



GOVERNORS' UPDATE

Report from Mary Fair, Chair of Governors.

At the heart of the work of the Governing Body there is a focus on ensuring that every pupil receives the best possible education. The Governors at Herne recognise that a happy school staff is an essential element for there to be a positive learning environment. With this in mind, our two staff Governors devised a wellbeing survey in which all staff were asked about their experiences of working at the school.

Overall the responses were most positive and built a picture of people feeling privileged to be part of an 'amazing team'. There are though some common themes in the survey which staff hoped might be addressed in order to make their ability to perform their jobs even better for the benefit of the children.

Governors have asked that the Senior Leadership Team to discuss these issues further with the elected Staff Governors and report back, so that they can be confident all is being done to ensure the wellbeing of the staff, which in turn will help the children. Some pressures on schools is the quantity of marking workload and the number of admin jobs that sometimes seem a little distant from making a direct impact on the children's learning. Governors are confident that, by working together to tackle these challenges, the school is doing everything it can for the continued pupil and staff happiness here at Herne.

Parent Governor Applications Update

If any parent or carer is interested in this role as a parent governor at Herne, then please let us know. Several people have been in touch to find out more information and we know of at least a few people who have taken away the Parent Governor application form to complete before next Friday's deadline of the **8th December**. The post will then take effect from 16th December 2017 following an election if there is more than one application.

St Edmunds Cross Country Run.



On Wednesday and Thursday this week, Mrs Knight, Mrs Roberts, Miss Hanney and Mr Bristow took 22 upper school and 11 lower school children to St Edmund's school, in Hindhead, to take part in a cross country race (1.5km). All the children ran very well and everyone gave it their all to cross the finish line. Great results from everyone with our Year 5 girls and boys, and Year 6 girls coming 3rd. Harry Timmons came 4th in the year 4 boy's race and Hattie Bond came 2nd in the year 6 girl's race. Everyone had a great time (even though it was freezing cold) and celebrated with a cup of hot chocolate and a biscuit.



Sports Captain reporters: Zhara Williams and Hattie Bond

Wanted – A Christmas Tree for Hall

If there is a family who has a contact with someone who could provide us with a large Christmas Tree for our Hall, we would love your help. We'd like to have the tree in place before the end of next week and we can organise picking it up with our minibus. Please let the school office know if you can help. ☺



Christmas Fayre Raffle Tickets - Reminder

Our Christmas Fayre raffle tickets will be given out. Please put sold ticket stubs in an envelope with the money and return to the school office. We have lots of fantastic prizes...what would you like to win???

Christmas Fayre Mufti Day Next Friday

As a reminder, we have a Mufti Day on December 8th to bring in goodies for the Fayre which is on Thursday 14th December. Donations come in as follows:

Years 3 and 4 – New toys for the Children's Toy Stall and any filled jam jars.

Year 5 – a female gift for the Secrets Room.

Year 6 – a male gift for the Secrets Room.



Beech Class – 'Bears to be loved.'

This year Beech class are hosting a stall entitled, 'Bears to be loved' at the Christmas Fayre. So we are collecting any teddies or soft toys that are no longer loved or are looking for new homes. They could be teddies that have been outgrown or ones that you haven't had a chance to bond with. So, if you have any soft toys that are looking to be rehomed and given a second chance then please bring them into school office and label them for Beech Class. They must in good condition and clean. Many thanks.

Jam Jar Tombola



This year Cherry class are collecting filled Jam Jars for their stall at the Christmas Fayre. This was a very popular stall last year. All we need is a clean Jam Jar with the lid, decorated for Christmas and filled with sweets and/or little toys. The Jam Jar Tombola is a great way to clear out any unwanted sweets (particularly after Halloween!) MacDonald toys, party bag toys or for example, little cars or plastic animals. Don't forget, you can drop off your filled Jam Jars to the School Office as soon as they are ready.

Christmas Post Box

As a little twist to our usual internal Herne Christmas Postal service, which began today, we would like to offer for any grandparents to send in their cards for their grandchildren into the school so that the children can receive their card in class. All that is needed is the child's full name. Don't worry too much about the year group or class name if it isn't known. We put this out on Twitter today.



For our own children, ideally please put your friends FULL NAME and their CLASS if you know it, as that will help our sorting office. Thank you.

Twilight Club at Herne

As a little festive thought, if you would like to enquire for any places in our Twilight Club in the run up to Christmas, please contact the school office. This could give you some extra child-free time to do some of those Christmas preparations. The rates and times are: **3.30 to 5.00 = £6.** **3.30 – 6.00 = £10.** All profits from our Twilight Club go towards further developing the club and extra staffing – we have five staff involved on a weekly basis already and we're only just into our second year!

Herne Supporting FitzRoy Charity



Ruby Harris and Camille Butler in Year 4 were going to run a second hand toy sale earlier in the term in order to raise money for FitzRoy (the national charity based in Petersfield). They have now suggested that families could donate second-hand toys early in the New Year with a view to this sale going ahead in late January or early February. So please keep this in mind after Christmas. The total the school has raised so far is just short of £400. If the school raises over £1,000, then we will get to throw Mr Markham out of an airplane next summer...just thought that could be an incentive!! *Donations can be handed in at the school.*

Choir News

Many thanks to our lovely choir who sang their hearts out last Friday at the 'Petersfield Christmas Lights Switch-On' in The Square. They also sang at FitzRoy today and will be singing again on Sunday at the Petersfield Christmas Festival Market. Click this link to find out more:

<http://www.petersfieldfest.com/wp/petersfield-christmas-festival-market/>



COMMUNITY MESSAGES

Community Message from Petersfield Library

Come and join our Creative Writing club for ages 8 to 13 years. Gain confidence in your writing in a fun and friendly group and meet with other young writers. Our next monthly meeting is on Wednesday 20th December 4.30 to 5.30pm (then 31st January & 28th February). If you would like to join the group please speak to a library team member to reserve your place.

Saturday Cinema at TPS

This week the film is '**Smurfs: The Lost Village**'. Tickets are £2.50 and are available from TPS Studio tomorrow morning. The film starts at 10.30am. Click this link for more details or to order tickets: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/thestudiotps>

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| December 2017 | | December 2017 | |
| Sun 3 rd | School choir to sing at Petersfield Festival | Mon 18 th | Year 4 Christmas Concert St Peters church 2pm Year 3 Christmas Production (6.15-7.30) in the Hall |
| Fri 8 th | MUFTI DAY Donations for Christmas Fayre | Tue 19 th | Year 6 Christmas Concert St Peters church 2pm |
| Tue 12 th | School Christmas Lunch Pre-order by 24 th Nov | Weds 20 th | Year 5 Christmas Concert St Peters church 2pm |
| Thurs 14 th | Friends of Herne Christmas Fayre 3.30 – 6.30pm | Thurs 21 st | Last day of term. 12.30pm FINISH. |
| Fri 15 th | Year 3 Christmas Production (1.45-2.45) in the Hall | | |