



Keeping Fit and Healthy

Two of our parents have been in touch to help the school to promote fitness and healthy living. Becky Stafferton is a parent of two children at Herne (Years 3 and 5) and she owns and runs a Healthy Lifestyle website in which she writes about all things to do with health, fitness, food and wellness.



Having seen our Flyer last week about how we can work as a community to tackle childhood obesity and promote healthy living, as a response she has written a blogpost offering advice in a very chatty, down to earth and approachable way. Becky and the school feel that if this in some way helps just one person who may feel they are struggling, then that's got to be a good thing. You can read the blog here:

<https://artofhealthyliving.com/5-healthy-lifestyle-changes-family/>

Here is a flavour of the blog:

Start As You Mean To Go On

OK so we've got our positive pants on, we can do this folks, and I'm going to continue as I mean to go on by talking about the journey to school. Myself and the kids walk the 20 minute route to school every day; come rain or shine we're there pounding the pavements. Yes sometimes the kids have a right old moan about it, especially if it's tipping down, but we've got wellies, we've got umbrellas...a little bit of rain ain't gonna kill anyone!

Fitness Sessions

Magdalena Andrews runs fitness sessions and if you're interested in getting in touch, here is some information: *In my fitness sessions I'm offering, fun aerobics activities, running coaching as well as basic nutrition advice. This is for any age and any level of fitness, groups or 1:1 sessions. There are plenty of activities for mums, children or older adults. All activities take place using outdoor spaces for an extra benefit. There is more information on my Facebook page @Petersfieldbootiecamp*
If you require any more information please ask. Magdalena

And When You're Not Keeping Fit...Give Your Brain a Workout!

Yes...we're talking about READING again!

Have your child tell you a "story."

One great way to introduce children to literacy is to take their dictation. Have them recount an experience or make up a story.

We're not talking "Moby Dick" here. A typical first story may be something like, "I like fish. I like my sister. I like grandpa." Write it as it is being told, and then read it aloud. Point at the words when you read them, or point at them when your child is trying to read the story. Over time, with lots of re-reading, don't be surprised if your child starts to recognise words such as "I" or "like." (As children learn some of the words, you can write them on cards and keep them in a "word bank" for your child, using them to review later.)

"I was reading a book... 'History of Glue'... I couldn't put it down!"
Tim Vine. Comedian



After School Clubs - Reminder

If your child normally attends one of our after-school clubs or goes to the In-Between Club and you decide you don't want them to go to these on a particular evening, please ensure that we are informed in the school office here at Herne as well as telling the after school club. Please help us keep your child safe. Thank you

Mobile Phones



Just as a reminder, although children are allowed to bring a phone to school (and we are happy to lock them in our lockers in the classrooms), please can you note that they must not be used before, during or after the school day when the children are on the school premises. This is for their safeguard. If someone is found using their phone at the wrong time or inappropriately, we will confiscate the phone until the end of the school day. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

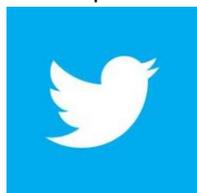
Save money by downloading the School Gateway app!

If you have a smartphone, both you and the school can save money when you download the 'School Gateway' app from your app store (Android and iPhone). Once you've downloaded the app, our texts will be delivered to you as instant app messages, saving us the cost of texting. Any messages that you send to school using the app will be FREE of charge to you. It's quick and easy to do. All you need to activate the app for the first time is your email address and mobile number that the school holds on record for you. If you have trouble logging in, please contact the school office. Thank you. ☺



Feedback About Future Communications With Parents

We would be very interested to receive feedback from parents and carers about our communications with you. Our current setup with School Comms is up for renewal in a few months' time. In particular, we are considering buying in the ability to text reminders and updates more frequently. At the moment, most communication is by email and of course information is accessible through our website. We are also exploring a Facebook page with help from TPS so that parents can experience something similar as your child moves through our school to their next school.



Finally, don't forget we Tweet pretty much every day, including putting out this Flyer on a Saturday. We even had a Tweet last week from Damian Hinds, the new Secretary of State for Education, when we highlighted the disparity in funding for Hampshire children. Very powerful stuff!

Change to Upper School Herne's Got Talent Heats

Sadly, we have had to change the heat for the Upper School to now take place on Thursday 22nd February from 3.30 until 5.30 due to the number of acts that we will need to get through! We'll repeat this information on the diary each week. If you have any questions about the heats, please get in touch. The Lower School heats will take place as planned NEXT WEEK on Wednesday 31st January from 3.30 until approximately 5.00.

Friends of Herne Meeting

Please come along to our next Friends of Herne meeting at 6pm next Wednesday if you'd like to get involved with events and fundraising at the school. All money raised this year will be used to promote health and fitness for the children.



NSPCC Number Day

Next Thursday and Friday, the school will be getting the children involved in a number of rich and varied maths activities in support for the NSPCC. If you have any loose change and would like to make a donation on one of those days, please send the money in with your child.

Diablo Difficulties

On the whole, our children enjoy playing with diablos in school, but we have been noticing some accidents and deliberate use of diablos which have resulted in some minor injuries. We will be considering banning these from after half term if we can't be sure that our children (and staff) can be safe around them. We hope parents and children understand this position.

Parking Problems



Residents of flats in Hoadlands are complaining of parents parking in their private car park. Could we please ask for people picking up or dropping off in that road to respect the private parking spaces. We are also getting complaints about inconsiderate parking in Love Lane, including keeping engines running. Your help in being considerate to our neighbours would be gratefully appreciated.

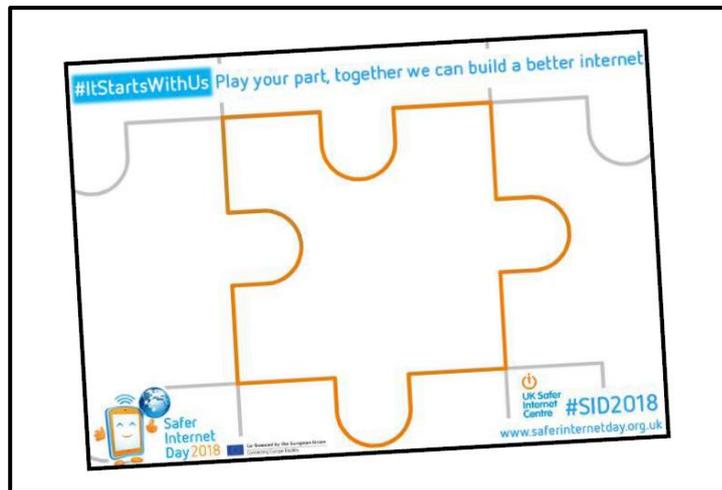
Safer Internet Day

This Safer Internet Day we are encouraging everyone to play their part in building a better internet.

Children and young people, schools, parents and carers, and organisations all across the UK are invited to make a pledge to do something great and positive online this Safer Internet Day using the hashtag #ItStartsWithUs.

Here is how to get involved:

1. Use the jigsaw template and fill in a pledge to do something positive online. It could be a picture of the kind things you will do online or a pledge to take a positive action to make the internet a better place. The jigsaw shows how your actions fit in with the actions of those around you, to create a better internet.
2. Take a photo of your pledge and share it on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and any other social media platform with the hashtag #ItStartsWithUs
3. Get your friends, family, and colleagues involved too!



Royal Marsden Cancer Charity

On Friday 9th February, Luke and Joe Tully (Damson and Ash) will be holding a stall after school to raise money for The Royal Marsden Hospital in London (which cared for their auntie last year). They will be selling sweets, books, craft items, soft toys etc. Please do come and support them.

VACANCIES AT HERNE



Want to join the team?

Lunchtime Supervisors

We need people from 12.15 until 1.20 every day of the week. We will consider people who can only do a few days a week too. If you'd like to find out more, please get in touch and we'll give you more information. The pay starts at £7.78 per hour. Many Supervisory Assistants end up with additional hours to support the children during

lesson times too which are paid at Learning Support Assistant rates which start from £8.13 per hour.

Twilight Club Assistants

We have several slots where we'd like one person to help with our supervision after school from 3.30 to 5.00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 3.30 until 6.00 on Fridays. If you are interested in any of these days or all of those slots, again, please get in touch. The pay starts at £7.78 but could be higher depending on experience.

Special Needs Assistant

We are looking for a friendly, flexible and professional person ideally with proven previous experience in Key Stage 2, to join our established learning support team. You will be supporting two children at different times with an Education & Health Care Plan (EHCP) to provide interventions as directed. You will be required to keep accurate records and be able to provide feedback to the teacher and SENCo. Previous experience of supporting children and/or training is desirable, and further professional development opportunities will be available.

The contracted hours are 9.00am to 11am, Mondays to Fridays. The post is a fixed term position until the end of the summer term in a popular school. There is a possibility that this could be extended into the following academic year.

Click on this link for more details:

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/educationjobshampshire/educationjobshome/educationjobsjobdetail.htm?id=60832&swatch=>

DIARY – Spring Term 2018

January/February		February/March	
Mon 29 th	Mid-year assessments for following two weeks.	Fri 9 th	3.30 Charity Stall Sale (details to follow) Finish for HALF TERM
Wed 31 st	Lower School Herne's Got Talent Heats in the school hall (3.30 onwards) 6.00 – 7.00 FoH Meeting in Staffroom.	Wed 28 th to Fri Mar 2 nd	Year 5 Residential Visit to Avon and Tyrell studies and adventure centre (new trip for our school instead of Fairthorne Manor).
Thu 1 st	OPEN SCHOOL – a chance to come into school and see your child's books.	Thu 1 st March	World Book Day – details to follow...
Fri 2 nd	NSPCC Number Day – details to follow...	Wed 7 th	PARENTS' EVENING
Wed 7 th	Upper School Herne's Got Talent Heats in the school hall (3.30 onwards)	Tue 13 th	PARENTS' EVENING