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## A Note from our Headteacher



Dear Parents & Carers,

Hope you had a great half term! I'm now back full time and we are cracking on with plans for September.

Today we awarded our **Values Awards for "Respect"** which was last half term's focus. It was wonderful to see the children chosen look surprised but thrilled to be selected. Here they are, proudly bearing their certificates. Next half term is ENJOYMENT! We will

be looking for pupils who display a love of learning and make a wonderful contribution to their class. Thank you to parents who attended.

We've also had amazing news about these two lovely boys who qualified to represent the South for **The National Acrobatic Finals**. Between them they won a gold and silver medal for the men's group and the men's pair!! The South region only won a few medals so it's incredible that two boys from one school got gold and silver! We are so proud of them!



As mentioned previously, a group of parents and local residents are meeting in our hall on **12<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm**...see flyer attached...to talk about Road Safety, parking and measures we can employ to keep our community safer on the roads. Please do join them if you can.

In the meanwhile, we are loving our visits to **Year 2 at PIS** to get to know our new Year 3. Mrs Marshall is working hard to meet every parent of children with SEND plans so we can get the right provision in place. We were so pleased with both the Year 3 and Year 4 class groups this year that apart from the odd tweak (already discussed with relevant parents) that we shall send both of these year groups up in their existing classes. They work well together, have bonded beautifully and we make sure they get chances to mix in other ways though curriculum and play activities. In addition, for children with any form of Autistic Spectrum Disorder, a change of class, peers and teacher can be highly disruptive.

**Year 5** will be mixed for their journey to Year 6 this year as usual. We have had some new additions and some new academic and social needs emerging this year so we would like to rebalance the classes in our usual way. As children get to the top end of the school their friendship choices also change as their maturity develops. We are well aware that some combinations need a break from one another. Plus, it is good experience ready for TPS or wherever they will move on to. As ever, the children will have a say about friendship groups in setting new classes.

**And finally**...whatever you are up to this weekend enjoy. I'm off to an art fair and finding time to catch up on some reading...someone recommended, "Strange Sally Diamond" by Liz Nugent. It is the Irish Crime Novel of the Year so must be worth a look!



Best wishes

*Sue Sayers* (Headteacher)



### A big thank you!

To the small but amazing group of volunteers, who came to help me with our Forest School area during half term. We cleared an area, which has been invaded by an escapee garden shrub and planted new trees donated by PECAN (Petersfield Climate Action Network: [petersfieldcan.org](http://petersfieldcan.org)). We are so grateful for your help. 😊

## Football Club News

Due to HerneFest, there will be **no Friday football club next week (Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June)**. The club will return Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June for two more weeks, with the club finishing for this academic year on June 28<sup>th</sup> 2024. **There will also be no History Club next week, also due to HerneFest.**

## Year 6 Parent Coffee Morning – SAVE THE DATE! (Wednesday 26th June 9.30am)

My final coffee morning of the year, is for Year 6 parents only, with the focus on transition to TPS. Myself and Erika Marshall will be joined by Debs Joyce (SENDCo) and Andrea Phillips (School Nurse) from TPS and also Debbie Marsh, our Hampshire School Nurse. We will be on hand to address any questions that Year 6 parents may have. This could be related to specific concerns that you may have about the move to TPS or to get some general information about your child's wellbeing, moving forward into the teenage and secondary school years. Sonja Balmer (Home School Link Worker)



### Team Herne – Charity Fundraiser

Herne staff and governors have put together a team to take part in the 54 miles London to Brighton bike ride (16<sup>th</sup> June). They are raising money for the charity Mind. Our brave team of cyclists are: Miss Stanley, Mr Hurst, Mrs Nash, Miss Hall, Mr Griffin (governor) and Mrs Hepworth. If you would like to show your support to the team, the link to their Just Giving page is: [Olivia Hepworth is fundraising for Mind \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/oliviahepworth)

### Dogs on the playground

Just a polite reminder, due to Hampshire School's Healthy and Safety rules, we are sadly not allowed any dogs on the school grounds. Thank you for your support with this.



### Twilighters – Sept 2024

Please look out for an email containing a link to an electronic expression of interest form to complete for Sept 24. The deadline to complete the form is 21st June 24. Thank you.



### Petersfield Climate Action Network

We are delighted to bring you Petersfield Climate Action Network's 'Young Writers' and 'Photography' competitions!

Winners will be announced at Petersfield Eco Fair on Sunday 14th July 2024, with prizes and publication in local print and radio.

Please ensure entries for both competitions are submitted by **midnight on Sunday 23rd June**.

We would really appreciate it if you could share this information with your schools – students, teachers and parents. Information is attached, along with a couple of graphics and a poster detailing a QR code.

[petersfieldcan.org/projects/eco-fair-2024/young-writers-competition](https://petersfieldcan.org/projects/eco-fair-2024/young-writers-competition)

[petersfieldcan.org/projects/eco-fair-2024/photography-competition](https://petersfieldcan.org/projects/eco-fair-2024/photography-competition)

June		July	
Fri 14th	HerneFest	Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> – Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ironbridge (Year 6 residential)
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Ironbridge Meeting at 3:30pm	Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Swimming Gala (Year 5) – 1.20pm start
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Disco (Years 3 and 6)	Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	Harmony Week
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Disco (Years 4 and 5)	Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Changeover Day (inc. TPS Transition day) Music Evening 6-8pm
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Forest School Fundraiser Day – non-school uniform</b> Coffee/Open morning for Year 6 parents with Welfare Manager and SENDCO from TPS in 9.30am.	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day 9.15 – 11.45 (followed by picnic with parents)
		Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Camp
		Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 7-9pm
		Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Final day of term (12.30pm finish)