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THE BEAST FROM THE EAST! Message from Mr Markham

Thank you for the positive feedback about the handling of events at the end of last week. When it comes to making a decision to close the school due to snow, you are often caught between what is actually happening on the ground and what has been forecast for later in the day. This was made that bit trickier when you are making the decision from the New Forest where I was assisting with the Year 5 Residential Visit at Avon Tyrrell House. As you may have heard, we took the decision to leave there a day earlier, travelling back along the A31 towards the M27, just making it out of there before the A31 was blocked and the army called to assist with people stuck on there for the night! I would be happy to receive feedback about our methods of letting parents and carers know of our on-going decision making, which took the form of our website updates, Hampshire's Emergency closure website, Twitter feed, texting and phone message. Part of the challenge for all of these methods is around Internet connectivity and remote access to the school's server. We will learn from this experience and hope that any inconvenience was minimised given the general state of the nation on Thursday and Friday!



I must say how proud I was of the children on the coaches who were incredibly well-behaved and understanding of our situation, a massive thank you to the staff on the trip who were so thoughtful and pro-active and to key staff back at school (Mrs Peacock and Mr Roberts in particular) who called all 91 parents and, in the case of Mr Roberts, hooked in members of the local community to keep Love Lane gritted and stuck around at the school until nearly 7pm to ensure everyone was safely on their way to their next destination. I also must say a hearty thanks to the two bus drivers Paul and Rob from Lucketts Travel, who navigated some incredibly tricky New Forest roads to get us all back to Petersfield in what was a long bus journey of over three hours (when it should have taken less than an hour)!

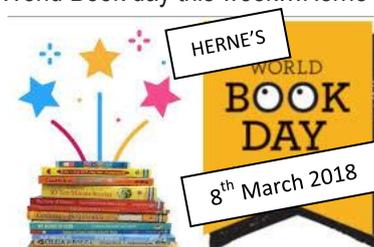


Avon Tyrrell and Eco-Lodgers Follow-Up (Year 5 Parents & Carers)

We are in discussions with Avon Tyrrell management, Hampshire County Council, the insurance company and other parties to see where we stand with any refunds for trips planned or time lost at the various venues last week. Please bear with us whilst we make our enquiries and, where we can, do our best to ensure that the children don't miss out too much with the situation.

World Book Day – This Thursday March 8th!

Were we ahead of the game or was it just one of those things!! As it turns out, the rest of the country will be re-instating some sort of World Book day this week...Herne's will take place as planned THIS THURSDAY!



World Book Day – Herne's Day to Focus on Reading

Marked in over 100 countries across the globe, World Book Day is a UNESCO initiative that aims to celebrate both books and reading, especially among younger members of our societies. In the UK and Ireland, National Book Tokens are sent out so that children can find a book of their very own – something to unlock the power of their minds in a way that the increasing prevalence of digital screens may not provide.

On the 8th March, to help celebrate Herne's World Book Day we are asking the children to come dressed up as their favourite book character. Please note these do not need to be bought; the more inventive, the better! We can't wait to see all of the children in their costumes. **There is no donation required on this day.** However, on that morning we are very lucky to have a local author, Tony Flanagan from Rake, to visit the school in order to let Year 5 take part in a presentation and workshop. He will also give the children the opportunity to purchase his current book costing £6.99. This book can be bought from all book shops and Amazon, but Tony will have a limited number of copies for the children to buy on the morning. If you would like your child to buy a copy please send in the money in a named envelope. Tony Flanagan's latest book, *The Most Curious Case of the Runaway Spoon*, is a fantasy / adventure story predominantly aimed at the 9 to 12-year-old market. A book synopsis and publisher details can be found here:

<http://www.tony-flanagan.pegasuspublishers.com/>

Parent Governor Update

In the light of a vacancy for one of our Parent Governor positions, Herne's Governing Body will be discussing the next steps for filling this vacancy at their next Full Governing Body meeting on 27th March. We will update parents on this position as soon after this meeting as possible. Whenever a position becomes available, one thing we do is to see where some expertise would be welcome to help with the strategic management of the school.



Parents' Evenings

We are pleased to inform parents that you can still book online for this week's Parents' Evening scheduled for 7th March. This closes tomorrow (6th March) at 9pm. The bookings for next week (13th March) close on March 12th also at 9pm. The link is:

www.herne.parentseveningsystem.co.uk

If you have any issues logging in, please call us and we'll help you out.

Revision Books – On Sale at Parents' Evenings

Helpful revision books for all year groups will be available at the heavily discounted price of £2 per book (usually anywhere between £3.50 and £5.99). The school aims to make no profit from these sales, but they are a useful way for parents to see the overall new demands of the current National Curriculum, which came into schools in 2014.

Class Photos & Leavers' Photos

We have booked the photographer for Thursday 15th March when they will be taking the annual class photo. We also get them to take a Leavers' photo of our Year 6 children, which includes an autograph book and other 'goodies'.

FRIENDS OF HERNE NEWS

Friends of Herne Cake Raffle

The cake raffle takes place most Fridays (bakers and other school events permitting). Children have the chance to win a home baked cake or similar if they buy a raffle ticket, it's 20p per ticket, £1 max per child. I have enough bakers until the end of this term, thanks everyone but if anyone would like to bake, including children and or other relatives for next term please let me know. You just need to drop the cake to the school office on the agreed date with a list of ingredients. Please contact me on the Herne parents Facebook page or via my email Hannah-jolly@hotmail.com I appreciate that not everyone can eat cake so I was hoping to do some sort of free from baking once a term, if anyone has any other ideas or suggestions about this please let me know. All money raised goes to Friends of Herne who support the school with extra resources! Thanks everyone and good luck! Next raffle this Friday 9th March!

Herne's Got Talent

We were so proud of all the children who put themselves forward to compete at the Herne's Got Talent heats. The judges had a fantastic two afternoons watching all of the wonderful acts; however they had the almost impossible task of deciding the selection of acts that have made it through to the final. The final will take place on Tuesday 20th March at the TPS Studio. All the finalist should have now received a letter from FoH with further details and how to buy tickets. If you didn't make it to the final, don't be too down-hearted, we loved all of the acts !

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| 1. Willow Perring | 12. Ella Clarke, Chloe Thompson and Emily Thompson |
| 2. Eildh Neill | 13. Josie Ferry and Aleena Rahman |
| 3. Joe Tully | 14. Rebecca Gomm |
| 4. Izzy Robinson | 15. Isabelle Anderson and Hugh Cummings |
| 5. Fifi Goldsmith | 16. George Port |
| 6. Lauren Muscato | 17. Amber Fisher |
| 7. Holly Richardson, Artie Carter , Daisy Pearce and Ruby Harris | 18. Grace Gibson |
| 8. Luran Dodd, Hattie Bond | 19. Alana Cantan |
| 9. Lucy Pittaway, Olivia Andrews | 20. Jessica Ferry |
| 10. Amy Soden, Lea Mathers, Jasmine Casella, Imogen Belcher and Mia Kates | 21. Laura Goldbourne, Robyn England, Tirana Seymour and Emilia Hole |
| 11. Bethany Tebbey, Jessica White, Savannah Kite and Saskia Hamilton | |

DIARY – Spring Term 2018

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| Wed 7 th | PARENTS' EVENING | Thu 15 th | Class and Leavers' Photos |
| Thu 8 th | Herne's World Book Day | Tue 20 th | 6.00 – 8.00 HERNE'S GOT TALENT FINAL at TPS |
| Mon 12 th | SCIENCE WEEK | Fri 23 rd | SPORT RELIEF Day...details to follow |
| Tue 13 th | PARENTS' EVENING | Thu 29 th | 12.30 School Closes for Easter Holidays |