, we then hope to roll it out to the rest of the school in the Summer Term.

WB: 26/02/24	Monday am. 8.40-8.55
WB: 04/03/24	Tuesday am. 8.40-8.55
WB: 11/03/24	Wednesday am. 8.40-8.55
WB: 18/03/24	Thursday am. 8.40-8.55
WB: 25/03/24	Thursday am. 8.40-8.55

Entry to school will be via the main front door.



Skills builder learning this week

Saturday 27th January 2024

Winter is the coldest time of the year. Design a new coat/jacket that could keep anyone warm no matter how cold it gets.

What will the coat look like? What specifically will keep people warm? Could it use technology in some way? How will it be different to a regular winter coat?

Extension: Think about who would most benefit from your newly designed coat.

Reflection Questions

Getting Started: How can you share what you imagine?

Intermediate: How can you come up with lots of different ideas?

Advanced: How can you combine different ideas to create new ones?

Mastery: How can you help someone else to be creative?

 Creativity



Parking for the Silver St site

A reminder that the car park behind our Silver St site does not belong to the school and rather is a Somerset Council car park. Any concerns about parking there should be directed to the Somerset Council Contact us page

[https://www.somerset.gov.uk/contact-us/#:~:text=0300%20123%202224,-Do%20it%20online&text=It's%20quickest%20and%20easiest%20to%20pay%20or,parking%20fine%20\(PCN\)%20online.&text=Our%20online%20car%20parks%20directory,parks%20including%20location%2C%20and%20charges.&text=It's%20quickest%20and%20easiest%20to%20apply%20for%20a%20parking%20season%20ticket%20online.](https://www.somerset.gov.uk/contact-us/#:~:text=0300%20123%202224,-Do%20it%20online&text=It's%20quickest%20and%20easiest%20to%20pay%20or,parking%20fine%20(PCN)%20online.&text=Our%20online%20car%20parks%20directory,parks%20including%20location%2C%20and%20charges.&text=It's%20quickest%20and%20easiest%20to%20apply%20for%20a%20parking%20season%20ticket%20online.)

Please can we also ask all those parking to be considerate in only using disabled spaces if you have a current exemption and ensuring your badge is on display.



Telephones

After 18 very frustrating months we are nearly there as the majority of the telephones were installed this week. We hope messages etc will now work and we will be changing over the numbers for Apple Orchard as well. Once finalised we will confirm all changes with families.



PTA – Pancake Flip

Do look out for a sponsorship form coming home next week for our annual pancake flip. We appreciate any amount that can be pledged as the PTA support all our children across the school.



Cleaning vacancy

Permanent cleaner (10 hours a week), Maternity cover cleaner (10 hours a week) and relief cleaners to cover as required

Grade 17, pt 2 (Pro-rata salary from annual £22.366, £11.59 per hour)

Permanent cleaner, 10 hours a week term time + 6 weeks a year of hours shared across Easter/Christmas and Summer holiday time. Cleaning hours to be carried out either before or after school time.

Maternity cover – 10 hours a week term time + pro-rata cleaning hours as above in some holidays. This post is from March to December 2024.

Relief cleaners – bank staff to cover ad hoc days as required.

If interested or want more details, please see Amy Burke in the school office.



Online safety - Discord

Over the last couple of weeks we have been made aware of multiple children who are having problems due to the use of Discord which is an age 13+ social media platform for gamers. Please can we ask all families to see the link below and the poster attached which explains how children can end up talking to strangers on this and the dangers it may present.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/should-i-let-my-child-use-discord/>



Careers week request

From Monday 4th March to Friday 8th March, we will be getting involved with National Careers Week to inspire the children about future career options. We are looking for some volunteers to come in and talk to a group of children about their job. If you would be willing to do so, please send an email to office@herneviewschool.co.uk for the attention of Miss Swinson, with some information about your job, your availability during Careers Week and the best contact number for you. We look forward to hearing from you!



Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 6th February – Safer Internet Day

Half term Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February

Schools Alive Art Exhibition at the Arts Centre at The Meeting House including work by Herne View Tuesday, 20 February 2024 09:30 to Saturday, 2 March 2024 13:00 (please note change of time from the last newsletter)

Tuesday 20th February – families welcome to join classes

EYFS/KS1 9.15am to 10.00am Silver St

LKS2 (Years 3 and 4) 10.15am to 11.00am Ditton St

UKS2 (Years 5 and 6) 11.15am to 11.55am Ditton St

Friday 1st March in the hall at Ditton Street – PTA Disco

5.30pm to 6.00pm Pre School and Reception (Families can stay for this one) £1 per child

6.15pm to 7.00pm Years 1, 2 and 3 (children dropped off) £1.50 per child

7.15pm to 8.15pm Years 4, 5 and 6 (children dropped off) £2 per child

Tickets purchased in advance by sending the money in an envelope that must have the child's name, class and the emergency contact number for the time of the disco on the front – one envelope per child.

Money should be sent in anytime w/c 19th February and sent to the school office

Monday 4th March to Friday 8th March Careers Week

Parents' Evenings for Silver St campus – Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th March. Booking information will follow from the teachers with online bookings opening from **7pm on Monday 19th February** (closes for bookings at 3:00pm on Fri 1st March).

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day – children can choose if they would like to dress as a character or bring a prop to show a character from a favourite book.

Parents' Evenings for Ditton St campus – Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th March. Booking information will follow from the teachers with online bookings opening from **7pm on Monday 26th February** (closes for bookings at 3:00pm on Fri 8th March).

Easter Services at The Minster – all welcome

Monday 18th March 2.45pm Years 5 and 6

Wednesday 20th March 9.30am Years 1 and 2

Wednesday 20th March 2.30pm Years 3 and 4

Thursday 21st March 2.30pm Reception

Term ends after school on Thursday 28th March



Star of the Week

Congratulations to this week's stars

Dove	Daisy L & McKenzie R
Pippin	Isaac R & Gracie L
Sandew	Leo Ma & Oscar C

Golden	Mitchell F & Bradley S
Puffin	Blake S & Oliver O
Camelot	Arthur Mc & Hayley H
Hook	Joe T & Amelia H
Dunkerton	Roman J & Seren B

Morgan	Luke H & Clara H
Ashton	Isla L & Mason S
Coopers	Hermione C & Lily M
Gatcombe	Isla S & Rocco K

Russet	Rocco J & Ebony O
Bartletts	Brody R & Harriet A
Stembridge	Lana S & Luca Y
Clarinette	Jake D & Matilda G
Langworthy	Joby P & Oscar C

Stars and certificates will be presented on Friday 9th February at 9.30am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and Thursday 8th February at 9.30am for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Families of the recipients are welcome to attend via Zoom and a link will be sent out to the contact emails we have for our pupils. We encourage all family members to stay until the end of the celebration if possible.

Please note if joining via Zoom no recordings or screen shots should be taken of the sessions for safeguarding and we ask you to remain on mute. **Please also be aware of your screen name and we ask that this is changed to your child's name. If we cannot see your child's name and your camera on we may have to remove you from the session.**





With over 14 million daily users, Discord is one of the most popular communication tools for gamers. It allows you to create or join what are known as 'servers', where different users can talk in groups via text message or voice call. There is also the option to send direct messages and make video calls.



What parents need to know about DISCORD



INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Your child can access almost any chat server on Discord. This means they can easily be exposed to content and conversations that are inappropriate, upsetting or potentially harmful.

SEXUAL IMAGERY

Despite there being guidelines in place to prevent it, users are able to circulate adult content. This can include sexualised images, pornographic videos and provocative discussions. It's important to stay alert and know the risks that your child could be exposed to.

RISK OF CYBERBULLYING

Interactions on the platform are largely unregulated. This means other users can easily say and show things to your child that might be offensive and upsetting. The competitive nature of gaming can lead users to make abusive and harmful remarks about your child.

HIDDEN CHARGES

Though the basic platform is free, your child will be encouraged to sign up to premium subscriptions, which give extra perks, such as animated emojis and free games. The two options are known as Nitro Classic (which costs \$4.99 a month) and Nitro (which costs \$9.99 a month). Prices are only converted to pounds sterling during the payment process.

RISK OF CYBERCRIME

Cybercriminal groups have been linked to the platform due to reports of hackers sharing stolen data. It's also possible that your child may be encouraged to share the data of their friends, either through peer pressure, or 'for fun', without realising the consequences.

STRANGER DANGER

To create an account, you only need to display a username and profile image. This makes it easy for someone to hide his or her real identity. Predators from anywhere in the world can join a chat server, message your child and quickly leave to avoid detection. Police reports groomers have been targeting children susceptible to online coercion on the platform.



Top Tips to Protect Your Child



1 BEWARE OF WHAT'S SHARED

Whatever your child says or shares on the platform can be seen, heard and shared with a much larger audience. Be careful to make sure your child understands this and does not say or share anything that could be deemed offensive, harmful or put themselves or others at risk.

You can find Discord's own guide for parents here: <https://blog.discordapp.com/parents-guide-to-discord-c77d91793e9c>

2 IMPROVE SECURITY SETTINGS

To help protect your child, make sure they set strong passwords. You should consider using the 'two-factor authentication' function for extra protection. It's also important to remind your child to never to share their personal information, or the details of another user.

3 CHECK THEIR FRIEND LIST

You can restrict who is able to make 'friend requests' to your child in the 'Friends' tab. It's a good idea to deselect the default option that allows anyone to connect. Of course, you should also talk to your child about why it's a risk to allow strangers to connect with them through such platforms.

4 REPORT & BLOCK SUSPICIOUS USERS

Make sure your child knows how to report and block abusive or suspicious users. If you do find your child suffering repeated abuse, contact the platform directly using the email: abuse@discordapp.com. It's a good idea to teach your child how to screenshot any negative interactions too.

5 BEWARE OF NSFW CONTENT

Public forums on the platform are a potential venue for inappropriate content that you should be wary of. There is a Discord mascot known as 'Wumpus', which is supposed to represent anyone under 18. Anyone who posts content unsuitable for under-18s, should mark it NSFW (Not Suitable For Wumpus).

6 SHOW RESPECT TO OTHERS

It's important you actively teach your child to treat other users with respect and behave online the same way as they would offline.

Take the time to read through Discord's Community Guidelines with your child. Find them at: www.discordapp.com/guidelines

7 TURN ON SAFE MESSAGING

You should encourage your child to activate the 'Safe Direct Messaging' option. This will scan and delete any direct messages sent to your child containing explicit content.



Meet our expert

Claire Woffenden has been a technology journalist since 1998 with a specialism in consumer technology (apps, websites, home computing and digital devices). As a Mum of two young children - aged 8 and 6 - Claire is passionate about helping to keep children safe online.

DISCORD: <https://support.discordapp.com/hc/en-us>; <https://www.geminiadvice.co.uk/2022/02/discord-has-a-child-protection-problem/>; disclosure@cityoflondon.gov.uk; <https://www.programmablebooks.com/2022/02/discord-should-stop-partnering-with-streamers-feeding-gamers/>; <https://www.offshoreinvestor.com/discord/2022/02/discord-should-stop-partnering-with-streamers-feeding-gamers-and-the-implications-for-kids.html>



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Sponsored Pancake Run

W/B 19th February 2024

The Pre-School will be taking part in a sponsored pancake fun run!

**How many laps will you manage your frying pan
and pancake?**

Will you manage to flip it too?



Tuning in to Kids

A 5 week parenting programme for parents of children 4-12yrs

The course can support you to:

- Have better understanding of your child's emotional needs.
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions
- Help to better understanding of your child's behaviour
- Teach your child to manage conflict

This course is FREE and available to any parents/ carers that would like to attend.

When: Monday February 26th, and 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
March 2024

Where: Herne View Primary School. Silver Street, Ilminster

Times: 10:00 to 12:30.

Refreshments available from 9:45

For more information and to book your place please
contact Parent, Family Support Advisors:

Jemma Henwood— 07825054694

Rebecca Larcombe—07825054695



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Tuck Shop

What you need to do

- 1)– Pop £3.00 per child in an envelope
- 2) Write “Tuck Shop” along with your Child’s name, class and quantity on the front.
- 3) Post it through the school letter box by midnight on the 7th February

OR

Use the Schools Gateway App - £3.25 per child

Your child will be sent home with a 50p premixed bag of sweets on each of the 6 Fridays from February to April half term holidays

This offer is also extended to siblings that don't attend the school but would like to be includedor parents for that matter

Herne View PTA needs YOU!

Join us at our next meeting
Thurs 22 February 2024 at 6.30pm.

School Events

We put on events such as Summer Fete,
Disco, Quizzes and Bingo

Fundraising

We work with many community partners, companies
and hold many fundraising events

Resources

We raise money to help buy new resources

Make connections

Get to know the staff better, socialising with other
parents with volunteering

Herne View Church of England School -
Silver Street Campus - Purple Pod