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A Note from our Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week while Senior Leaders have been busy with end of term Governors' meetings and ensuring we are on track with our **School Improvement Targets**, our children have been out and about showing their sporting talents.



Alternative Sports Festival: Last Friday (and too late for our Flyer), nine of our Lower School pupils headed out to The Mountbatten Centre to take part in this festival. The morning saw the children attempt a number of sports that generally aren't considered mainstream – from **Frisbee, Curling to Bocce (Petanque) and seated Volleyball**...not forgetting **Archery**. The aim of the day was that everyone has a go and actively participates. Our pupils doing us proud. So huge congratulations go to; Matthew, Tommy, Oscar, Barney, Soren, Lois, Maddie, Martha and Kate who showed such enthusiasm throughout the event. Thanks also to Mrs Walker and Mr Hurst for getting everyone safely there and back! Today, a group of Year 4 children took me to **Aqua Splash** as part of the same Festival. Thanks again to Mrs Walker for driving us there!

We also had some football success last week. Our girls team won their tournament and now qualify for the regional finals in February. However, our boys team were cruelly knocked out of the Havant and Waterlooville Area football tournament on penalties in the Quarter Finals, after winning their qualifying group.



Let the countdown begin – the Doodle Winter Calendar is coming soon!

Dive into the festive spirit this December with the Winter Calendar. Encourage your child to Doodle 'little and often' to unlock wintry in-app rewards! By completing an exercise each day in DoodleMaths and/or DoodleEnglish, your child will unlock a door on their calendar. They'll find a seasonal surprise waiting behind each one – and if they open all the doors, they'll receive a winter 2023 virtual badge! Use this hyperlink to find out more! [The Winter Calendar is coming soon! | DoodleLearning](#)

And Finally...Whatever you are up to this weekend, enjoy! Hopefully I'll see you at the switching on of the **Petersfield Christmas Lights** tonight in the Square. The Choir and Orchestra will be there and we will be singing lots of lovely carols! Do join us and sing along – all welcome!



Take care,

Sue Sayers

Headteacher

REMINDER

Breaktime snacks should, ideally, be a piece of fruit or veg, possibly a few crackers or a piece of cheese. Our policy at Herne is that lunchboxes should be mainly healthy with limited crisps/chocolate/cake.

Friday Football

Our Friday football club will finish for this term on Friday 1st December. The club will begin again in February (we will publish the exact week in the Flyer in the new year). All children who are a part of our football club this term, will automatically be re-enrolled in the club for the Spring term.



(Reminder) Christmas Services

Years 4, 5 and 6 will all be going down to St Peter's Church (in the Square) for a special Carol Service. Parents are very welcome to join us for this event. They are being held on:

Year 6 – Monday 11th December 2.00 - 2.45pm
Year 4 – Tuesday 12th December 10.00 – 10.45pm
Year 5 – Tuesday 12th December 2.00 – 2.45pm

COMMUNITY CORNER

Year 5 making Herne Greener!

Year 5 are looking at little changes that we can make to be more sustainable. We know that finding costumes for school dress up days can sometimes be challenging or expensive so we would like to set up a collection of unwanted/finished with costumes. We will organise a free help yourself session in the summer term where you will have the chance to pick up costumes and accessories for future use. In order to do this, there will be a collection point under the covered area by the front door where you can leave your costume and accessory donations. Year 5 are running this but it is open to all year groups and we would like everyone to get involved with making our Herne community greener!

Have your say

We are developing proposals to improve safety along Pulens Lane, Petersfield.

Drop-in event

Come along to our information event to speak to the team and find out more.

- **Wednesday 22 November 2023**
3pm to 7.30pm
 Council Chambers,
 East Hampshire District Council,
 Penns Place, Petersfield, GU31 4EX



Have your say

The survey opens noon 20 November. Complete it by **11.59pm 7 January** to have your say.

For more information, and to complete the survey, visit hants.gov.uk/pulens-lane-improvements, call **0300 555 1388*** or scan the QR code.



*0300 calls are usually included in most landline and mobile call packages and if not, cost no more than calls to normal home or business landlines.

Pulens Lane Proposal

Hampshire County Council are consulting regarding proposed changes to Pulens Lane. These changes have the potential to significantly improve some children's journeys to and from schools. Here is a link to the consultation <https://hampshirecc.welcomesyourfeedback.net/s/pulens-lane> which runs until 7 Jan. See the poster for more details.

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November		December	
Fri 24th	Choir and orchestra at Christmas Light Switch On	Fri 1 st	Christmas Post Box Begins
Mon 27th	HAFS AGM 7pm	Mon 4th	HAFS Christmas Activity Week begins
		Wed 6th	Year 3 and 5 Disco
		Thurs 7th	Year 4 and 6 Disco
		Fri 8 th	Rocksteady Concert / Work Showcase 3.30pm
		Mon 11th	Year 6 Church Service 2.00pm St Peter's Church
		Tues 12th	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 14th	Christmas Lunch Carols around the Tree
		Fri 15th	Herne breaks up for Christmas Holidays (12.30pm)
		January	
		Tues 2nd	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR TRAINING
		Wed 3rd	Spring Term Begins at Herne

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)

