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Knowing Every Child – Inspiring Every Mind



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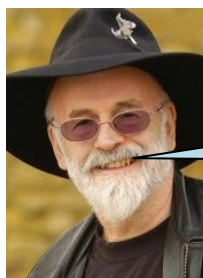
## The Importnace of Spullingz!

Ooops! What we meant to write was, 'The Importance of Spellings' ! Something we notice in lessons is that children have fantastic ideas, but will sometimes be reluctant to put pen to paper because the child knows that their spelling is poor. So, as a help for parents and children, we are reproducing a weekly series of lists which you can use to have fun with your child trying to get them to learn and confidently spell increasingly more difficult words. This is a repeat of the series we produced in 2014. We will also produce guidance on HOW you can support your child to learn spellings – look out for this next week! ☺

## SPELLINGS – High Frequency Words

These are the earliest most commonly used words – please check to see how well your child can spell these (and read them). This provides the first foundations for their spellings.

I go come went up you day was look are the of we this dog me  
like going big she and they my see on away mum it at play no yes  
for a dad can he am all is cat get said to in



“Nanny Ogg knew how to start spelling 'banana', but didn't know how you stopped.”

Terry Pratchett (Author)

## Panto in Petersfield – Oh No There Isn't!!

As you may or may not be aware some children from the school will be performing in the local panto starting Fri 13th -21st. They have all been putting in lots of time and effort rehearsing over the last few months and in particular the last couple of weeks. The school sends its best wishes for the following children to 'break a leg' for the up-and coming performances, starting tonight.

**Libby Bridges Year 6 Charlie Lawrence Year 6 Kimberly Simmons Year 4 Theo Lacey Year 6**

Tickets for the performances at the Petersfield Festival Hall can be bought through [www.wintonplayers.org.uk](http://www.wintonplayers.org.uk) or 01730 268829.

## Icy Conditions on our School Site – Taking Care

We had an icy day or two recently when it became much colder and this led to some slightly icy conditions on the school site. We have some signs which we will deploy on these sorts of days and we also make sure key paths have rock salt. However, with the size of our site, it is impossible to cover everywhere with salt so please look out for the signs and remind your children to take extra care on these days. Thank you ☺



## What to do if School is Disrupted

If there is travel disruption due to bad weather that affects the school, we will use a variety of methods to let parents know. This includes our texting service, scroll on the Homepage of our website, Tweets and notification to Hampshire website link as follows: <http://www.hants.gov.uk/education/schoolclosures/>



## Cleaner Needed

We currently have a vacancy in our cleaning team. The hours of work would ideally be 4-7pm Monday-Thursdays, however for the right candidate there is some flexibility with this. If you are interested in the role, or would like to get some more information, please email us on [admin@hernejunior.com](mailto:admin@hernejunior.com).

### PE in the cold weather

In this cold weather it is a really good idea for children to have **tracksuit bottoms**, a **separate jumper** to wear for their outside PE lessons (many children have to wear their school jumper) and if they are doing basketball/netball a **pair of gloves** is also very useful. We do try to get the children out every week for their outside games lesson, however Aspire coaching have acknowledged that on Monday afternoon they kept the Year 5 children out in the rain too long and they apologise for this.



### Missing books in the library



We currently have 51 books that have been taken out before the summer holidays 2016 and not returned. We will be sending out a final set of letters to the children who took these books out, in the hope that some of these books will be found. Please have a really good search at home! For books that cannot be found, we are asking for a nominal donation to be made to the library to help recover some of the cost of the missing book.

### Change of Fairthorne Meeting Date

Many apologies that shortly after setting a date for the Fairthorne Information evening, we realised that children involved in the Herne's Got Talent evening event wouldn't have time to get home and eat! So, we have re-scheduled this meeting for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February and sent a short slip out yesterday about this change. Also, just a reminder that the final payment for Fairthorne is due on the 30<sup>th</sup> January please. Thank you.

### FoH Update

Thank you so much for volunteers who have come forward regarding the secretary role. In the next few weeks there will be a handover period for FoH and the new team will introduce themselves very shortly with information about upcoming events.

### Coffee Morning With the School Nursing Team

We're not sure if it was the date, Friday 13<sup>th</sup>, the weather or something else, but we only had one keen parent turn up to our first coffee morning with two members from the School Nursing Team. We had an informal chat, coffee and lots of cake. On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at just after 9am, we are going to try again, no agenda – just coffee and cake. We would love to see you there if you'd like to ask any health related questions.



### Parents in Partnership Meeting



Thank you to the parents and grandparents who have been giving us some very valuable feedback. We have certainly taken on-board the wish that many parents would like more information about how well their child is progressing during the year and we are developing a mid-year assessment postcard to address this request (more to come soon...) In the meantime, if you would like to meet with Mr Castle (Dep Head), Mrs Marshall (Asst. Head) and Mr Markham (Head), then we are holding an open meeting on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January for parents, carers and others to come along and talk to us about anything that affects the school. We'll start at 9am, so why not pop in after dropping off your child in the morning?

### DIARY – Spring Term 2016

January 2017		February 2017	
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Herne's Got Talent Final 6.30-8.30pm	Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	5.30pm Fairthorne Info Evening (approx. 45mins)
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 Parents in Partnership mtg	Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3.30 OPEN SCHOOL – come in to see your child's books
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	Mid-Term Assessments in school during next 2 weeks	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00 School Nursing Team Coffee Morning at Herne
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	FoH Sweet and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Uniform Sale	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	3.30 HALF TERM – Return to school on Feb 27 <sup>th</sup>
Parents Evenings in March: Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> March & Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> March – Both from 3.30 to 7.30.			

## COMMUNITY MESSAGES

### Show the Love – Advance Notice

Petersfield Women's Institute and the Climate Coalition invite you to 'Show the Love' at Petersfield Square on Valentines Day, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 11am. This is an event to get involved in protecting the places and the life you love from the effects of climate change. More information can be found by ringing this number: 01730 263429. More info will follow soon...

### Homes for Hampshire Children Evening Drop-in Event

Our friendly Recruitment Team will be at The Petersfield School, Cranford Road, Petersfield, GU32 3LU, on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017 between 5pm - 8pm. Please feel free to come along for an informal chat about **fostering or adopting** with Hampshire, or to pick up an information pack

Could you care for a child or young person in Hampshire? Talk to us about adoption and fostering



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