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Christmas Fayre News

This year's Christmas Fayre is **this Monday 10th December from 3.30 – 6.00.**

We still need lots of volunteers especially for the food stall, hot drinks and Santa's Secrets Room, so if you think you could volunteer for even a small part of the fayre (half-an-hour would be a great help), please could you email Naomi (Chair of FOH) on the following details: naomi.dodd@hotmail.co.uk. Alternatively, just let our office know and we'll pass on the details. **Two playgrounds will be open as a car park.**

We still have raffle tickets available from the office, prizes include £50 Aspire Holiday club voucher; Guitar lessons; Drum lessons for a month; Meal at the Spice lounge; Family day out at Finkley Farm; Gel Nails; £50 Gladiator camp fitness; Reflexology treatment; £40 Beauty treatment voucher; photography session & prints worth £150 and many more!

During the fayre our choir will be singing and the school's orchestra will be playing, both sessions will get us all in the mood for the weeks to come before Christmas. Several of our classes have appeals for items for their stalls – please see below.

Cake Stall - Can we ask for donations of cakes for the cake stall for the day of the Fayre...get baking!



Jam Jar Tombola - Damson class are collecting filled Jam Jars for their stall. This has been a very popular stall in previous years. All we need is a clean Jam Jar with the lid, decorated for Christmas and filled with sweets and/or little toys. The Jam Jar Tombola is a great way to clear out any unwanted sweets (particularly after Halloween!) McDonald toys, party bag toys or for example, little cars or plastic animals. Don't forget, you can drop off your filled Jam Jars to the School Office as soon as they are ready.

Christmas Appeal for bears! - Pear class are hosting a teddy bear orphanage for the Christmas Fayre this year. If you have any teddies or cuddly toys that you no longer want then please bring them into school for us. They need to be clean and in good condition, and in need of a new friend to play with or comfort. If you are having a tidy up before Christmas this would be a good time to re-home those bears you've loved and want to find new homes for.

Zig-Zags Outside of School – Taking a 'Hard Line'

For the protection of our children and to keep the school entrance free of vehicles in case of emergencies, we now have signs outside of the school entrance on Love Lane that make it clear that motorists cannot park on these lines. **This is now legally enforceable as a result of these signs being in place (Traffic Act 2000 & Traffic Management Act 2004).**

Any vehicle caught parking here or even stopping to drop off will be videoed and photographed by Mr Markham. The footage and photos will not only be passed to East Hants District Council, Hampshire Highways Department, but also to the Police and those people caught will be pursued through the legal system. Mr Markham will also post vehicles on social media outlets, particularly Twitter, where he puts a school Tweet every day of the week, including weekends. All motorists have been warned! If you have extended family who do the school run, for example, grandparents, please pass this clear message on to them too. Thank you.



The Secretary of State for Education Visits Herne!

We were delighted to receive a visit from Damian Hinds MP last Friday. He came to see an inspirational assembly on Internet Safety led by Google and promoted by Parentzone. He was very impressed with the children and he managed to have a good chat to Mr Markham about funding for schools.

Thank you to Google for their fantastic assembly. Please talk to your child if they are in Years 4, 5 or 6 about **SHARP – ALERT – SECURE – KIND – BRAVE**. These key words will help them to remember the key messages from the assembly and we'll be sharing this with Year 3 and all parents very soon!

Healthy Eating (As Well As Getting Exercise)

As part of the discussions around tackling childhood obesity, we became aware of a perceived issue about the 'Yazoo' chocolate milk that is sold by the kitchen at breaktimes. The rumour was that each bottle contained more sugar than a can of Coke. This isn't true, as the children at Herne can only buy the 'No added sugar' version. 200ml has 96kcal (about the same as an average apple). 10% of this drink is sugar contained in the carbohydrates in the drink. The school asked HC3S for a statement about their food and they responded as follows:



- The food provided by HC3S ensures that the children are eating a nutritious meal cooked fresh every day that contributes to attainment and concentration levels.
- HC3S offer a varied healthy menu so our pupils have lots of choice of meals made with quality ingredients; for example, desserts naturally-sweetened with fruit and recipes with hidden vegetables, helping to reduce sugar in their diet and meet the minimum 5-a-day.
- HC3S follow the School Food Plan, meeting the recommended average of 530 calories for each school meal.
- HC3S also holds the 'Happiness is Junk Free Food' award which means parents can be confident the menu is free from 70 listed additives.

Amanda Whatley. HC3S Business Development Manager .



DoodleMath Update

Thank you so much for all the positive feedback we have received concerning Doodlemaths. During their visit yesterday, they highlighted a few areas that we wanted to feedback to you. Firstly, accounts have been created with a standard password and should be changed. To do this:

- Download the DoodleMaths and the DoodleTables apps
- Ask your child to sign in using their login details (remember, it's case sensitive!)
- If you are not already linked to your child, tap on the Grown Ups section and follow the instructions there to link yourself to your child
- Once you are linked to your child, go to Grown Ups and put in your parent password, then tap on settings
- Go to Child's Password and change it to something unique.

Doodlemaths also mentioned that the activities should be completed independently due to the adaptive software 'learning' from the students answers. If they are getting help, then the questions will keep getting harder. They have advised:

- Let your child work through their X-a-day exercise and/or new words activity **without any help** - encourage them to do it independently and if they're really unsure, use the help button for a hint, explanation or to save the question to ask a grown up later
- Log in to www.parents.doodlemaths.com with your Grown Ups username and password. Click on Monitor - Live so you can see how your child is doing as they complete their exercise
- Download the Parent Connect app - you can see a snapshot of what your children are doing.

GOVERNORS' UPDATE

Mr. Bob Ayer has been a Governor of Herne School for nearly 20 years, but at the last Governing Body Meeting, he made the decision not to 'stand' for re-election. Mr. Markham presented him with an engraved silver plate in recognition of his loyal service to the school over so many years.



Mr. Jon Godsell was welcomed as a new Parent Governor. He will be a member of the Resources Committee and monitor the teaching of History in the school. As with the other three Parent Governors – Amanda Burchett, David Martin & Clare Nash, he will provide a valuable parent perspective to decisions made by the Governing Body.

This term, as usual, Governors have made many decisions which affect every pupil. These decisions include the approval of the school's revised budget, priorities for the way money is spent, overseeing the performance management process for staff and monitoring curriculum standards. Health and safety issues also feature prominently on agendas.

At the heart of all decisions, is the desire to ensure that every pupil receives the best possible education. Governors always very much welcome feedback from parents about any aspect of life within the Herne School Community.

MARY FAIR (Chair of Governing Body)



Christmas Post Box – Reminder!

If your child would like to send their friends in school a Christmas card, we have a school Christmas Post Box. Children then sort and deliver the Christmas cards to each class on a daily basis. We can only deliver to children who attend Herne! Envelopes must have the **full name of the child they are for and their class name on.**

Christmas Services & Year 3 Production

As you will see from the diary dates, each year group will be performing something over the Christmas period. Year 3 children will be here at the school with two performances to parents in the hall on Tuesday 18th December (6.30pm) and on Thursday 20th December (10.00am). Years 4, 5 and 6 will be at St. Peter's Church on the afternoons of Monday 17th Dec (Y4), Tuesday 18th Dec (Y6) and Wednesday 19th Dec (Y5). All of these Nativity services start at 2pm. When the service finishes at approximately 2.45pm, parents and carers are welcome to take their children straight from the church as in previous years, as long as we know that this is what you intend to do. Thank you.

Next week, Y3 will be given the words to the songs for their production, we have a link on our website so they can practise the songs at home, this can be found under the 'children' menu and select 'classroom resources' or by clicking on this link <https://www.hernejunior.com/page/?title=Classroom+Resources&pid=72>

Quick School Messages

Christmas Lunch Day – Wednesday 12th December

Please note that there are no snacks available on this day! Lunch will start early for some children at 11.30. For others it may drift a little later, so if you want to provide a snack for your child, please do so.

Film Club

Please note there will be no film club on Monday 10th December due to the Christmas Fayre. Twilight Club will be running as normal.

Brass Lessons & Orchestra info

There will be no Brass Lessons or Orchestra on Thursday 20th December, last sessions of the year for these will be 13th December. Don't forget, the Orchestra will be performing at the Christmas Fayre on Monday 10th December.

Open School

Every first Thursday of the month we have regularly opened up our doors to give parents and carers a chance to come and look at their children's books in class. After some recent feedback we trialled doing this later in the evening, as many working parents had said that they struggled to get in to see the books at 3.30pm. We also combined this with a Rapid Reading Clinic. Seven parents turned up for the 7pm-8pm slot, which given that we have 475 children at the school is a low turnout. In the circumstances, we will review how we might try to do something similar in the future, but in the meantime, please do let us know if you have your own thoughts on this idea. Thank you.



Herne Features on National Channel 5 News...Again!



Mr Markham was contacted by Channel 5 to give a response to the Chief Inspector's Annual Ofsted Report, released earlier this week. Thank you to the parents who also featured on the news. If you missed this, please click on this link or copy and paste it into your web browser:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HOP_sD1mEz0&index=2&list=PLW8kFrw2tkYHOlhYew4cAwQXXehSWXTXx

December		December	
Mon 10 th	3.30 – 6.00 FoH CHRISTMAS FAYRE	Thu 20 th	10.00 Y3 Christmas Performance in school hall
Wed 12 th	Children's Christmas Lunch	Fri 21 st	12.30 SCHOOL CLOSES for Christmas
Mon 17 th	9.30 Rocksteady Concert to Parents 2.00 Y4 Christmas Service at St, Peters		
Tue 18 th	2.00 Y6 Christmas Service at St. Peters 6.30 Y3 Christmas Performance in school hall	January 2019	
Wed 19 th	2.00 Y5 Christmas Service at St. Peters	Tue 8 th	School re-opens to children

**SEE YOU AT OUR CHRISTMAS FAYRE ON
MONDAY 10TH DECEMBER!**