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## Herne's' Got Talent Final 2019

A huge well done to the 21 acts that took part on Monday's finals at The Studio at TPS. It was a fantastic night packed with variety, quirky performances and ...talent! Layla Aubert was crowned this year's winner with her amazing singing. The Colour Girls were awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place for their original dance and 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Robyn and Victoria Band for their musical theatre performance. A massive thank you to TPS and our FoH team namely Mr & Mrs Dodd, Mrs Ferry and Mrs Walker for organising this event. Well done to all the brilliant acts who performed at the final – it really was a night to remember



## Links With China



It was an honour and a privilege to be welcomed by nine Chinese schools in Chengdu and Guangzhou last week. Herne has now linked with the Primary School attached to Sichuan University in Chengdu (central China). In the picture to the left is Mr Markham with the Principal of the school, Mr Liu Yan, with a gift for Herne which is now on display at the school and has been painted by one of the 10 year old pupils.



Pittaway (Bohunt) using near perfect English to give us a guided tour of their remarkable school. More news of this link will follow next term, including a survey for parents. This survey is to see if any families at Herne would be willing to host two Year 5 or Year 6 Chinese pupils, whose English is exceptional, over a one week or two week period. The children will join our classes during the day and Herne would organise after-school activities for them too. Families would be paid £20 per pupil per night, to include breakfast and evening meal. These exchanges will have the benefit of a real chance for our children to share ideas and experiences here at Herne and our school would make a profit to enable us to buy additional resources for the school. If you think you would be interested in this scheme in July, please fill in the survey when it comes out next term.

## Governor Update



Erika Marshall's attendance at the last Full Governing Body Meeting was such a privilege. Erika combines the complex roles of Special Needs' Co-ordinator and Assistant Headteacher. Her empathetic and inclusive approach to all pupils whatever their particular needs, is one of the main contributory factors to Herne's reputation of accepting every child whatever their limitations. Governors recognise that Herne School is so fortunate in having such a dedicated team of teachers and support assistants who all work tirelessly to ensure pupils have every opportunity of achieving their full potential. High academic achievement is always a set target, but also the phrase 'every child matters' underlies the school's ethos. In their role, Governors not only hear that this is being achieved, but in their visits to the school they also see this in action.

Governors recognise that in order for every pupil to feel happy and well-cared for, then every member of staff must also feel valued. It is for this reason that 'staff wellbeing' appears as an item on every Full Governing Body Meeting's agenda. Governors set the strategic path for the school to follow, but it is the Senior Leadership Team led by Mr. Markham who manage the day to day organisation of the school. As Governors we focus on fulfilling our role as 'critical friends' and in so doing continually strive for school improvement throughout the whole school community. *Mary Fair (Chair of Governing Body)*

## Portsmouth and Havant Area Swimming Gala

On Wednesday, we took a talented young team of swimmers to the Mountbatten Centre to compete against 16 other schools in this prestigious School Games event. After 29 events, the children at Herne excelled with our Girls' team receiving the Bronze medals and Boys' team receiving the Silver, combining in a very impressed overall 2<sup>nd</sup> Place. Congratulations to all our swimmers.



## Power Against Plastic

After an overwhelming vote by every class, the children are keen to do the following things to cut down on the use of single-use plastics:

- Request that the school's kitchen stop selling Yazoo drinks at breaktimes (we will need to talk to HC3s)
- Replace plastic pencil sharpeners with metal ones (which should last longer)
- Stop any unnecessary laminating
- Stop the sale of Glow Sticks at the school discos

More news on this will follow next term.

## Behaviour Expectations at Herne

We have been reviewing our expectations for good behaviour at Herne and have been disappointed in the number of children on Think Cards and Report Cards. For the first time since November 2017, we have had 5 exclusions this term due to persistent poor behaviour. We think that parents will be pleased that we are hardening our line on poor behaviour and this includes a change to the Behaviour Boards in classes which will reflect our even higher expectations.



The current Behaviour Boards with their 7 stages gives children too much leeway and it was agreed to trial 5 stages in the summer term. As well as signalling to children that unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated it will also allow more children to reach the top of the board and therefore qualify for consideration for attending Special Values Time with our Senior Leadership Team. We will review this change in July, so any parent and pupil feedback will be very helpful.

## Milk Bottle Top Collection Point

Rather than throwing away the plastic tops of your milk bottle containers, you can now bring them into Palm class, who are collecting them. You can also drop them off to our reception desk. Please can they be clean and, sadly, only the milk bottle tops (not other tops from different plastic containers). The plastic tops are being sent down to a company in Portsmouth who turn them into new plastic items. Fantastic!



## Twilight Club

Quite a few bills outstanding and please remember, places must be booked for twilight in advance, you cannot just turn up in the evening. Thank you for your support with this.

## Lost Property

There are lots of cardigans and jumpers in lost property – please come and have a look. If unnamed items are not claimed, these items will be recycled at the beginning of May.

## Easter Activities with CM Sports at Herne (8<sup>th</sup> April – 12<sup>th</sup> April)

We are pleased to offer some Easter holiday activities through our new Sports Company CM Sports. The courses, which are based at Herne, can be booked from 8am through to 6pm which will help families who are working during the holiday period (ages 5-14). Childcare vouchers can be accepted too. More information about these courses can be found on our website on this link:

<https://www.hernejunior.com/attachments/download.asp?file=319&type=pdf>. To book phone 02392 987 881 or go to [www.cm-sports.co.uk](http://www.cm-sports.co.uk). Please also note that they are happy for children to turn up on the day without the need to pre-book! ☺

## Easter Art Sessions for Children

Mrs Ostensen (who runs our art club in school) is running some specialist art classes for children over 6 throughout the Easter Holiday at the Physic Garden. For more information, please visit her website at: <https://treefrogart.co.uk/courses/>.

## PLASTIC-FREE PETERSFIELD



There will be a pop-in session at the Hub, Petersfield Station on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April from 9.30am – 12noon to make BOOMERANG BAGS in collaboration with Final Straw Solent, from recycled material. The bags will be put into local shops and can be borrowed by shoppers instead of buying plastic bags and can then be brought back when it's convenient. Come along to get a bag pack with material to make into a bag, watch a demo of bag-making, help cut out bags, bring along any clean cotton material to use for bags...**just pop-in to find out more.**

**For more information call 01730 263429.**

April		May	
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY – School Closed	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	School reopens for the Summer Term	Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATs Week
		Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	3.30 School breaks up for Half-term
Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3.30 OPEN SCHOOL – see your child's books	MONDAY 3 <sup>rd</sup> JUNE – SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY	