



Friday 10th November 2023

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A Note from our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As ever, a busy week at Herne. We were delighted that our Maths Team came back smiling from the **Alton Maths Challenge** on Tuesday...we came 2nd! The afternoon saw three rounds of tricky maths problems which the team tackled, pitting themselves against nine other schools. Huge congratulations to Jessica, Ava, Hugo and Wilbur, who were a credit to the school, and special thanks to Mrs Wason and Mr Hurst for getting them there and back safely.



We started this week with our **No Place for Racism** Assembly as part of our preparation for Anti-Bullying Week, next week. Don't forget your odd socks on Monday to show support! There is so much on the news recently with hatred expressed for different nationalities and religions that schools really need to work hard in getting our children to understand how damaging racism is, so that they have open and healthy relationships with everyone.

On a **very sad note**, we fear our HAFS will have to fold as although we have had some interest in the Treasurer role we have had no firm commitments for that role or the new Chair role. So...one last plea...**PLEASE** help if you can by contacting the school office. Both roles can be shared. IF we cannot confirm these by next week, we will have to cancel planned events such as the Disco and start closing down the various accounts and processes. This would be immensely sad. We are a very big school – surely there must be someone out there who can help?

And finally...don't forget **Remembrance Sunday** in Petersfield. We are meeting the choir at 10am in the square (by the library) as they are singing (choir in school uniform please) and Art Club have made a wreath for us to lay. It would be lovely to see a good turn out from Herne!

Have a lovely weekend!

Take care
Sue Sayers
Headteacher



Parent Coffee Morning – all welcome!

On Wednesday 15th November at 9.30am, we will be holding the first of our new half termly Parent Coffee Mornings.

These will be run jointly with our School Nursing team to offer advice and support with things such as behaviour, routines and healthy eating.

It will also hopefully, just be a lovely way to meet other Herne parents and have a chat and a slice of cake. 😊

Sonja Balmer
(Home School Link Worker)



Christmas Lunch – Thursday 14th December

HC3S will be serving a traditional Christmas lunch on Thursday 14th December. Click on this link to place your child's order [Christmas lunch order form](#) by Friday 17th November.



Children in Need

On Friday 19th November it is Children in Need, we are going to have a low-key celebration this year, due to the amount of other events we have had on. So, on this day we are asking the children to bring a favourite teddy (or any cuddle toy) in and to bring a small donation (no donation is too small – every penny will help).

Are you having a clear out before Christmas??

Help!!! Nurture needs you. Are you having a clear out before Christmas? Any games (e.g. connect 4, snakes and ladders and twister) or Lego you no longer require, bring them in to us to use in our new nurture groups please. The children would appreciate it. Please bring to the school office. Thank you.

A message for Petersfield Foodbank

We wish to wholeheartedly thank you once again for the School's generous donations following your Harvest Festival. Our stocks have been low over the summer months and service user numbers are still increasing, so it has been a huge help to start to restock our shelves. Please can you pass on our sincere thanks to the Head, the staff, the pupils, the parents, and the wider community involved. If you have any families who may be struggling to feed their children during this cost of living crisis, please do look through our website for further information, and we will happily do our best to support you.

<https://pactfoodbank.org.uk/>

Flu Jab (20th November)

Please see this reminder poster (see right). If you have not already followed the link in the previously sent email to consent or opt out of the flu nasal spray, you can scan the QR code on the poster to complete the form.

November		December	
Mon 13 th	Anti Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day	Fri 1 st	Christmas Post Box Begins
Wed 15 th	Parent Coffee Morning – 9.30am	Mon 4 th	HAFS Christmas Activity Week begins
Fri 19 th	Children in Need – bring a bear for a small donation	Wed 6 th	Year 3 and 5 Disco
Fri 24 th	Choir Singing at Christmas Light Switch On	Thurs 7 th	Year 4 and 6 Disco
Mon 27 th	HAFS AGM 7pm	Fri 8 th	Rocksteady Concert / Open School
Christmas Post Box begins on Friday 1st December (The Year 6 Ambassadors will deliver cards around the school. Please ensure children write full name and class on the envelope.)		Mon 11 th	Year 6 Church Service 2.00pm St Peter's Church
		Tues 12 th	Year 4 Church Service 10.00pm St Peter's Church Year 5 Church Service 2.00pm St Peter's Church
		Wed 13 th	Year 3 Christmas Production (email sent)
		Thur 14 th	Christmas Lunch Carols around the Tree
		Fri 15 th	Herne breaks up for Christmas Holidays (12.30pm)
		January	
		Tues 2 nd	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR TRAINING
		Wed 3 rd	Spring Term Begins at Herne

