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## Governors' Update

The Full Governing Body had their spring term meeting last week. The focus of Governors is always about the well-being of pupils and ensuring that they receive the best possible education. With this in mind, one of our Parent Governors, Amanda Burchett, wrote a letter on behalf of the Governing Body to Damien Hinds, MP for East Hampshire. We expressed our on-going concern about the new assessment tests and the negative impact that they were having on many pupils, particularly in Year 6. His reply said that he 'appreciated our concerns' and he acknowledged that the change to primary assessment has not been 'insignificant'.

All Governors at Herne are linked with a subject from the curriculum and meet with the school's subject leaders in order to review action plans. These plans are linked to our broader School Improvement Plan. At last week's meeting reports from these subject visits were highlighted and discussed with a view to monitoring and checking on the school's continued progress. As always, Governors are keen to know the views of parents about the school and interested to see comments from parents through our Twitter feed, emails into the school and written or verbal feedback to the team.

*Mary Fair (Chair of Governors)*

## Ruling on Term-Time Holidays

The Supreme Court ruled yesterday against the parent who took his daughter out of school in term time. In her judgement, Lady Hale, who was presiding over the hearing, said it would cause 'unacceptable disruption if parents were able to withdraw children (from school) whenever they wanted.' Herne already liaises with other Cluster Schools in Petersfield, particularly Petersfield Infant School and TPS in order to reach a consistent approach with families where children attend different schools locally. We will wait for further guidance from Hampshire County Council and then update parents accordingly.



## Help With Spellings



We hope you've found our series on helping parents and children learn spellings useful? The saying of 'practice makes perfect' is certainly true of learning how to spell effectively, but just as importantly, children should feel that learning to spell accurately is incredibly useful in life. In terms of their written work, it helps the reader to understand what they are trying to say. We have now published the National Curriculum spelling guidance and lists on our website so that you can see the full document. Just go to:

[www.hernejunior.com](http://www.hernejunior.com) then click on 'Parents' then look for 'Reading / Spelling Lists'.



## A Very Successful Term of Sport

On Wednesday we sent a team of Yr3/4 tag rugby players to the Havant Partnership tournament and they came away with 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the GOLD league – fantastic! We have also competed in the Portsmouth and Havant Swimming Gala where our girls team took a very impressive 2<sup>nd</sup> place and our boys came away with a very good 5<sup>th</sup>. We have also been competing in the Year 5 Havant football league and the Year 6 girl netball league where they came 4<sup>th</sup> in the GOLD league. Wow – what a lot of sport at Herne. Well done to all the children who have represented our school at sport – you have made us all very proud! ☺

## School Meals

Please don't forget that the price of a school meal increased to £2.15 from Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April. New menus have been sent out this week with the children which will start from 24<sup>th</sup> April. The jacket potato option has now been replaced with the cold picnic for the summer term. You can access the menu via our website.

## Gas Mains Works – Use Our Park & Stride

Please be aware that Gas Mains replacement work will be starting in Love Lane Week commencing either 10<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> April. This will last for approximately 9 weeks and will cause disruption to access and parking in Love Lane. We suggest you use our FREE Park and Stride scheme, which allows free parking for the Infants and Herne at the beginning and end of the school day. Just pop into school for a permit. This is the leaflet at reception. ➡



## Friends of Herne Meeting

The next FoH meeting where we're planning all sorts of events and activities for the children will take place on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at The Townhouse. ALL WELCOME!

# COMMUNITY MESSAGES

## CALLING ALL YOUNG FILM MAKERS.....

Sheet film festival 2017 'FOCUS ON SHEET' is happening at The Queens Head on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> May. They are looking for young film makers to make 3min films, that must include some reference to Sheet, to enter into the festival. There is also going to be a Sheet Community Film Event at the Millennium Fields, Mill lane Sheet on April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2pm. Come along to enjoy a bbq and help create aerial footage for Sheet's own Community Film. For more information search @sheetfilms on Facebook.

## TEAM BREYA ❤️

**A PARA sergeant has launched a £250,000 appeal to get his two-year-old daughter to the USA for life-saving treatment.**

Little Brea Ward has a rare and aggressive cancerous tumour which has taken over her stomach and is squeezing her organs. The family are known to one of our parents. Dad Ollie Ward of legendary 2 Para, and mum Holly Robinson, have barely left her hospital bedside in the past five weeks. They are convinced her best chance comes from pioneering immunotherapy treatment Anti-GD2 which she cannot get in Britain. The treatment would be crucial to fight Brea's stage four neuroblastoma. For more info see:

<https://www.gofundme.com/teambrea> also on Twitter: #TeamBrea



### Junior Running Club

Saturday Mornings in the holiday

9am @ The Plump Duck - Petersfield Heath  
1 mile or 2 mile options!  
All ages welcome - sessions free of charge.

**Easter Holiday Dates!**  
Sat 15th April & Sat 22nd April

Under 12's need to be accompanied by an adult  
[www.runnyhoney.com](http://www.runnyhoney.com)

RunTogether

## Aspire Easter Holiday Coaching Courses

Have a look at the Aspire website for all of their exciting holiday activities, including cricket, football & multi-sports:



[www.aspirecoaching.org.uk](http://www.aspirecoaching.org.uk)

## DIARY – Spring & Summer Terms 2017

April 2017		May 2017	
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	Back to School	Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 Friends of Herne meeting – The Townhouse. All welcome!	Thu 4 <sup>th</sup>	OPEN SCHOOL – Come & see the books!
		Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATs Week (until Thursday)