



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

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### **Welcome back to our new school year**

A warm welcome to all our Reception families as the new Reception children complete their first week at school and it has been lovely to see them having so much fun from drawing to dressing up, playing with puppets and trying out lots of different games and activities as well as making new friends.

This week's 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. It also includes the dates and times of all our Christmas plays and nativities for those who need these for planning ahead and you will find these in the dates for the diary section.

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**

We are really pleased that once again Ilminster 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 27<sup>th</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 5<sup>th</sup> October 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 11am. 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 2025

For any families wanting to look around for starting Reception in September 2025 we are holding our Open Day on Wednesday 16th October with a morning session 9.20am to 10.50am and an afternoon session 1.45pm to 3.00pm. These will be at our Silver St campus and there is no need to make an appointment, simply come along. During these times there will also be an opportunity to tour our Ditton Street campus.

Tours can also be arranged at other times by calling the school office on (01460) 52686 or emailing [office@herneviewschool.co.uk](mailto:office@herneviewschool.co.uk)

We look forward to welcoming families and showing them around our school.



## Staffing

We are pleased to welcome some new staff to Herne View this year. Miss West has joined as our Key Stage 1 lead and Golden class teacher with Miss Holloway, Miss Hussey and Miss Pablo joining us as class teachers and we are also welcoming Mr Douglas and Ms Roper to support pupils in class. Mrs Larcombe, Mrs Dyke and Mrs Shibily are joining us as MDSAs and Mrs Lancaster is changing role to become our Finance and Premises Administrator with Mrs Phillips joining as Pre-School Administrator. 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, 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 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 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 Association**

Herne View PTA 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 Thursday 17<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 we 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.



## **Our agreed uniform**

All children should be wearing the agreed uniform unless exemptions have been agreed with senior leadership for additional needs.

Royal blue logo sweatshirt/cardigan (no hoodies)  
Grey trousers/skirts/pinafores/knee length shorts or blue/white summer dresses  
pale blue polo shirt  
grey or white socks; grey tights  
black shoes suitable for active primary pupils

PE kit (children wear PE kit all day on PE days)  
white t-shirt (no collar or buttons)  
navy shorts  
navy/black/grey jogging bottoms  
trainers  
Children wear school sweatshirt/cardigan with PE kit - no alternative jumpers/hoodies

Swimming:  
Swimming costume - one piece not bikini/tankini and swimming trunks not board short style, towel and footwear to walk to pool in.

Jewellery limited to stud earrings (must be removed on PE days), watches and that worn for religious observance.

Hair accessories and headbands should be suitable for school



## **Star of the Week**

Star of the week will start again w/c 16<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. Our first recipients of this year can be found further on in this newsletter.



## **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. We appreciate this is the same message as last year but despite asking again we have not received a response since Herne View amalgamated and from asking when Somerset Council amalgamated but we are persisting.

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 look at the information sent this week regarding the new DfE attendance expectations and regulations that came into effect August 2024.



### **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 parent/carers 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.

If absolutely necessary, over the counter medicines can now be given and again a form must be requested from the office and completed prior to any medicine being administered and all medicines must be clearly marked with the child's name.

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 parent/carers 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.



### **Fundraising**

Please keep supporting the PTA by choosing Herne View PTA with your blue Tesco tokens as we only have until the end of the month to try and achieve the top amount of £1,500 to support our swimming pool. Remember to collect your blue token each time you shop and post it in the Herne View box to help us collect the most tokens.

We are also looking for our families and friends who shop at Asda to encourage you to nominate Herne View in their new fundraising scheme



If you have the Asda Rewards app (which can be downloaded free), you can click on this new initiative and choose to nominate Herne View and we will receive money every time you shop. This is separate to your own cashpots on the app and we have already raised £53 and would like to see this grow so please encourage family and friends to nominate Herne View.



### **Flu vaccinations**

Please make sure you have read the email sent this week regarding flu vaccinations as the online form will need completing by midday on Tuesday 24th September if you want your child to receive a vaccination in school.





## Skills Builder

We're again starting our skills builder questions to share at home and this term our focus area is Creativity.

Imagine you are a designer for a car company. You have been asked to come up with ideas for a brand new range of cars/vehicles that are environmentally friendly. You should generate ideas and design at least two different types of car (for example, a sports car, pick-up truck, luxury car, convertible, electric car).

You could:

- Draw the different cars, making sure the drawings include specific features
- Label the features of the car
- Highlight what makes these cars better for the environment.

**Extension:** Write down why you think your designs make great cars – how are they different from what already exists?

### 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



## Dates for the Diary

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> September Year 1 Vision Screening

Tues 24<sup>th</sup> September Tempest photography individual portrait for DS site.

Weds 25<sup>th</sup> September Flu Vaccinations both sites

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> September Umbrella Competition judging am

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> October PTA film club on Ditton St – further details to follow

Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> October Tempest photography individual portraits for Silver St site

Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> October M and M Theatre Company Secret Garden Production Y1 to Y6

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> October PTA film club on Silver St – further details to follow

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> October Children's Carnival am

w/c Mon 21<sup>st</sup> October Harvest Festivals at the Minster – families welcome to attend

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> October 2.30pm Lower KS2 (years 3 and 4)

Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2.45pm Upper KS2 (years 5 and 6)

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> October 9.15am KS1 (years 1 and 2)

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> October 2.30pm EYFS (Reception)

Half Term w/c 28<sup>th</sup> October

Christmas Nativity Plays/Concert dates:

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> December Dove Class 2.30pm at Silver St hall  
Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> December Pippin Class 2.30pm at Silver St hall  
Wed 4<sup>th</sup> December Puffin Class 2.30pm at Silver St hall  
Tues 10<sup>th</sup> December Camelot Class 2.30pm at Silver St hall  
Weds 11<sup>th</sup> December 1:45pm and evening at 6pm LKS2 Christmas carols at The Minster  
Thur 12<sup>th</sup> December Dunkerton/Hook Classes 2.30pm at Silver St hall  
Fri 13<sup>th</sup> December Golden Class 2.30pm at Silver St hall  
Tues 17<sup>th</sup> December 2:00pm and evening at 6pm UPKS2 Christmas production at Ditton St Hall.

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> December – families invited into school am to make decorations – final times to be announced nearer the time.



## Star of the Week

Congratulations to our first stars of this academic year:

Dove	Violet P & Woody B
Pippin	Isaiah K & Hallie R
Golden	Harvey B & Freda S
Puffin	Ezan S & Belle O'R
Camelot	Hope C-B & Evie-Rose F
Hook	Kyron M & James L
Dunkerton	McKenzie G & Imogen W
Coker	Frankie V & Honey J
Kingston	Eevee G & Lila I
Coopers	Freddie B-R & Tilly D
Gatcombe	Theo B & Sophie H
Russet	Archie W-N & Ailsa P
Bartletts	Rocco K & Ivy C
Stembridge	Damian H & Poppy O
Clarinettes	Harrison G & Jessica C

Stars and certificates will be presented on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 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.**





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**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024**



### **Welcome back!**

We are so excited to be back for a new year at preschool and have loved hearing all the stories from children about their time during the summer holidays.



### **Spare clothes**

Please ensure children attend sessions with at least one full set of spare clothes. We have daily access to water and messy play activities meaning children need to be changed during their sessions.



### **Weather**

That autumnal weather seems to be upon us, please ensure children attend with appropriate clothing to see them through the day, including coats as we do spend a lot of time outside.



## Sessions

We have spaces available across both of our sites. Please let us know if you or anyone else you know may need care for children aged between 2-4 years. We also have the flexibility to offer breakfast and after school club should you need it.



## Apple Orchard Pre-School contact

The email for both Silver Street and Ditton Street pre-schools is [preschool@herneviewschool.co.uk](mailto:preschool@herneviewschool.co.uk). If your child is absent from pre-school, please ring the pre-school to let us know. The telephone number is: 01460 52686 Pick Option 4 for the pre-school, Option 1 for Ditton Street and Option 2 for Silver Street.



# ILMINSTER JUNIOR CHOIR



## Come and join the new Ilminster Junior Choir

Together we'll learn to enjoy singing, become better musicians, improve our vocal skills. On special occasions there will be opportunities for performances at The Minster.

**NEXT MEETING >> FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**Where:** The Minster Rooms, Court Barton TA19 0DU

**When:** Every Friday in term time, except the last Friday of each term

**Time:** arrive any time after 3.30pm, singing starts promptly at 4pm, we finish at 4.45pm

**Cost:** Free!

**Who's it for?** Anyone aged 6-11



Refreshments provided (for accompanying grown-ups too)  
Parents or carers can either stay and enjoy the music (and the coffee!) or drop-off.

For more information contact: Rev'd Jo, [vicar@ilminsterpc.org.uk](mailto:vicar@ilminsterpc.org.uk)





# Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

*"The school is an orderly environment within which pupils feel safe. Pupils are appreciative of the open and inclusive culture."*

*"Pupils conduct themselves well in the classrooms and around the school."*

*New students and parents are warmly invited to our*

## Open Evening

**Thursday 3rd October 2024**

**5.00 - 7.00pm**

Headteacher's Address at 5.20pm and 6.20pm



*"Students speak positively about the extra-curricular opportunities on offer to them."*

**"Life in all its fullness." - John 10:10**