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A Note from our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope you had a good half term. It's been a fairly quiet first week back.



Just before we broke up...and too late for the last flyer...we had two wonderful **football** outcomes to celebrate. The **National League Trust Under 11s Tournament** is a 6-a-side football competition for local schools, with all National League Clubs invited to enter. Herne girls were playing on behalf of Havant & Waterlooville (after winning their qualifying tournament) and headed off to Walton & Hersham FC on the Thursday before half-term. The format was simple – a round of group games with the stronger teams progressing to the knockout phase. Despite the awful conditions, Herne started with energy and enthusiasm easily winning the first game 3-0. The weather showed no sign of improving as the girls battled their way through the rest of the group and having come second overall in the group stage, were immediately hurled into a semi-final. This ended in the dreaded sudden death penalty shootout. Herne secured their place in the final!!

The final was another tense game against Slough who sadly got the better of us, and so were crowned winners overall. The unexpected good news? Both teams qualify for the next round so dreams of a shot at Wembley remain very much alive!! A big 'Thank You' to our minibus driver/pitch-side reporter, Mr Hurst.



Then on the Friday before half-term, two girls football teams went to the **Southampton Primary Stars Event** to compete against 28 other girls teams. Our blue team, after the league stage, got placed into the second-tier event but went on to win their final. Our pink team, won eight games in a row to reach the top tier final, but sadly lost their ninth game to take the silver medal. Second out of 28 teams is still a magnificent achievement. Huge Congratulations to all our young girls football players.



On Monday, we will be sending home a '**Mid-Year Assessment** Postcard' to inform parents how their child is progressing with their learning so far, this academic year. The postcard will contain a grading for their effort in class, an academic progress grading and an indicator of whether your child is '**On Track**' to meet the expectations of their current year group. This will be based on their Teacher's Assessment of their academic performance (TA) and their latest test scores (TEST) they achieved in the mid-year assessment tests that the children have just taken. There will not be a test grading for writing, as the children do not take writing tests in the national curriculum.

We hope you find this short summary of information useful, as we reach the halfway point of this academic year. One of the benefits of sharing this key information before Parents' Evenings, is that we hope it will save time in these meetings, so conversations can be directed to the areas of most need.

The highlight of the week was definitely celebrating our Honesty award winners in today's **Values Assembly**. Photos to follow next week.

And Finally...whatever you are up to this weekend, enjoy. I'm painting a few walls!! Quite therapeutic really!

Best wishes

Sue Sayers (Headteacher)

P.S **World Book Day** is on **Thursday the 7th March**. After feedback from parents last year, we decided to move to a model where we ask children to dress-up every other year (this was to reduce the financial pressure on parents and also to lessen the environmental impact due to the amount of plastic included in many costumes). So, this year we are not dressing up, however we are going to be running a **BIG BOOK SWAP** - so we would love children to bring in a book they have read from home that they would like to swap for a different title. **We would also love every child to wear their own cosy/snuggly clothes from home, so they feel in a relaxed mood ready for lots of reading** 😊.



Return of Friday football club

On Friday 1st March our Friday football club will begin again. All children who were part of this club in the autumn term will be automatically re-enrolled in the club. If your child no longer wants to be a part of the club – please let the office know and they will update the registers.

Two cancelled clubs (Early Warning)

Due to Parents' Evening, there will be no Running Club and no Choir on Thursday 14th March.

Parents' Evening

Tonight at 7pm, our parents' evening booking system opens. All appointments will be for in-person meetings (we have decided not to do any virtual meetings this time). Please book only one slot per child. The two evenings are on the 5th and 14th March. The booking instructions are attached with the flyer. Click the link below to book. Parents from separated families who require more than one appointment are welcome to contact the school office to arrange.

<https://herne.schoolcloud.co.uk/>



Afterschool Art and Craft Club

Wednesdays 3.30-4.40pm, for children in all year groups.

Spring term- Art-Tastic Nature, Adventures of the Enchanted Ocean: Dive into the Deep Blue Sea, Swim with the Stars: Get Hooked with Fishy Fun, Sky High Adventures: Soar into Up in the Air Fun. £7 per week or save 10% by paying monthly. For more info email jowildgust@thecreationstation.co.uk
Book here <https://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/5910>



COMMUNITY MESSAGES



Petersfield Musical Festival

The organisers of The Petersfield Music Festival wanted to highlight an up-coming concert, that will inspire young musicians.

The family concert is called 'Fit for a King - a right royal recital', Basingstoke Symphony Orchestra, Petersfield Festival Hall, Sunday 17th March at 3pm. Children are welcome to dress up! Tickets are £5 and the programme will include a selection from Frozen, The Lion King, Crown Imperial, Arrival of the Q of Sheba etc. Flyer attached. Details at <https://petersfieldmusicalfestival.org.uk/event/family-concert/>

Community Tree Planting Day

On Saturday 23rd March, our good friends at Butser Ancient Farm are holding a free community tree planting day. To sign up: <https://www.butserancientfarm.co.uk/tree>



Refill and Replenish

Very sadly, on **Saturday 16th March** Petersfield's first plastic free shop will be closing. They are currently offering lots of special discounts, so please do pop in and pick up some bargains before the town loses this much-loved store.

February		April	
Mon 26 th	Mid-Year Postcards coming home	1 st - 12 th	Easter Holidays
		24-26 th	Avon Tyrell (Year 5 residential)
March		May	
Fri 1 st	Year 4 Rainbow Theatre Friday Football club begins again	Mon 6 th	BANK HOLIDAY – May Day
Tues 5 th	Parents' Evening	Mon 13 th	SATS Week
Thur 7 th	Avon Tyrell parents info meeting World Book Day – Book Swap and Cosy Clothes	Wed 22 nd	Rainbow Theatre (Year 5 and 6)
Thur 14 th	Parents' Evening	Thurs 23 rd	Rainbow Theatre (Year 3)
Thurs 28 th	Easter Holiday begins - 12.30pm Finish	Mon 27 th – Fri 31	HALF TERM
Fri 29 th	BANK HOLIDAY – Good Friday		