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Supporting Your Child From Home

Hopefully all parents and carers will have received their child's report which came home yesterday. If there are any queries regarding the messages in the reports, as time is tight, we will happily try to answer any questions early in the autumn term. Even though we are closed to the children on Monday and Tuesday September 3rd and 4th, you will still be able to contact us to make a time to talk to any of the staff early on in September.

Please can parents return the slips to the school office before the end of tomorrow or pop them into the school's letter box over the summer holidays? That way we can be sure that you have received your child's report. We also have noted where teachers have recommended targets for children to work on at home. The summer holidays provide a little more time and space to work on some times-tables practice, a little extra reading (see the Summer Reading Challenge below) or some spelling practice. In every Home-School Link book there are questions to ask your child after they have read to check their comprehension. These can be found in the beginning of these books. There are also separate spelling lists towards the back, which are all taken from the National Curriculum. The Internet or our own website are good places to find maths challenges.

We also appreciate that the holidays is a time to relax and have fun with the family, so don't think that we're expecting parents to make 'every day a school day' as such; we're just suggesting there is scope for 'little and often' to keep those young minds ticking over! ☺

Teacher of the Year!

A huge well done and congratulations to Peter Castle, our fabulous Deputy Head, who achieved the accolade of TEACHER OF THE YEAR at the Petersfield Awards last Friday. This is a well-deserved recognition of the amazing work that Peter does for our children and staff here at Herne. He has too many talents to list, but without a doubt, our school wouldn't be the same without him (and no, he's not going anywhere – we won't let him!!)

Team of the Year & Hampshire Games Banner Competition

We had the wonderful news last week that our Girls' Football Team won the 'Best Banner' prize at the Hampshire Games. With hundreds of banners created from schools across the whole of Hampshire, this is a real achievement. The schools prize is that early in the new term the school will get a visit from a professional athlete, who will come and organise a special assembly for the school. The team also won TEAM OF THE YEAR at the Petersfield Awards...what an achievement!



Thank You & Goodbye

First of all, thank you so much to Sarah-Jane Dyer, one of our support staff who has worked tirelessly with many of our vulnerable children. She has also contributed much of her time voluntarily to other school activities like residential visits and supporting staff well-being in her role as a volunteer school governor. We wish her well for her new student life as she goes off in search of an academic degree. ☺

hello!

goodbye!

Thank you also to Alan Bristow who has been a brilliant support alongside John Roberts as they filled in for the vacancy of our site manager post. John Roberts 'retires' for the second time at the end of August, but we doubt it will be a final goodbye as we have a few little projects lined up for him in the Autumn Term!

Welcome

A big welcome to Simon Sherwood who joined our team at the beginning of this month. He has been a brilliant addition to the team already and has had a great contribution to make to maintaining the fabric of the school alongside Mr Roberts and Mr Bristow. We also say hello to Miss Jordyn Ashton who will be a new Year 3 teacher from September onwards. We also 'welcome' Mrs Claire Stephens in her new role of trainee teacher in Rowan class, being the first ever teacher to train and qualify at Herne through the Fareham & Gosport School-Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) scheme.



Y6 SATs Results

As we near the end of term, we can't let this last Flyer pass by without saying a huge thank you and well done to all of the staff and children at the school for some excellent SATs results for 2018. The table below shows how we performed in each subject and as a combined Reading, Writing and Maths score. They are the result of a huge amount of hard work over four years and, against a great deal of factors in this cohort, the staff and the children have made us very proud.

In all aspects we are above national results, with the exception of Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar where we are 1% below. At greater depth we have nearly a third or more pupils working at an able level in EVERY subject area. We are also 7% above national for our combined result for reading, writing and maths of 71% compared to 64% nationally.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF OUR YEAR 6 CHILDREN AS THEY MOVE ON AND WELL DONE! ☺

SATs Results at Herne 2018								
YEAR	READING		WRITING		MATHS		COMBINED: Reading, Writing & Maths	
	EXS	GDS	EXS	GDS	EXS	GDS	EXS	GDS
2018	76%	34%	85%	30%	83%	31%	71%	16%
EXS = Expected Standard for the age group. GDS = Greater Depth for the age group								

Governors' Update

Last week the Governors attended their final meeting of the academic year and as usual we had a full agenda of matters to discuss. Throughout the year discussions have focussed on ensuring that all pupils receive the best possible all-round education. It was therefore not only a delight to hear about another excellent set of SATs results, but to read the many nomination papers that had been submitted from staff for the Governors' Awards. Nineteen pupils were selected by Governors for being outstanding in categories such as 'contribution to school life', 'diligence and hard work', 'being a positive role model' and 'exceptional respectful behaviour'. Making decisions as to which pupils should receive an award was extremely difficult, as all nominated pupils were deserving of recognition.

Unfortunately, next term we shall be without two Governors: Mrs Hepworth and Mrs Dyer. Both members of staff who have made valuable contributions to our meetings and in particular we thank them for pioneering a most successful staff well-being programme. At the beginning of next term there will be an **election for a Parent Governor**. The Governors are looking for someone who is a 'team-player' and preferably with financial experience. Details of the election process will appear in one of our September Herne Flyers. Being part of Herne Junior School's Governing Body is a most rewarding experience and so we hope to receive many applications from parents who would be committed to making a difference to the lives of pupils and their families.

Mary Fair (Chair of Governors)

Sports Clubs from September

After-school sports clubs with Alex Bone, our coaching company for PPA cover, will be the same as this year; Tuesday Netball, Wednesday 3 and 4 Football and 5 and 6 Dodgeball. This new coaching company is called 'ABPE'. Letters will be sent out the first week back and the clubs will start week 2.

COMMUNITY MESSAGES:

RunnyHoneys' Junior Sessions Over the Summer on The Heath

We will be running the junior sessions every Saturday until mid-September - 21st July, 28th July, 4th Aug, 11th Aug, 18th Aug, 25th Aug, 1st Sept, 8th Sept, 15th Sept

New Yoga Class in the Hall at Herne (from 15th September)

A new Yoga Class will be taking place at Herne every Saturday: 10.45am-12.00pm starting in September.

For more information please contact Sonja Balmer:



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Roots & Wings Yoga



HERNE CLOSES TOMORROW AT 12.30.

**HAVE A LOVELY SUMMER AND WE'LL
WELCOME THE CHILDREN BACK ON
WEDNESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER.**

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