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## Well Done to Year 6!

### Message from the Headteacher

Year 6 children and staff, including many staff from across other year groups, have been absolutely superb this week. I caught someone curled up in a corner gently rocking, but I said “Mr Castle, everything will be okay. I promise!” The children have been calm and focussed. The staff (including Mr Castle) have been brilliant keeping the children motivated and I have to say a particular huge thank you to Year 6 teachers who have very skilfully navigated that very fine line of preparing the children for the tests, whilst supporting their well-being.



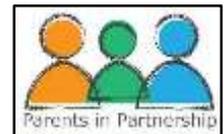
I'd like to particularly thank Mrs Tigwell, our Year 6 leader. She has organised the whole week, including the lead up until now, with military precision...and with a smile on her face throughout. This eventful week included the visit of an inspector on Wednesday, who dropped in unannounced, to check that we were administering the tests correctly!

I am so proud of the Year 6 children, who came in each day with such determination to do their best. I can't imagine how tricky this would have felt after two years of disruption to their education. WELL DONE TO YOU ALL! 😊

Best Wishes - **Tony Markham, Headteacher**

## Parents in Partnership – Next Meeting

We have re-started a termly opportunity for parents to meet with senior leaders face-to-face. We call this a **Parents in Partnership** and it can cover a multitude of issues, depending on what parents and carers may want to raise with us. This strives to be an informal meeting, where people can have a quality conversation in a relaxed atmosphere (including tea and biscuits!) and bring to our attention things that we could change or improve upon. Foci for the meeting, which is scheduled for **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 9am – 10am** in the staffroom, is to get your views on promoting good behaviour and reviewing our Home-School Agreement in readiness for our new Year 3 children in September.



## The Big Plastic Count

In 2020, nearly 9 out of 10 UK households said they regularly recycle, yet the plastic waste crisis is worse than ever. Something doesn't add up. We're joining the BIG PLASTIC COUNT to help get to the bottom of the problem and we need your help!

### WHAT IS THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT?

The Big Plastic Count is the UK's biggest ever household plastic waste investigation. Between 16<sup>th</sup> March and 22<sup>nd</sup> May, thousands of people in the UK are coming together to count their plastic waste. We would like to join them during the week **16<sup>th</sup> May-22<sup>nd</sup> May**. By keeping a tally of all the plastic we throw away at home, we can find out exactly how much plastic waste is leaving UK households. We'll then use the results to identify what really happens to different types of packaging after it's disposed of, allowing us to measure the true scale of the plastic waste crisis. Currently, the UK government ships thousands of tonnes of our household plastic waste abroad where it is dumped or burned illegally. This waste causes serious problems for local communities and the environment. That's why we are calling on the government to set a target to reduce single-use plastic by 50% by 2025 and ban waste exports to other countries. Recycling alone will not solve the plastic crisis. We must reduce the amount of plastic that's being made in the first place. This year, the government is deciding on targets to reduce plastic waste, making this a crucial moment in the fight against plastic pollution. With your help, The Big Plastic Count will uncover the truth about how much household plastic is recycled, presenting evidence that will

push the government to take bold and urgent action. The plastic waste crisis affects everyone so we want to make sure children have their voices heard and can be part of the solution.

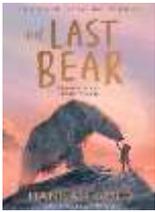
**We have sent a separate letter to parents and carers about this today.**

Please let us know if you don't receive it and we can sort you out on Monday or later next week. 😊

## Year 6 Morning Reading

Our early morning Year 6 reading groups will begin again next week. There are small changes to a few of the groups so please check in your child's Home-School Link book for any messages. Thank you.





## The Last Bear Books Needed Please

If any Year 5 pupils have copies of The Last Bear that they no longer want, we would love you to donate them to the school. We still are in desperate need of additional copies for Year 4. If any Year 4 families have not purchased a copy yet and are able to, that would be amazing. We have enough copies for one between two, but we find the children are so much more engaged if they have their own copy in our Whole Class Reading sessions. It is a wonderful book. ☺

## Ben Smith (Damson) – Marsden March Charity Event

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, Ben is taking part in the Marsden March Challenge, where he will be doing a special walk between Sutton and Chelsea hospitals. He is taking part in the event to say a special ‘thank you’ for the wonderful care he received during his bone marrow transplant and to raise money for research into kinder cancer treatment. It is a big challenge for Ben and just shows how far he has come with his treatment. *Everyone at Herne wishes you the best of luck Ben and we are all immensely proud of you.* If you wish to donate please click the link: <https://march.royalmarsden.org/team/6aaa7abd-6bf0-4bff-ad9f-adb10c36d81a> He has already raised over £1000 – WOW!!!!.



## Plant Sale Next Friday



Next Friday (20<sup>th</sup> May) we are going to be having a plant sale after school (middle playground) for all the beautiful plants our Upper School Allotment children have been growing from seed. They have an array of different plants, including: Cosmos, Kale, Sweet Williams and Sunflowers. All plants will be 50p and if you are to buy three plants you will be entitled to a free homemade cake. All the money from the sale will go to the Ukraine Appeal.

## Children’s Charity Fundraising - Well Done!

Thank you so much to the two groups of girls who raised money last Monday for the Air Ambulance (book sale) and the DEC Ukraine Appeal (book marks). Both groups are organising a follow-up sale, the first of which will be on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 3.30pm, when the proceeds from the book sale will go to SERV Wessex Bloodrunners (Service by Emergency Rider Volunteers). The Air Ambulance replied to a Tweet, thanking the children for their “truly amazing support”. They raised over £45 with their first book sale.



## Defibrillator at Herne



With an ever-mindful drive to support our school and wider community, Herne governors have installed a brand new defibrillator at the front of the school. Thank you to our site team, Mr Aeschliman and Mr Bristow who put this in. If anyone needs the code to open it, the school office have this information. If the school is closed, then instructions for access are registered with South Central Ambulance Service. Let’s hope we will never need it. The statistics are that someone with a heart attack has a 5% chance of survival with CPR (chest compressions). With a defibrillator, survival chances rise to a staggering 70 – 80% survival rate! The machine talks to the user and is easily adapted with the flick of a switch for children and adults.

## Local Football Success

A big congratulations from everyone at Herne to Dominic Curtis, Ben Stone and Harley McGuirk, who played in the North East Hants League Cup Final last Saturday (7th May) and won! It was a bit of a nail biter as it was 1-1 at full time and went to penalties. The final score was 3-2 on penalties and the Rapids were victorious! Fantastic!



# HAFS News



## Sponsored Litter Pick



A reminder that the closing date for returning sponsor forms and money is **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May.**

**There are plenty of prizes and certificates up for grabs and the class with the best participation will enjoy a nature session with activities around the school pond during the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> May.**

No sponsorship amounts are too small. Thanks you for all the donations we have had so far.

Why not post a picture of your child taking part on the HAFS or Little Community Heroes Facebook page to spread the word about this important work?



## Quiz Night

HAFS first quiz night is on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Forms need to be handed in by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May and then tickets will be sent home in your child's bag. It is set to be a fantastic evening so do start getting your team together or come along and join others to form a team on the night!

## Design a cake fit for a Queen!

This week you should have a letter home about a cake design competition. Pupils are invited to design a cake fit for a Queen to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. There will be a winner picked from each year group who will win a great baking related prize. The overall winner will also have the excitement of their cake design made in reality by Marie at The Great British Cake Shop in Petersfield! It costs just £1 to enter the competition. Please have your designs in to class by 20<sup>th</sup> May and the winners will be chosen on the 27<sup>th</sup> May. We can't wait to see your wonderful ideas!



## Father's Day

A letter will be going out next week giving children the opportunity to get a personalised present for their dad, grandfather or a special person in their lives around Father's Day. Deadline for returning completed slips will be the 27<sup>th</sup> May and you will be able to find more details on the letter to follow.

## Summer Dates for your Diary

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May Quiz Night 7.30pm  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May Jubilee cake and ice-cream sale 3.30pm  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July Herne Festival 2-5pm – details to follow  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July Year 3 & Year 5 Summer discos  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July year 4 & Year 6 Summer discos

## HAFS Communications

Just a reminder that if you would like to keep up to date with HAFS and you have not already joined the HAFS Facebook page, please search for HAFS (Herne Association of Families and Staff). If you would like to volunteer or get involved, please message Roz on 07960 049737 or Becky on 07966 616242 or email [hafs.contact@gmail.com](mailto:hafs.contact@gmail.com)

May		June	
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup>	9am - Parents in Partnership Meeting	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day – Herne Juniors Closed
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup>	HAFS Quiz Night	Thu 16 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Whole Year Group Photo
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Afternoon School Celebration	Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	HARMONY WEEK 10!
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	HAFS Ice cream & cake sale at 3.30pm Usual finish at 3.30pm	Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Harmony Fun Day...details to follow!
30 <sup>th</sup> May - Jun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Half-Term</b>	Tue 28 <sup>th</sup>	TPS Y6 Transition Evening
July			
<p><b>Watch this Diary Section for further updates, including Year 2 transition, later this term!</b></p> <p><b>Follow us on Twitter to keep up to date with reminders, breaking news and images from our exciting weeks ahead! ☺</b></p> <p> <b>Twitter: @HerneJunior</b> </p>		Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Change Over – School Transition Day
		Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	HAFS Summer Festival in the afternoon
		Thu 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 & Year 5 Discos
		Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Swimming Gala
		Thu 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 & Year 6 Discos
		Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Music Concert 6pm – 8.30pm
		Tue 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Assembly at Churcher's College
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day & Year 6 Barn Dance in the evening		
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup>	School finishes at 12.30		