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## CLIMATE EMERGENCY! A Day of Demonstration



You may be aware that today has been a historic day which started in the early hours in places like Australia. Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September was the National Climate Strike; one event taking place right here in Petersfield town centre. This was originally planned as a youth strike, organised by Greta Thunberg, but as some of you may agree, this is not a job that just our youths should be tackling on their own. They called upon adults to take to the streets and make their voices heard as well. We were asked by members of many of our classes (especially in Year 6) if they could take part in this action. As a result, Mrs Hepworth, Miss Gore, Mrs Tong and Miss Balmer accompanied a group of passionate pupils from across the year group, who acted as representatives of Herne Junior School.

Some children from Herne took the microphone and spoke to the whole crowd – Olivia Adams, Artie Carter, Lilly Bentley, Laurence Smith, Oscar Wheeler, Vega Coleman, Angus Cockburn and Edward Marlow. The children and staff had made banners and put together poems about how we need to look after our planet. There is no Planet 'B', so we must act fast and RIGHT NOW – in fact, as Mr Markham writes this section of the Flyer, he is surrounded by our very own climate heroes who are really concerned that adults (who make the key decisions), must start to do their bit in every single home throughout the world...starting in your home TODAY!

## Butser Hill Challenge

Congratulations to all the Herne children who represented our school magnificently at the annual Butser Hill challenge. With many of our Herne runners finishing within the top 20 for their age category, our young runners kept up Herne's proud tradition at this competition. We know quite a few children were disappointed not to see our running club on this term's club list, the reason for this is poor Mrs Knight is having a knee operation in a two weeks' time, but as soon as she recovers she will relaunch her popular lunchtime club.



## House Captains



On Monday (23<sup>rd</sup>), the children have their first house meetings of the year and the focus of this meeting will be to vote for our new House Captains. We know lots of our Year 6 children have been working very hard on their speeches and we wish them all lots of luck as they attempt to persuade their house that they are the best candidate for the job. *Don't forget your speeches for Wednesday Year 6!*

## Vacancies at Herne

There are two Cleaning Vacancies, Mon – Fri 3.30 – 7.30 and we are once again looking at lunchtime supervisors to work between 12.10pm and 1.20pm. Starting Pay for these roles is £9 per hour. Please contact the school office to find out more and make an application.



## ParentPay

Quite a few of our new parents have not yet activated their ParentPay account. This is used to pay for meals and all of our school trips and other items. If you need another letter with your log-in details, please contact the school office. Thank you.



## Cake Raffle

For new parents to the school, Friends of Herne (FoH) run a special school cake raffle every Friday. Year 6 pupils will come round the school selling raffle tickets for 20p each (with a limit on 5 tickets to each pupil) and then the raffle is drawn in assembly, to win a delicious homemade cake. All of the money goes to Friends of Herne with a view to enhancing the outdoor facilities at the school and buying extra computing equipment. ☺

## IMPORTANT! Y6 applying for your child's secondary school place

Applications for secondary schools for Hampshire residents are now open. You can apply online via the Education Online Portal at: [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions) You must apply to Hampshire County Council even if you wish to apply for schools in another local authority. If you do not live in Hampshire (including Portsmouth and Southampton) you must apply through your home local authority.

If you have used the Education Online Portal previously, you will be able to log in using the same e-mail address and password. Please check your details are up-to-date in the 'My Account' section of the portal before starting your school application.

If you have not used the online portal before, you will need to register by clicking on the 'Register' button and following the onscreen instructions. You will be sent an email from the system containing a link to the log in screen. You will then be able to log in using your e-mail address and password.

**The deadline for applications is midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019..**

It is very important that you submit your application by this date. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered until after all on-time applications have been processed, which means late applicants are less likely to be offered a place at one of their preferred schools. Before completing your application, you are advised to read the online guidance about applying for a school place available at [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions). The website also contains an A – Z of all Hampshire maintained schools, including details of each school's admission arrangements, contact details, Ofsted reports etc. If you are unable to apply online, you can request a paper form from us.

## FREE SCHOOL MEAL ENTITLEMENT AND ADDITIONAL FUNDING

If your child is entitled to free school meals we ask that you register them for this, even if they do not want to have a school meal, as it means the school qualifies for additional funding. This additional money is called 'Pupil Premium' funding and equates to currently **£1,320** for each eligible child. With school budgets being cut drastically, it is therefore vital that we ensure that we get all money to which we are entitled, so that we can give all our children the best support possible.



### Service children:

Please can Armed Service parents (any parent who has been in the armed forces within the last six years) register their child by informing the school office. By doing this, the school will be able to claim **£300** a year for each child registered as having a Service parent. If a couple are divorced and the child/children are now living with their mother and a partner not in the services, as long as the birth parent is still in the services, then the child can still be registered as a service child. Also, if a mother and her children are living with someone who is in the services, even if they are not married, the children can also be registered as service children. The school now runs specialist programmes to support Service Children with the core subjects and wider curriculum.

### Further funding available:

There is also funding available for us to claim if your child was in care and has since been adopted by you. For these children, we can claim **£1,900** per child. For any child who is currently 'in care' or 'looked after' we can claim the same amount. Once again, please come and inform the office. If you are not sure if your child is eligible, please come and ask at the office. As with all these matters, this will be dealt with privately and you can request a confidential meeting with one of our senior staff if you'd prefer.

## Phones in School



We would like to remind parents and children that if a mobile phone is brought into school, it must not be used at the beginning of the school day. Once in school it has to be handed in to the teacher who will put it into the classroom locker for safe keeping. We cannot be held responsible for this property, but recognise that some families choose to contact their child directly at the end of the school day via this method. Could we also highlight that phones must not be used for photographing or videoing on the school premises and that children of primary age should not have access to social media sites. Thank you.

## FOH News

*Tina Allingham Photo shoot 12th & 13th October.* Further information will be sent out in book bags. If you do not receive a leaflet via book bags, please pop into school to pick up a leaflet. Places will be given on a first come first served basis with the booking fee included. FoH will be looking for a new volunteer to organise this event for next and coming years. If there are any willing volunteers to take over, please get in touch with Pauline Walker on 07866894986. It's not particularly hard to organise but we do raise about £250-£500 so it would be a shame not to run it next year.

*Bags 2 School.* We will be sending empty bags home in the next week or two, so please collect together good quality clothing, shoes, belts, handbags, soft toys, bedding curtains and towels. The collection will be on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 9am. Thank you.

## After School Clubs – Reminder

If your child normally attends one of our after-school clubs or goes to the In-Between Club and you decide you don't want them to go to these clubs on a particular evening, please ensure that we are informed in the school office here at Herne as well as telling the after school club. Please help us keep your child safe. Thank you



### Bake-Off Club

It can now be confirmed that the club will be on a Tuesday lunchtime. A sign-up sheet will go up on Mimosa's door, two weeks before half-term. If too many children sign-up, the name's will be drawn out of a hat.

## French Club – Free Taster session

Mrs Dickens is offering a FREE taster session for children and parents **on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**September** after school at 3.35pm and **on Tuesday lunchtime on 24<sup>th</sup> September**. The cost for 30 minutes is £5.50 or £6.75 for 45 minutes. There is a one off cost of £20 for the workbook/media app (enabling you to download the songs, vocabulary and role plays). If you would like to attend a FREE taster session, please could you let Mrs Dickens know via email (not the office). To discover more about French club then please contact: [alice@aliceslanguageland.uk](mailto:alice@aliceslanguageland.uk) or 07958 918616 or visit the La Jolie Ronde website [www.lajolieronde.co.uk](http://www.lajolieronde.co.uk) This club is open to all year groups and a flyer with more information is available from the school foyer.



## Viking Attack!

Are you studying the Vikings or Saxons and want to get up close and personal with a Viking encampment and a Saxon settlement? Don't miss this exciting event at Butser Ancient Farm. Vikings Attack is this weekend of 21st and 22nd September. See their website for more details: [www.butserancientfarm.co.uk](http://www.butserancientfarm.co.uk)

DIARY – Autumn Term 2019			
September/October		October	
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	3.45 Year 5 Meet the Teacher	Sat & Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup>	Tina Allingham photoshoot in School Hall
Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup>	OPEN MORNING alongside Petersfield Infants. 3.30 OPEN SCHOOL –see your child's books.	Thu 17 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening – details to follow
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening – details to follow	Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Finish 3.30pm - HALF-TERM