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Herne's Got Talent Final

A huge well done to the 21 acts that took part on Tuesday's finals at The Studio at TPS. It was a fantastic night packed with variety, quirky performances and ...talent! The 'Days of Fire' dancers (Jasmine Casella, Lea Mehers, Amy Soden, Imogen Belcher, Carolyn Handford and Mia Kates) were crowned this year's winner with their original dance/drama performance. Alana Cantan was awarded 2nd place for her marvellous singing and 3rd place was shared between Joe Tully for a superb dance routine and Eilidh Neal for her fantastic trumpet playing/comedy routine. A massive thank you to TPS and our FoH team namely Mr & Mrs Dodd, Mrs Ferry, Mrs Walker and Mrs Goodship for organising this event. Well done to all the brilliant acts who performed at the final – it really was a night to remember

Sports Relief 2018

We were incredibly lucky today to be joined by Scott Heffield, an ex-marine, who works alongside Bear Grylls on all of the adventure programmes on TV. Scott gave the children a talk about his extreme adventures, TV work and included some delicacies that adventurers have to eat when they're in the wild. Some of the children volunteered to eat crickets, meal worms and other delights! Two staff were invited to eat live mealworms but only Mr Jones rose to the challenge!! Together we raised a fantastic **£501.53** and Fir class raised an amazing **£55** on their own!



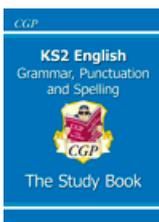
Our Sports Captains have done a tremendous job this week organising Sports Relief PE sessions across all year groups. Year 3 enjoyed tackling obstacle courses, Year 4 loved playing capture the flag, Year 5 had a great time learning how to play dodge ball and bench ball while Year 6 enjoyed Spy Camp. This culminated in a 'grand lunchtime skip'. Excellent job done! If anyone would like to donate any spare change to the Sport Relief charity there will be a bucket at reception to collect any offers during next week.

Sporting Round Up



The last two weeks have seen pupils from Herne travelling to compete in no fewer than 8 different sporting events, we think this is a new school record. This has included swimming, tag-rugby, football (girls and boys) and gymnastics. Some of the most notable achievements were, our lower school gymnastics team coming 2nd in the Havant Area competition and now going on to compete in the Hampshire Games; our lower school tag-rugby team coming 2nd in the Havant Area tournament (it was their first competitive game for

the school); our swimming team coming 2nd overall (and our boys being placed 1st) in the Havant and Portsmouth swimming gala. A tremendous well done to all the children who have been proudly representing our school at sport.



Help with SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)

We have had some feedback from parents that they would like to purchase a SPAG study guide to help support their child with the Collins SPAG revision books. We are pleased to announce that we will be selling the CGP Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling book (RRP£5.95) for £2.50 at next week's Year 6 SATs Information Evening. If you are not able to attend the evening and would still like to purchase a book, please just bring the money in to the school office in a named envelope and we will send the study guide home with your child.

Launch of the School's Facebook Page

Well we certainly picked a good week to launch our new Facebook page what with all the hoo ha over the use of data by companies connected to Facebook! Anyway, we are on Facebook now and you can start to see posts relating to events that have taken place. For example, this week's Herne's Got Talent finalists and on Monday we'll post something about Scott Heffield's visit.



Facebook Continued...

With some helpful feedback from parents, we have decided that we need to publish a communication strategy as soon as possible which will highlight where parents should go to get the latest information about the school. Although the school has several outlets, the main source of information will still be this Flyer and our website. Other forums like Twitter, Facebook, texts and emails will be repeating some of the web or Flyer info but they may also highlight breaking news or give a pre-Flyer teaser of something that has been happening at the school. The point of the pilot for Facebook is to play around with this and get feedback from our parents and carers to see if this is a welcome addition to our array of communications with parents (or not!)

Parents' Facebook Page

Keeping with the thread of communication, we thought it would be helpful to make clear that the school has no control over the Parents' Facebook page. This is an unofficial page which never-the-less has proven to be a very useful place for parents to share things and answer each other's questions about things like up-and-coming events or homework queries. This page is not monitored by the school, but on the very few occasions that someone has a rant about the school on there, inevitably it makes its way back to us. We would like to repeat the plea that if you have something you'd like to feedback to us or talk to us about, please come and see us. We know that a good partnership with parents is the key to having a happy and successful school for our children. ☺

Class Dojo



Some classes have adopted a thing called 'Class Dojo' which is a personal preference of the teacher of that class. The school has explained to all teachers that, if they would wish to set this up and experiment with it, that they can do this anytime between now and the end of the summer term. In the new academic year, this facility will NOT be standard across the school, as it is quite time consuming for staff. Therefore, it is really important to understand that, lovely as this is where it is working well, that this is not a standard offer of communication from the school.

New Tree

After the sad loss of the beautiful maple in our carpark, we are delighted to announce that a new tree has been purchased to replace it, with all money raised by staff contributions. After taking advice from local tree enthusiast, Robin Hart, we have purchased an Amelanchier Lamarckii (see pictures). This isn't a big tree but makes up for that with all year colour/interest and can be planted near the felled tree adjacent to the minibus parking area. It has red leaves in the spring and the autumn with green leaves in between, during the summer. Plus white blossom and berries. It won't be very big to begin with but hopefully as it grows, it will bring us as much joy as the old tree did. It will be planted next week by our Allotment Club so look out for it.



Messages:

Summer Term Lunch Menus

A copy of the new Summer Term Lunch menu will be sent home with your child next week. This will start from Monday 16th April.

Coming Into School

We have noticed some parents are coming into school in the mornings via the cloakroom doors and going directly into classrooms. Please can we remind everyone that if you wish to see a teacher you must go via the office. Thank you for your co-operation.

NO PIANO LESSONS ON WEDNESDAY 28TH MARCH DUE TO HAMPSHIRE MUSIC SERVICE INSET DAY

Wanted: Yoga Mats



If you have any unwanted (but in good condition) yoga/exercise mats that you could donate to the school, Miss Balmer would be very grateful. She needs about 6 to get started with a weekly lunchtime relaxation and mindfulness group.

DIARY – Spring Term 2018

March		April	
Mon 26 th	YEAR 3 Dress as a Superhero Day	Mon 16 th	School Re-Opens for the Summer Term
Wed 28 th	No Music Lessons today	Wed 18 th	YEAR 5 to Avon Tyrrell (the return!) 6.00-7.00 Friends of Herne AGM.
Wed 28 th	YEAR 6 SATS Information Evening (6.30pm start)	Thu 19 th	YEAR 5 Avon Tyrrell group returns.
Thu 29 th	12.30 School Closes for Easter Holidays Flyer 26 will come home on this day.	Fri 20 th	YEAR 5 Eco-Lodgers trip to Colemore.
		Sat 21 st	Girls Football Team in the Regional Finals in Bristol
		Mon 23 rd	The BIG PEDAL Week – Come to school on wheels!