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A Note from our Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,



A busy week with lots to celebrate! Last Friday we celebrated the next of our **Harmony Values assemblies** with parents attending to watch their children receive an Honesty Award. In assemblies, last half term, we had been focusing on being honest with yourself and others and considering the impact of dishonesty or making no response at times when you know you should speak up. It made us all so proud to hear the staff read out the explanation for their choices and there were tears from parents and staff as children responded with shock, pride and joy...their smiles were a treasure! Please

see the lower and upper school groups above. This half term is Independence so we are focusing on independence of thought, despite peer pressure and how to persevere before asking for help. If you want to work on it at home, try giving your child a small daily task, which you normally help with, that they can do alone each day. Even using the word independence in your praise will encourage them! "Really proud of you, you did that independently!"



We have also had a lot of football to celebrate again!! On Monday morning, I was greeted by a very excited team of our boys who play for Petersfield Town Juniors Under 10 team the 'Machines', bearing trophies. They won at their Cup Final out of 93 teams in their league. Wow. Our girls' football team had more success on Wednesday, winning the Havant area tournament and qualifying to represent the Havant area in the Hampshire Finals.

You will have now received your mid-year Postcards. Do sign up for a parents evening meeting to discuss them further. Teachers will be able to give you an update on progress since their January assessments. You will also meet some of our Governors - look out for their new lanyards which identify who they are. Do also read the Governor Flyer attached. As stated, we are trying hard to raise their profile through these monthly flyers and increased presence at events. We are so lucky to have such a committed and skilled group working with us to make our school even better.

It's a busy week for Headteachers with several meaty courses back to back - a rare opportunity to get all Hampshire Headteachers together - so I'm writing this from Southampton after a morning listening to great speakers who are focusing on how to get the best out of school teams and looking at national patterns from research post Covid. Lots to think about and learn from, proving that learning never stops whatever age you are!!

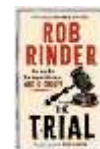
A SAFEGUARDING NOTE: We had a call with a lovely lady, who had two near misses in her car, with Herne children leaving by the Hoadlands Gate and running to waiting cars. It was pouring with rain on some days over the last two weeks and both children ran into the road without looking. Please remind them that residents' cars will travel into and out of that road and encourage them to stop and look before crossing driveways.

Thank you so much to those who emailed in with support for the year on/ year off dressing up plan for **World Book Day**. We are genuinely sorry that some people are disappointed. I'm sure you will appreciate that we are between a rock and a hard place trying to please everyone but we are very aware of how expensive these events can be for families, so this approach does seem fairest. Despite no costumes this year, there will be lots of fun with many opportunities to "snuggle up and read", hence the "comfy clothes" theme and a special treat for Upper School on the Friday when author Charlie P Brooks will be in, with his dog Mildred to share his latest book in a special assembly on Friday.

And finally...whatever you are up to this weekend, enjoy. I'm looking forward to being home after two days on the road. We're off to Cowdray Park for a walk and perhaps a visit to that nice farm shop for coffee and cake!!!

Take care Sue Sayers (Headteacher)

P.S. Reading Rob Rinder's first novel, "The Trial." Very topical at the moment given the TV programme about juries which everyone at school seems to be watching. It's an easy read so far!



Two cancelled clubs (Reminder)

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

Class/Leavers Photos

Yellow will be in school on Friday 22nd March to take the class photos and leavers photos for Year 6.

Parentpay

Just a little reminder to check your Parentpay account for new items for payment e.g. trips, low lunch balance. Thanks.

Parents' Evening

Reminder that our parents' evening booking system is now open. 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/>

Discounted Revision Books for Sale

This Spring, we will be selling different revision books to parents at highly discounted rates. The revision books are very useful to help increase children's confidence in certain areas and they are also a very useful tool for parents to increase their understanding of the expected standard required for each year group. The revision books will be displayed at parents' evening so parents can have a look through them. Orders can then be made through parent pay and the books will be given to your child within a 10 day period.

CGP Reading Comprehension Books RRP £3.99 **Our Price £2**

CGP Maths Question and Study books (2 books) RRP £10.00 **Our Price £5**

CGP Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Book RRP £5.99 **Our Price £4**

World Book Day (Reminder)

Don't forget that on Thursday 7th February it is World Book Day. Children need to wear cosy/snuggly clothes. If possible, please could the children bring a book from home that they have read to swap for an alternative title. **For the box swap, can we ask that the books are in a good condition and children's books only.** We will be dressing up as book characters next academic year. Happy reading everyone.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Petersfield Youth Theatre news

We are offering children and young people the opportunity to take part in a fun and creative experience this Easter. Participants will spend 4 days working with a team of Directors and Musical Directors, staging songs alongside professional Musical Theatre performers. On the fifth and final day, two performances will take place with a live band for friends and family to enjoy.

Age 5 to School Year 8. Monday 8 to Thursday 11 April. All details on our website www.pyt.org.uk. Thank you

DID YOU KNOW? According to [Snapchat's Terms of Service](#), you have to be **at least 13 years old to create an account and use the app.**



This is because Snapchat has to comply with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), a law that protects the privacy and safety of children under 13 on the internet. **COPPA requires online services to get parental consent before collecting or using personal information from children under 13.** Snapchat collects personal information such as your name, email address, phone number, location, photos, videos, and messages, which means it has to follow COPPA's rules.

March		April	
Tues 5th	Parents' Evening	1 st - 12 th	Easter Holidays
Thur 7th	Avon Tyrell parents info meeting (5pm) World Book Day – Book Swap and Cosy Clothes	Tues 16	7pm HAFS Meeting
Thur 14th	Parents' Evening	24-26 th	Avon Tyrell (Year 5 residential)
Fri 22 nd	Class and Leavers Photos	May	
26 th -27 th	HAFS Easter Activities	Mon 6th	BANK HOLIDAY – May Day
Thur 28 th	Easter Holiday begins - 12.30pm Finish	Mon 13th	SATS Week
Fri 29 th	BANK HOLIDAY – Good Friday	Wed 22 nd	Rainbow Theatre (Year 5 and 6)
		Thurs 23 rd	Rainbow Theatre (Year 3)
		Mon 27 th – Fri 31	HALF TERM