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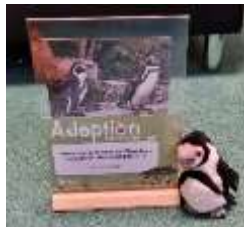
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A Note from our Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,



This week we had a couple of special assemblies, presenting each class with their adoption certificate from Marwell Zoo, complete with an owner's pack and a cuddly version of their adopted animal. There were a plethora of Snow Leopards and Red Pandas but a Sloth, a Meerkat and two Humboldt Penguins were thrown in for good measure! The children were so proud!

In line with our Healthy School Policy, we are becoming a little concerned about the content of some packed lunches. Please see the article below from Mrs Clack, our Healthy Eating Lead, and a link to some healthier options. We know it's difficult...but a move to less preprepared food will also be cheaper for families. We hope this helps.

Thanks again to those who joined us on our second Parents' Evening on Thursday. Another positive event...here are the stats for attendance...pretty impressive, so thank you!

Year 3 – 95%

Year 4 – 89%

Year 5 – 86%

Year 6 – 93%

And finally...whatever you are up to this weekend enjoy. I'm catching up on a pile of housework! Hope your weekend is more fun!

Sue Sayers

Sue Sayers (Headteacher)

Is it time to perk up your packed lunch?

At Herne we strongly encourage healthy eating at break times and lunchtimes. With spring in the air, this weekend seems like a great time to get creative and try something new in your lunch box. There is a plethora of lunch inspiration online but this particular link has lots of mouth-watering images, together with recipe ideas to get your tastebuds tingling.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/collections/kids_packed_lunch_ideas



Football Success

Tuesday afternoon was the chance for our Year 6 footballers to show off their skills at the Havant Area Schools tournament held at South Downs College. It's becoming increasingly common for these tournaments to be played in torrential rain and strong winds and this one was no exception!

The format was simple – teams were split into three groups with the aim to finish as high in the group as possible. Mr Hurst (in his managerial debut) kept the tactics equally simple, get an early goal and keep the pressure on the other team.

Our first game against St James' Primary saw the boys secure a comfortable 6-0 win. The second was a more tentative affair which ended in a 0 – 0 draw against Trosnant. Thankfully the win against St James' was enough to place us in the Gold group for the final stage – we were playing in the big league now. Sadly we went up against very strong opposition from Hart Plain and Mengham losing 2-0 and 3-0 respectively. By now the boys were very wet and cold, but a ride back in a warm minibus with a medal made it all worthwhile.

Help needed for our Forest School area.

Our Herne Forest School area has had quite a bit of use this year and is in need of some TLC. During the May half term, we are aiming to organise a working party of volunteers to help us with this. We haven't decided on a day yet but would love to know if anyone would be interested in helping us. Please email:

s.balmer@hernejunior.com



Gymnastics



Earlier in the week, 10 children in Year 3 and 4 went to a Havant School's Partnership gymnastics event. We did floor, trampoline and tumbling. My favourite was floor because we learnt a new routine, it was really fun. There were two other schools, so we rotated around each station.

By Maisie H (Plum Class)

Free Go-Carts!



We have two (originally battery-operated) go-carts up for grabs, which were created for the Green Power Competition, which was held at Goodwood. We no longer have the batteries but there are various spare parts and helmets. They would make a really fun project for a family with the space to store them and we would much rather see them having a new lease of life than being scrapped. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

Recycle your old spectacles

Herne, in partnership with Petersfield Lion's club, is now a collection point for old spectacles, that will go overseas and be reused. If you have any old pairs lying around at home, our collection point is located in the front office.

Times Tables Rock Stars – New Class Competition

On Monday, we are launching a new class competition with TTRS. We have tried to make this new class competition as fair as possible by adding restrictions to competition times and the fair usage of iPads within the school day.



Brass Lessons/Orchestra

On Thursday 21st March Mr Thomas will not be running orchestra after school. Brass lessons will still continue, but the lesson times will be slightly different. Mr Thomas will let the children know what time on the day.



School Photos

Next Friday (22nd March), we will be taking class photos and Year 6 Leavers Photos. Don't forget to look smart everyone 😊.

Free School Meals – Final Day of Term

Reminder that we will be finishing at 12.30pm on Thursday 28th March. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals and you would like to order them a packed lunch, please contact the School Office by Friday 22nd March. The options will be tuna or cheese.

Keeping Your Child Safe on Their Mobile Phone



Does your child own a mobile phone? Do you monitor it? Does it have parental controls on it? This subject is a minefield for parents and carers, as this will be the first time your child has owned a mobile phone and they are keen to see what is available to them! Take a look at this website for some useful tips that will guide you in the right direction and help you to keep your child safe. [Keeping your child safe on their smartphone](#)

[Barnardo's \(barnardos.org.uk\)](http://Barnardo's.org.uk)

March		April	
Fri 15 th	No afterschool football club for the girls	1 st - 12 th	Easter Holidays
Fri 22 nd	Class and Leavers Photos	Tues 16	7pm HAFS Meeting
Mon 25 th	Showcase 3.30pm	24-26 th	Avon Tyrell (Year 5 residential)
26 th -27 th	HAFS Easter Activities	May	
Thur 28 th	Easter Holiday begins - 12.30pm Finish	Mon 6 th	BANK HOLIDAY – May Day
Fri 29 th	BANK HOLIDAY – Good Friday	Mon 13 th	SATS Week
		Wed 22 nd	Rainbow Theatre (Year 5 and 6)
		Thurs 23 rd	Rainbow Theatre (Year 3)
		Mon 27 th – Fri 31	HALF TERM