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Our Governors Working for the Children & Parents



We're very proud at Herne to have such a hard-working and dedicated governing body, but who exactly are the governors and what do they do? We have 16 governors who are volunteers and therefore not paid for their work. Mr Markham is one of the governors as part of his headteacher's role (we do pay him!) Governors give their time in order to fulfil the government requirement that every school must have a

governing body. Without this essential group of people, the school could not function without their strategic leadership as 'critical friends'. They challenge and support the Leadership Team at the school.

This term, apart from attending two Full Governing Body (FGB) meetings, governors have contributed their expertise to committee meetings: Pay, Resources and Curriculum. They are also actively involved in health, safety, safeguarding and issues that affect the school's community. This term has focussed on parking and traffic issues. All governors are linked with a curriculum subject where they meet with the school's subject leaders and monitor the way in which each subject is taught across the school. At the FGB last week, governors spent time discussing ways in which they could have better links with parents (beyond the governors who are also parents or ex-parents at the school). **How do you think we could do this better?** Please email or write in with your thoughts via the school office over the next few weeks. We'd love to hear from you! *Mary Fair (Chair of Governors).*

Thumbs Up for Imi

One of our pupils, Imogen Belcher, the daughter of one of our staff, is very poorly in the Children's Neuro unit in Southampton General Hospital. Imogen (Imi) who is 9 has been in hospital since 1st November, she has a brain tumour and has now undergone brain surgery 7 times in 30 days. She is a courageous little fighter & her parents and sisters are incredible. A family friend started a 'Thumbs Up for Imi' page on 'JustGiving' to raise £250 to allow the family to have an exciting family day when Imi is up to it. At Herne, the staff have quietly been supporting the family with meals and other practical considerations. We felt it was timely to spread the net (with the family's permission) because there will be further financial knock-ons as the family have leave from their places of work to be alongside Imi. There is also likely to be a period of rehabilitation for Imi and this will need full-time care for a period of time...oh and of course, there's Christmas coming up too! Although there has been great support that has exceeded the original fundraising target, the need for additional funds is clear. If you feel you'd like to support this incredible family, then just click on or type in the link below. Please also know that they'll be so embarrassed that we've said these things about them, and that just says it all from our point of view. <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ThumbsupforImi>



Future INSET Days

We are now in a position to clarify a little confusion that arose from a change to the original INSET day planned for next April. We have cancelled the INSET day in April and can confirm that the following dates are the INSET days for the remainder of this academic year (which Petersfield Infant School has now aligned to as well):

Tuesday 3rd January, Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th July.
Also, we have now agreed Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September 2017

Congratulations to Mrs Crew

Herne Junior School must say huge congratulations to Mrs Crew, Deputy Headteacher at Petersfield Infants School, for her promotion to become headteacher from January 2017 onwards. We're really looking forward to working with you and well done! ☺



Christmas Post Box

Don't forget that if your child would like to post a card to a friend here at the school, they can do this through our special Christmas Post box based in the link. They just need to make sure it is in an envelope with their friend's full name and class written clearly on the front.

Plea for a Tree – Thank You

A huge thank you to Rother Barn Tree Farm for their generous donation of a massive tree for our hall this year.

We'll Tweet their flyer later today or see their website: www.rotherbarn.co.uk ☺

Mufti Day Next Friday

FoH will be holding a mufti-day on Friday 9th December - come to school in non-uniform clothes (choose a festive theme if you like) and bring in a gift for the fair. Each year group has a gift theme:

- Year 3 Children's gifts - for the children's tombola
- Year 4 Chocolates/Box of Biscuits/Children's gifts for the secrets room or children's tombola
- Year 5 Ladies' gifts - for the secrets room
- Year 6 Men's gifts – for the secrets room



We appreciate that Year 3 have also have been asked for a Jam Jar (see separate letter that came out last week), so if you think you can afford to bring in a small gift for the tombola as well we would really appreciate it, but otherwise this will be the deadline for the jam jars.

Christmas Fayre Raffle Tickets - Reminder

Our Christmas Fayre raffle tickets will be coming home today. 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 – Thursday 15th December

Don't forget to put this date aside to come along to our Friends of Herne Christmas Fayre from 3:30pm onwards. If you think you can help, send back the slip from last week's Flyer.

Christmas Performances

Well done to our fantastic school choir who performed earlier today at the local Alzheimer's Society. They also made an appearance at the turning on of the Petersfield lights last Friday AND will be performing this Sunday in The Square at the Christmas Market from approximately 11am. Our lovely orchestra will follow up at 11.30am. Good luck!

Year 6 'Class of 2017' Leavers' Hoodies

Details of ordering hoodies will be out shortly. Following the success of last year, we would once again like to offer the children in Year 6 a lasting memory of their special time at Herne. We appreciate this is an expensive time of year but we'd like to maximise the amount of time the children can wear their hoodies. Samples of sizes and colours to try on will be in reception very soon. Any questions please contact Hayley on 01730 267227.

Poppy Appeal 2016

This year our collection raised £355.59 for the British Legion. Thank you so much for your support for this very worthwhile cause.

HELPING TO IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S VOCABULARY

As part of a series of 10 tips to improve your child's 'word power', this week is tip number 8

No.8 – RELATE NEW WORDS TO KNOWN WORDS

Theory and research on vocabulary learning suggest that helping children relate new words to words they already know is very important (see citations throughout). For example, if a child knows the word *fruit*, and knows the word *apple*, these words can help children learn the word *kiwi*. If a child knows what it means to *be mad*, that may help him learn *frustrated*. Teaching children to use the context around a word to try to figure out word meanings can also be effective. (Kuhn and Stahl, 1998).

DIARY – Autumn Term 2016

December		December	
Sat 3 rd	Petersfield Infants Christmas Fayre	Tue 13 th	2.00 Y4 Church Service at St. Peter's Church
Sun 4 th	Choir singing at Petersfield Christmas Market	Wed 14 th	2.00 Y5 Church Service at St. Peter's Church
Wed 7 th	2.00 Y3 Christmas Performance to Parents	Thu 15 th Dec	Christmas Fayre 3.30 – 6.00pm
Thu 8 th	School Christmas Lunch 6.30 Y3 Christmas Performance to Parents	Fri 16 th	Last Day of term – Finish at 12.30
Fri 9 th	MUFTI Day for Christmas Fair donations 2.45 Rock Steady Concert (parents of RS chn only)	January 2017	
Sat 10 th	WAITROSE BAG PACK	Tue 3 rd	INSET DAY (& infants too)
Mon 12 th	2.00 Y6 Church Service at St. Peter's Church	Wed 4 th	First day back for spring term