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## PARENTS' EVENINGS

It was lovely to see so many parents on Wednesday this week on our first Parents' Evening of the year. Our second Parents' Evening is this Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October and you can still book online until 5pm TODAY by following this link:

<https://herne.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/>

If you would like to book a last minute appointment on Monday, please phone the school and we'll see what we can do.

## Helping Your Child At Home

During the meeting with your child's teacher, you may be offered access to materials or computer/electronic applications to help your child with their learning at home. One of these applications is called 'Doodlemaths'. Some of our staff have used this with their own children. Here is a quote from Mrs Tigwell, one of our Year 6 teachers: "Doodlemaths has been amazing for both of my children. The quick assessments identified areas they were behind in and also areas where they needed more challenge. The program created a range of questions tailored to help them which in turn helped to improve their confidence in maths. 'Little and often' has been excellent and it has enabled them to constantly revisit areas of maths that they struggled with so they feel secure in class. This has also hugely boosted their confidence as they have moved up to secondary school!" Mrs Garforth says, "My daughter has been doing Doodlemaths for three weeks and already I can see she is so much more confident!"



## Doodlemaths – How to Get Involved FOR ALL FAMILIES

This program goes from early years (age 4) all the way through to the secondary school curriculum (age 16), so it is suitable for any child. Doodlemaths is available to parents independently for £4.99 per month but we have managed to get a reduction down to only **£10 per child per year** (a saving of almost £50!). It is available in a variety of formats ([Apple](#), [Android](#), [Kindle Fire](#), [PC](#), [Mac](#), [LearnPad](#)).

Here is a link which explains about this program further: <https://www.doodlemaths.com/doodlemaths-in-30-seconds/>

If you'd like to take advantage of this offer, please contact us and we'll give you a Doodlemaths letter.

The deadline for this special offer is Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October – next week!

## Recommended Reading Lists – BRAND NEW!

We have updated the very latest recommended books for each year group and listed these on our website.

Click on this link to have a look: <https://www.hernejunior.com/page/?title=Reading+Support&pid=89>

Many of these books have been bought new and are already in our school library. We've highlighted where a book is part of a series, especially as research has shown that reluctant readers can massively improve when they get hooked into a series of books.

## School Funding – How You Can Make Your Voice Heard

Page 4 of today's Flyer is a letter that has been sent out to thousands of parents from schools today. Mr Markham has co-ordinated this action for all Hampshire schools and is absolutely committed to getting the best outcomes to improve funding into our schools. As much as the austerity measures have been a challenge, there has been a real commitment by staff and governors at Herne to minimise the impact on your child and we'll continue to work hard to make sure we're providing the best education for your child.

## An Exciting Running Track Project



We are super excited that, the RunnyHoneys are working on behalf of Herne Junior School to put in place an all-weather running track around our school field. Herne's governors are fully behind this project, but if at all possible, the money to do this (approximately £35,000!) needs to come from fundraising projects and grants. An application to Aviva has been put in to see if we can get a grant of £25,000 to

contribute to this project and we sincerely want this track to be benefit to our wider community. This includes Petersfield Infant School (who have put together a video as part of the bid), other local primary schools, Scouts and Guides and, of course, the members of the RunnyHoneys (including their junior members).



Waitrose  
Community  
Matters

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## Waitrose Community Matters

Good news! Waitrose has selected Herne as one of the three community projects to support this month. They are celebrating ten years of their initiative 'Community Matters' and we would love anybody that you know to add their token to our collection in Waitrose in order to raise funds towards the running track. Our main drive with this track is to improve fitness and tackle childhood obesity.

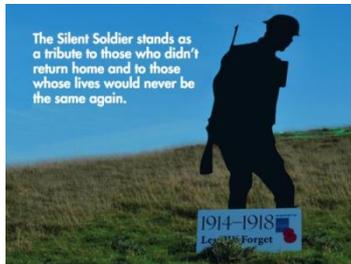
## THANK YOU – Hays Travel

We are also delighted to have £125 donated to Herne to help buy a class set of books for both Year 6 and Year 5. Year 6 have chosen 'Private Peaceful' by Michael Morpurgo and Year 5 have chosen 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes.



## Half-Term Holiday Club (Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October)

ABPE (Alex Bone's new sports company) is running a holiday playscheme in association with Herne Junior School and Rake Primary School. Children will be able to take part in all of the named activities over the two days. They will take part in fun games and matches or have the opportunity to create cards, pictures and more through the Arts & Crafts Section. Siblings from Petersfield Infant School are also welcome. See the letter on our website for more details. <https://www.hernejunior.com/page/?pid=74&action=saved>



## World War I Commemoration at Herne

Herne has taken part in the Petersfield scheme to have the 'Silent Soldier' in the foyer of the school. Any donations received as part of our commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the First World War on November 11<sup>th</sup>, will be given to The Royal British Legion. We will also be selling poppies after half-term. More news on a special day at the school on November 9<sup>th</sup> will follow soon.

## Friends of Herne News



**Tina Allingham photo shoot** in the hall this Sunday. If you have not received your time confirmation slot, cannot make it or need any further information please contact Pauline Walker on 07866 894986. Thank you

**Bags-2-School** – Thank you so much to those people who donated clothing, shoes and other textiles to this scheme. We had approximately 30 bags. The bags are weighed and then a calculation is made to donate money to Friends of Herne. The money we have raised so far will help to create another outdoor gym area (requested by the children on the School Council) and the further development of the school grounds. 😊

**Halloween Disco** – Hopefully, children and parents will have seen that we have a Halloween Disco on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October in the school hall. The Lower School disco starts at 5.30 and finishes at 6.45. Upper School is from 7.15 until 8.30. Please come in fancy dress if you want to and the best costumes will win a prize (No weapons and no killer clowns please – too scary!) Tickets are £2.50 and can be bought on the door.

## School Messages

### Lost Property

We have an enormous amount of both named and un-named lost property in our cupboard. The contents will be displayed in the Herne Hideout (circular wooden structure with steps from the playground) all next week. The lost property cupboard is opposite the Hideout and is accessible from the playground. Please encourage your child to look in the cupboard if they have lost coats, jumpers etc. Small items such as glasses are usually brought to the office.

### Children's Trading Cards

Several children have begun to bring trading cards like Fifa and Pokemon into school. Our usual approach with these cards is that they are allowed all of the time they are not causing any arguments or disrupting learning in lessons. We will allow these cards in school from next week and hope that the children enjoy the cards as a bit of fun at breaktimes and lunchtimes. If they are valuable to them, then please keep them at home as we won't have time to go looking for missing cards. Sorry.

### Don't Forget!

#### School Photograph Order Closing Date Tuesday 16th October

If you have NOT yet placed your School Photograph order, the order closing date is Tuesday 16th October. Please either return your Order to the School Reception or visit [www.smileYellow.com](http://www.smileYellow.com) using the passwords on the Proofcard



#### Y7 Applications for September 2019

We still have 23 Year 6 parents who have not applied for a year 7 place for their child. The deadline for applying is 31st 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 at the office.

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

A letter has been sent home regarding the opportunity for your child to receive the flu vaccination. If you would like your child to take part please return the form to school next week. An information leaflet has also been sent home providing full information. **If you have received this Flyer electronically or picked it up on our Twitter feed, then you can zoom into the poster here.**



Vaccinations take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

Information on the NHS website can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/>

### Shoebox appeal

We have a limited number of empty shoeboxes available in reception if you need an empty one. A repeat of the details of this appeal will be on next week's Flyer.

### School Crossing Patrol Service Vacancy – Pulens Lane

If you are interested, or you know anyone who would be interested in covering the school crossing patrol on Pulens Lane, someone is needed urgently.

Please see the link below:

<https://careers.newjob.org.uk/HCC/job/Petersfield-School-Crossing-Patrol-Pulens-Lane%2C-Petersfield-HCC547-HAM/457973801/>

## Community Messages

### Herne Juniors Supporting FitzRoy



If you would like to support FitzRoy, a charity for adults with autism and learning disabilities, once again Herne Junior School has a Just Giving page and we're aiming to help raise £250 as Mr Markham strives for a Personal Best of less than 1hour 29 mins for the Great South Run 10 mile race on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October in Portsmouth. If you would like to make a donation to FitzRoy, follow this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/anthony-markham>

### Petersfield Town Football

Petersfield Town juniors football club are running a training session on Wednesday evenings from 6.00-7.00pm on the Astro at TPS for all years 3, 4 and 5 that want to play. They are looking to form a new team and all are welcome. Contact [jeremyvanstey@hotmail.com](mailto:jeremyvanstey@hotmail.com)



## FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

If you'd like to keep up with lots of the things we do here at Herne or just want to access this Flyer every week (we Tweet the Flyer every Saturday), then follow us on Twitter. Although we have created a Facebook page, at this stage we are still planning how we intend to use this into the future. We'll keep you posted later this year. ☺ **Twitter: @HerneJunior**

### DIARY – Autumn Term 2018

October		October	
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Tina Allingham photoshoot.	Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	ABPE Holiday Club – see website for details.
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	PARENTS' EVENING	Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	ABPE Holiday Club – see website for details.
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup>	Closing Date for School Photo Orders	Tue 30 <sup>th</sup>	FoH Halloween Disco
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Finish at 3.30pm for HALF-TERM		



Dear Parent/Carer,

## Update – School Funding Campaign

Firstly, thank you for the huge support that you gave to Headteachers, and to me personally, who campaigned for improved school funding at Westminster on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Over 2000 head teachers attended in London with considerably more supporting their actions too.

It is clear from the emails that colleagues and I received that parents overwhelmingly support the need for much improved investment in our schools. As soon as we receive a reply from the Chancellor, we will let you know. I am sure everyone will watch with interest to see how he responds to our requests during the Autumn Statement (Budget) on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

Following recent headlines, Headteachers across the country hope very much that the Government and the Department for Education, in particular, will stop providing parents and the wider public with misleading information about spending on schools. This week's scathing letter (see link below) to the Department of Education from the UK Statistics Authority underlines all of the points that Worth Less? have repeatedly stated to parents over the past three years.

[https://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/20181008\\_Sir\\_David\\_Norgrove\\_letter\\_to\\_SoS\\_for\\_Education.pdf](https://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/20181008_Sir_David_Norgrove_letter_to_SoS_for_Education.pdf)

***“I am sure you (The Department for Education) share my concerns that instances such as these do not help to promote trust and confidence in official data, and indeed risk undermining them.”***

**Sir David Norgrove – Head of the UK Statistics Authority (8/10/18)**

Frankly, it is entirely wrong to suggest that Government spending on schools is much higher than in other comparable countries, when the Department for Education tries to include spending made by families on university tuition fees (loans to students) and independent (private) school fees. This adds billions of pounds to headline data but has absolutely no effect on funding received by schools. It is a completely unacceptable way of defending real term cuts.

The Department for Education must now work hard to rebuild trust and credibility. We hope that ministers will apologise unreservedly and put all of their efforts into investing adequately into school funding and supporting much improved recruitment and retention of teachers.

**Parents have also asked how they can support the drive for improved funding.** In light of this we are able to let you know that parent groups have lobbied parliament (10th October) and there will also be a national day of parental action on 19th October. For more information about 19th October, please search [#parentteachersunite](#) on Twitter or Facebook.

We would again like to thank you for your support and confirm that our campaign will remain reasonable and determined with a single goal of ensuring that every school and pupil receive a much better deal in the near future.

Yours sincerely

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