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## Personal Message to Parents & Carers

Thank you so much for the support from parents, carers and other members of our community as I received your good wishes for delivering a petition to Downing Street last week. Herne was featured on both the BBC and Channel 5 in the national news. It has become clear during this week that the “best funding for schools ever” which was quoted from the Department for Education is in fact made up of billions of pounds from student tuition fees and even private school fees paid by ordinary members of the public, not from government coffers. I don’t want to make any political points here (it’s far too easy!) but my main concern is that schools should be properly funded for a 21<sup>st</sup> Century FIRST CLASS education for our children. They are our future and they DESERVE THE BEST.

It’s great to know that you agree and I think we would all see this as a ‘no brainer’. The future prosperity of our country, including the valuable contributions the UK makes to the world (medicine, technology and aid to poorer countries, to name but a few) relies heavily on nurturing our children to be the very best they can be. Just think...right here in our school, learning about our world, learning how to get along with each other, could be the future Prime Minister or the person to find the cure for all cancers.

***Education is not a COST; it’s an INVESTMENT.***

## Indonesian Earthquake & Tsunami

We are sure that it has not escaped your notice that there is an appalling situation in Indonesia as a result of earthquakes and the consequent tsunamis leaving at least 200,000 people in desperate need of fresh water, food, medicines and shelter.

We posted the DEC appeal on Twitter yesterday and have added the details here, so if you think you can help please make a private contribution. If you would like to drop in a cash donation (adults or children), we have a collection bucket in the foyer of the school.

We mentioned this in our Harvest Assembly yesterday and noted the generosity of everyone’s donations for the Petersfield Food Bank. Thank you for your support.



## Feedback to parents from the Governors

Our dedicated team of Governors have welcomed a new staff governor. Rob Jones is the teacher of Lime class in Year 4 and having a specific role in the school, Mr Jones will bring a valuable perspective to the decisions the governors will be making during this academic year. Already Governors have been involved in deciding priorities for the new school improvement plan. Together with the school leadership team they decided that the following four targets are the most important for helping to ensure that every pupil receives the best possible education :-

1. Improving home-school communication and therefore strengthening learning partnerships.
2. Enhancing every pupil’s working memory with a particular focus on the teaching of times-tables and mathematic vocabulary.
3. Continuing to accelerate the school’s progress and attainment in reading.
4. Maximising the use of the school’s outdoor environment.

The Governors are very grateful to Mr Castle for producing the final School Improvement Plan document. Governors are also very grateful to Jane Bissex who is part of the office team. She manages the 31 policies that the government requires governors to ensure are ‘in place’ and monitored regularly. Mrs Bissex produces the schedules which show when policies need to be reviewed and ratified by the governing body.

All the Governors think that their role is a privilege because they know that they are making a difference and giving a purpose to everyone involved with the school. They are grateful to parents for supporting the many decisions that they have to make in the course of an academic year.

**Mary Fair ( Chair of Governors)**

## Parents' Evening Online Booking

Our first parents' evenings of the year are on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October and Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October. If you have yet to make an appointment, please follow this link to book online. Bookings will close near to each date, so if you find you cannot book online, just telephone the school and we'll help you out. Here is the link: <https://herne.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

## Don't Forget! - Y7 Applications for September 2019

We still have 31 year 6 parents who have not applied for a year 7 place for their child. The deadline for applying is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018. Applications must be made via the HCC admissions website <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions>

## Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

We are delighted again to offer year 6 the opportunity to purchase a Leavers Hoodie with all the children's names on the reverse in a '19'. Samples of colours and sizes to try are available in reception and we strongly advise taking the opportunity to have a look as the children grow so quickly! If you haven't received a form or have any questions please ask reception. Any questions or queries, please contact Hayley Perry on 01730267227.

## Shoe Box Appeal



Herne has linked up with Sheet Church and we are a collection point for the annual Shoe Box Appeal. If any families would like to put together a shoebox for a disadvantaged child from around the world, there are information leaflets at the school office or look at their website at: [www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk)

We ask that all shoeboxes are brought into school by **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**.

Last year the school donated nearly 70 shoeboxes and it would be wonderful to better that this year. Lots of families commented that it was a lovely activity to do over Half-term! We have leaflets available from the school office that provide more information about the appeal.

## School Crossing Patrol Service Vacancy - Pulens Lane

If you are, or you know anyone who would be interested in covering this urgently needed crossing patrol vacancy please see the link attached <https://careers.newjob.org.uk/HCC/job/Petersfield-School-Crossing-Patrol-Pulens-Lane%2C-Petersfield-HCC547-HAM/457973801/>

## Years 3, 4 & 5 – Flu Vaccination Nasal Spray

A letter has been sent home regarding the opportunity for your child to receive the vaccination. If you would like your child to take part please return the form to school by the 10<sup>th</sup> October. An information leaflet has also been sent providing full information. *Vaccinations take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October.*

## Open Morning for Prospective Parents

Herne is holding an Open Morning alongside Petersfield Infant School on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October. You can look around the infant school first thing then come up to our school from 10.30am. We have spaces in Year 5, so if you know of any families who are considering joining our school, please spread the word. 😊

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you so much for your support for our coffee morning where we raised well over £100. We are still receiving a few donations from those that had a cake but didn't have money on them, so we'll Tweet a final total sometime next week.

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Look Out Next Week for...**EXCITING NEWS ABOUT A RUNNING TRACK PROJECT** right here at Herne...we'll need your help! 😊

## DIARY – Autumn Term 2018

October		October	
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup>	OPEN MORNING alongside Petersfield Infants. <i>10.30 start at Herne for prospective parents.</i>	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Finish at 3.30pm for HALF-TERM
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	PARENTS' EVENING	Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	ABPE Holiday Club – see website for details.
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Tina Allingham photoshoot.	Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	ABPE Holiday Club – see website for details.
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	PARENTS' EVENING	Tue 30 <sup>th</sup>	FoH Halloween Disco