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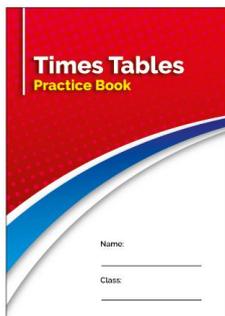
Well done to everyone who turned up with their teddy bear today, raising an amazing £517.40 for Children in Need! We also wanted to mark the end of Anti-Bullying week by wearing blue. Those children who are sometimes on the receiving end of unkind words or actions often feel blue about this and there are many things to help them deal with these situations in a better way. A really important part of this is for the children who witness unkind things to come forward and let someone know what is going on. Daunting as it is, it is essential that bystanders try to be brave and do their bit to tackle bullying. Thank you for your support!

## 'Running Out of Time!'

You have done an amazing job so far as a community as we try to secure a £25,000 grant from Aviva Insurance. At the last count we were yo-yo-ing (is that a word?) between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the whole country. Our challenge to you was to get 15,000 votes and we are now over 20,000! So many thanks must go to the RunnyHoneys who have been promoting this and to everyone who has been spreading the word through Facebook, Twitter and other social media sites. We need one last push before the deadline, which is next Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November and the simplest link for getting people to vote is to put in [www.herne.run](http://www.herne.run) into their browser on their device. This gives you details of how to register to vote. ...Keeeeeeeeep Voting!



## Times Tables News



This week has seen the publication of information about the much talked about Times Tables Tests for Year 4 children throughout England. It is fair to say that those children who have a solid command of the tables through to 12x12 do much better in maths than those who are a bit wobbly, or need to constantly work them out. We will be using these new national tests with Year 4 in the summer (May 2019), but you'll be pleased to know that these results will not be published, as this will be a 'dry run'. However, our current Year 3 children will be officially sitting these tests in May 2020, along with the rest of the country, so it is vital that we work with parents and carers to support them over the next couple of years. As you know, we provided every child in the school with a new 'Times Tables Practice Book' in September in the knowledge that this was a test that would be coming sooner rather than later. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to get in touch and we'll do our best to answer your query.

## Primary Maths Challenge

This week 11 children from Year 6 took part in The Primary Maths Challenge. This is a fun and exciting mathematical challenge for children across the UK, where they can really extend their mathematical knowledge through reasoning and problem solving. They all performed admirably, with two children (Millie Green in Cherry and James Port in Willow) achieving the required threshold grades. Fingers crossed they'll be able to move forward to the next round in the New Year. Well done to all those who took part! ☺



## Friends of Herne News

This year's Christmas Fayre is on Monday 10th December from 3.30 onwards and there will be more details to follow all about this soon. In the meantime, if you think you could volunteer for part of the fayre, please could you email Naomi (Chair of FOH) on the following details: [naomi.dodd@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:naomi.dodd@hotmail.co.uk)



**Secret Santa Room** – A letter will be coming home next week about this that has a return slip. Your child will be able to buy and wrap a gift for a special adult in their life, but unlike last year, we will only be able to take children who have pre-ordered by 30<sup>th</sup> November. The cost of a ticket for this will be £3. Watch out for the letter next week.

**Raffle Tickets** – If you have a book of tickets which you won't be able to sell to others or buy for yourself, could you please return the books to the school so that we can pass them to others who could sell more? Thank you.

**Christmas Themed Mufti Day – Friday 30th November** - On this day, we'd like the children to bring in a donation of money to help us buy prizes for the fayre and for this donation, they can wear anything Christmassy (this will get them in the mood for the following Monday when the school's Christmas Post-Box goes up!). Tinsel, hats and even Christmas jumpers will be allowed on this day.



## School Christmas Lunch

The school Christmas Lunch will be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. We have sent home the order form for your completion and return. This meal must be pre-ordered on the form and returned to the school office. There will be no other choices available on that day. If your child would prefer to have a packed lunch that day they will still join in with the festivities in the hall.

**Please note the closing date for ordering is Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018.**

## Plea for a Tree!

Every year we are fortunate here at Herne to have our Christmas Tree, which we put up in the hall in December, donated by small businesses or families who can afford to buy a large tree. This year we are looking for a large tree of about 3 to 4 metres tall (10 feet in old measurements). If anyone can donate a tree, please get in touch with the school office. Thank you. ☺



## Open School – New Time!

Every Thursday of each month, we give parents an opportunity to pop into their child's classroom to look at their books. Teachers are often busy doing other things, but you are really welcome to view your child's books. After feedback that this is tricky for some parents, especially with full-time work commitments, we are trialling being open between 7pm and 8pm on **Tuesday 27th November**. Please come to the front entrance from 7pm and we'll sign you in and direct you to your child's class.

## Rapid Reading Clinic for Parents

On this same Tuesday (27<sup>th</sup> November), Mrs Charlotte Minton will be running a Question & Answer Clinic for those parents whose children are using the Rapid Reading software or app. Please come along at 7pm to ask your questions or just to find out a little more about this program, which is enabling children to make 6 months reading progress in a matter of weeks! ☺

## Friday After-School Football Clubs

Please be aware this is the last week the clubs will be running this term due to the poor light levels after 4pm. The clubs will re-commence next spring, so keep an eye on the Flyer for details.

## Lunchtime Supervisors Needed!

If you think you would be interested in joining our friendly lunchtime team for all or part of the week, please get in touch with us and we'll be able to give you further details. Many of our Supervisory Assistants go on to get other roles in the school. The pay is £8.50 per hour and a full week is 5.85 hours (just over an hour per day). The duty is from 12.15 until 1.20.



## OUR NEXT INSET DAY

Please note that our next INSET day is this Monday, 19th November when the Herne staff will be working on various projects to do with their professional development, including finding out more about how 'working memory' can help the children to learn. Note also that Petersfield Infant School will be open on this day.

## Community news

Alisha Jenkins in Plum Class is collecting raffle prizes for Winton Players pantomime Aladdin which she is in this year. If anyone would like to donate they can contact Karen Jenkins on 07881 370928 or [Karenjenkins162@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Karenjenkins162@yahoo.co.uk)

November		December	
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>INSET DAY – Herne Closed this Monday</b>	Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Christmas Lunch
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup>	7.00-8.00 OPEN SCHOOL – parents to see books. & 7.00 Rapid Reading Clinic	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 Rocksteady Concert to Parents 2.00 Y4 Christmas Service at St, Peters
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas MUFTI Day in support of the FoH Christmas Fayre (10 <sup>th</sup> Dec).	Tue 18 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 Y6 Christmas Service at St. Peters 6.30 Y3 Christmas Performance in school hall
<b>December</b>		Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 Y5 Christmas Service at St. Peters
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 Choir singing at Petersfield Christmas Fayre	Thu 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 Y3 Christmas Performance in school hall
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Christmas Post Box starts at Herne	Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	12.30 SCHOOL CLOSSES for Christmas
Thu 6 <sup>th</sup>	3.30 OPEN SCHOOL	<b>January 2019</b>	
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	3.30 – 6.00 FoH <b>CHRISTMAS FAYRE</b>	Tue 8 <sup>th</sup>	School re-opens to children