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A Royal Raffle Prize

Alisha Jenkins (Cedar Class) had a bit of an idea one day. She decided that she would write to Buckingham Palace to see if they would donate a raffle prize for our Christmas Fayre (which is on Thursday 19th December). Much to her surprise, she got a royal reply! The Royal Collection Trust wrote back and have enclosed a set of family tickets and a guide book to visit Windsor Castle! This will be just one of many prizes if you buy one or more of our raffle tickets for this year's Fayre. Tickets are 30p each, so why not buy from the booklets that have come home or pop into the school office where we have plenty of spares.

Well done Alisha!



Hannah's Story – A Cautionary Tale!

Hi! I'm Hannah and I have got a story to tell you. So, I was just riding my bike like a normal kid just out on the pathway near my house and I rode down a little hill. I ended up going a bit fast and my brakes weren't working that well. Next thing I know, I'm not riding on the path anymore! I saw myself upside down. Then I saw the bike was on top of me. My brother William was in front of me so I called to him to help me. I was in the middle of the road!. I was in danger of getting run over. What is amazing is that I bashed my head on the pavement but it didn't really hurt. Do you know why? I was wearing my bike helmet! I could have cracked my head open without the helmet. If you get a bike this Christmas, do make sure you have your helmet when you're riding. It could save your life too! **Hannah Mawson (Ash Class)**



Crackers – Thank You!

We are delighted to say that some lovely grandparents donated £250 to the school this week in order to fund the eco-friendly Christmas Crackers for our children's Christmas. Thank you so much! ☺

Christmas Tree Donation

In a similar vein, the fantastic farm friends from Wylde Farm have yet again donated a large Christmas Tree for our Hall. These typically have cost us over £100 in the past, so we're very grateful to them. Hopefully, you'll see a leaflet from them via your child's Book Bag and we have put their details on our Twitter feed. ☺

Year 3 Christmas Production

Just a reminder to parents, to return their ticket request letter slip by the end of the day on Monday 2nd December. Additional letters are available at the school office, if required.

Christmas Post Box

If your child would like to send their friends in school a Christmas card, we have a school Christmas Post Box in the link area. Children sort and deliver the Christmas cards to each class on a daily basis.

Please note: We can only deliver to children who attend Herne!

Envelopes must have the full name of the child they are for and their class name on.



The post box will be open from this Monday 2nd December.

Christmas Lunch – Thursday 12th December 2019; Please sign up by Tuesday 3rd December 2019 at the latest and ensure your child's ParentPay account has sufficient funds to cover the cost of the meal - £2.40. Thank you.

Building Challenge Report



A few weeks ago, Herne Junior school hosted the D.T building challenge. 8 teams participated and 2 of those teams were from our school. When working in our teams our group particularly found it a challenge to memorise the shapes and colours. It was very hard because the man who set the challenge is a professional engineer and thought we were! It was great fun and challenging at the same time unless you were so competitive that you got stressed; our team wasn't like that. We had a lot of laughs even though we didn't win (we came third and the other Herne team fourth).

Joe Prendergast and Lily Bleach-Richards.

ParentPay lunch accounts – Food for thought?

Please make sure your child's lunch account is in credit so we don't have to keep chasing you – did you know you can set up text alerts from your parentpay account to warn you when your balance is getting low? At the moment the lunch debt is the equivalent of a whole year's exercise books, pens and pencils for one class!



Funding for Schools



For those of you who follow the school on Twitter, we posted some in-depth independent financial information about the need for more funding for our schools in Hampshire and indeed across the country. You will have seen the items on the news both nationally and locally this week. If parents want to challenge local candidates on their views on school funding and would like a copy of this financial information emailed to them, please contact Mr Markham personally on headteacher@hernejunior.com

Election 2019

Petersfield has their local Hustings at St.Peter's Church on Thursday 5th December from 7pm to 9pm. There is also a Climate Question Time this Sunday (see advert on page 3). Please go along and make your voices heard, especially regarding funding for schools and protecting our planet; two things that Herne has been working on over the last few years.



Christmas Fayre – Thursday 19th December 3.30 – 5.30

Please make a note in your diaries to come along to this fayre next month. We can usually raise a couple of thousand pounds with the right support (and all of your lovely money!) The raffle prizes include the family trip to Windsor Castle and with tickets at just 30p each, you could grab a bargain! There will be a Mufti Day on Friday 13th December when we'll be asking for money donations to buy prizes for the stalls. In return the children can wear their own clothes and can include a 'Christmas Twist' too!



Jam Jar Tombola

Maple class are collecting filled Jam Jars for their stall. This has been a very popular stall in previous years. 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!) McDonald 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.

Lost items

Please can you check to see if your child has come home with an extra pair of school shoes? A pair of boys shoes went missing after lunchtime football last week, they are Clarks shoes and had the child's name inside. Thank you.

Cake raffle container

Did you win the Carrot Cake in the cake raffle two weeks' ago? If so, could you please return the container to the school office. It is a plastic cake container with 'Thomas Crabtree, Ash' written on a label on the side. Thank you.

Eco Update

One thing a week – Some Thoughts from Angus Cockburn

Travel - Transport emissions are responsible for 49% of carbon emissions in Hampshire, these are almost all from road transport (Hampshire Climate Emergency Action Programme Discussion 2019). Driving alone in a large car accounts for 158g Co2 per passenger per km versus 42g for 4 passengers in a small car. A train with 156 people on board is 14g per passenger per km. If you can walk or cycle somewhere, it keeps you fit, keeps emissions down to zero and helps maintain the air quality all around you. Any help is always better than nothing.



COMMUNITY MESSAGES

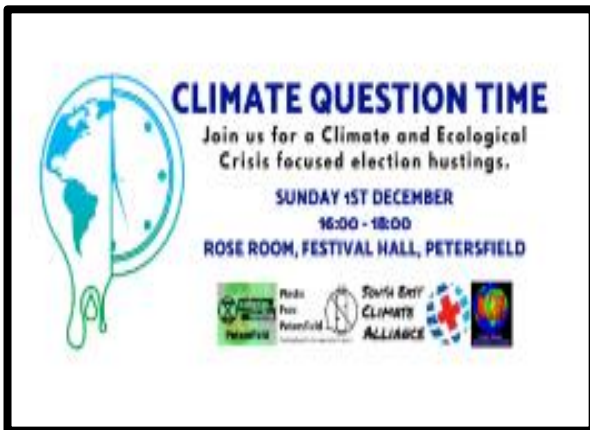
The Big Christmas Give: Joe Tully (Rowan Class) wants to bring a smile to children, families and individuals in our community who are facing a really tough time this Christmas. Joe is collecting donations that will be distributed between The Salvation Army and Homestart Buster. With just a small donation of any of the following items we can help to spread a little joy throughout Petersfield and our local community to those who may otherwise receive little in the way of gifts or food this Christmas. Donations are being accepted until Sunday 1st December (subject to opening times):

Collection points are:

All donations – Herne Junior School
 Toys and food only - The Library in the Square.
 Toy donations only - Jake's Toys

Items we are collecting are:

Toys and sweets for children.
 Chocolates and treats suitable for adults such as Matchmakers and Jelly sweets.
 Luxury, non-perishable and non-alcoholic treats for luxury food hampers.
 New toys for boys and girls age 0 - 4.



December		December	
Thurs 5th	3.30-5.30 OPEN SCHOOL – come and see your child's books.	Wed 18th	2.00 Year 6 service at St.Peter's Church
Wed 11th	10.00 Year 3 Performance to Parents	Wed 18th	Pear Class Parents' Evening 3.45 – 7.30 (postponed from earlier this term – separate letter sent to relevant parents)
Thur 12th	Whole School Christmas Lunch 6.30 Year 3 Performance to Parents	Thurs 19th	FOH Christmas Fayre 3.30 – 5.30
Fri 13th	Christmas MUFTI Day in support of the FoH Christmas Fayre (19 th Dec).	Fri 20th	End of term - 12.30pm FINISH!
Mon 16th	2.00 Year 4 service at St.Peter's Church	January	
Tues 17th	2.00 Year 5 service at St.Peter's Church	Tues 7th	Children return for the Spring term. (Monday 6 th Jan is an INSET day).