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Knowing Every Child – Inspiring Every Mind – Achieving Every Day



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GOVERNORS' AWARDS 2019

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This year is only the second time that the Governors have presented awards to children who have been nominated by the school staff for special recognition. The key areas are:

Respect - Contribution to School Life – Friendship – Positive Role Model – Leadership – Diligence and Hard Work



There were 20 nominations including some children who received more than one nomination each. The plan has always to recognise 4 children within each year group, but as there were only 20 in total, the Governors agreed this year to present awards to EVERY nomination. The children's parents were invited to one of two special assemblies today and received a certificate and medal to say a huge well done for their contribution to our school during this academic year. The winners were:

Year 3: Ben Smith, Luca De Giovanni, Daniel Masterson, Chloe Llewelyn-Williams

Year 4: Erin Jones, Maisie Taylor, Anna Ostersen, Gabriella Smigielska, Frazer Simmons (2 x nominations)
Year 5: Artie Carter, Malika Danish, Nicolas Young, Joseph Briggs, Angus Cockburn (2 nominations), Dylan Gladstone (4 nominations)
Year 6: Millie Green, Lizzie Barrett, Charlotte Matthews, Amber Fisher, Donna-Marie Mitchell (2 nominations)

Your Child's Annual Reports

You will have received your child's annual report today, along with a covering letter to explain how the grades work. Every single report was read and commented on by our Senior Leadership Team and the teaching staff worked incredibly hard to make every report individual and meaningful. It's tough to capture a child's worth in a few pages of written information and reporting, but we are very proud of the vast majority of our children here at Herne. They do so well and we know parents and carers are under increasing pressure to play your part in their success.

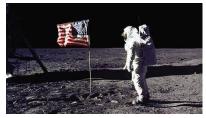


The new part to our tag line, which forms our vision for the children at Herne is: ACHIEVING EVERY DAY

This is really evident in the report comments and the grades in these reports. Please take time to celebrate the positives in each report and use the long summer holiday weeks to keep your child's brain ticking over. Just a little bit of times tables learning, some spelling practice and regular reading during the long break all helps to give your child a good start for the beginning of September. Many children will join the library's Summer Reading Challenge called 'Space Chase'. This is free and is a great scheme that can include listening to stories, not just reading them! A small bookmark-style leaflet will have come home within the last week.

50th Anniversary of the Moon Landing

Following on from the 'Space Chase' theme at the library, those of you who keep a keen eye on our flag pole will have noticed the Stars and Stripes of the USA flying this week to mark the up and coming anniversary of the moon landing. We will raise the USA flag



at the end of today as the actual date is tomorrow when Neil Armstrong famously said, "That's one small step for man. One giant leap for mankind".

50 years on, it could be argued that we have barely made further progress in 'reaching for the stars' and it perhaps is sobering that this achievement back in 1969 was an incredible feat for its time. One thing we would like to think here at Herne is that in the 50 years since that historic event, 'mankind' is now 'humankind' and if many of our girls at Herne are anything to go by, we look forward to a Herne girl being the one to make that first step on Mars!

Hello Nǐ hǎo 你好 and Goodbye Zàijiàn 再



It has been a very exciting and hugely interesting experience to welcome 22 students from one Chinese school last week and 16 students from a different school in China this week. They worked alongside our children within practically every class and took part in many activities both in school and locally in the

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Petersfield area. As mentioned before, this has generated some extra money for the school, but just as importantly, has given many of our children the chance to literally connect across the globe with children from a very different culture. One thing that comes across when you see the children interact is that, when you put all of the politics aside, children are children, regardless of their backgrounds. Many thanks to the Herne host families and staff who were so generous with their welcome and their time. ©



Herne's "Eco Warrior" Takes His Cause to Local Councils!

One of our Year 5 pupils was invited to send in his speech to Hampshire County Council about the need to declare a Climate Change Emergency in Hampshire. Although he wasn't allowed to go in person (because the council don't allow children to do this – something they wish to change), his speech was read out and was commented upon as 'one of the most powerful of all the contributions'. He will also present this speech to East Hants District Council this evening. This is what he has to say:

"Hello, my name is Angus Cockburn and I am 11 years old, I attend Herne Junior School in Petersfield. Thank you for taking the lead in this Climate Emergency but I urge you to keep up the momentum and stop Global Warming. It's this current generation that needs to change our path. More and more people are trying to do their bit in ways they can, but it's the big projects and policies that make the big differences. I can cycle to school, use less plastic and use solar energy in my electric car but I can't bring about change on a large scale, this is YOUR job. People need to be encouraged to change their habits in a positive way. People stop listening when they are given constant bad news. You need to use your power to push the Climate Emergency Declaration and send powerful and positive messages that bring about change. When my child is 11, I don't want them standing here, speaking to people like you because we all failed where we could have succeeded. You need to take urgent action NOW. An action plan is needed NOW."

Parent Questionnaire...We'd Love to Get Your Views About Our School

Every year, we like to review how our school is performing. The Governors and Leadership Team look at feedback from our annual parent questionnaire, whilst we create our new school improvement plan every September. We have only had seven responses so far, so if you could spare a few minutes to click the link below and give us some feedback, that would be excellent. Thank you! <u>https://forms.gle/QvDhL25coBF9ZZxM8</u>



Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Just a reminder that this year's Year 6 Leavers' Assembly is on Monday 22nd July, 7.00pm until 9.00pm at Churcher's College Sports Hall. There will also be a chance for you to buy a book to donate to our library (which can be dedicated to your child) for the bargain price of £5 per book. There are fewer parking spaces than usual at Churcher's due to the building work – so you are welcome to park at Herne and walk up through the back gate. Children meet at the Churcher's Sports Hall between 6.30 – 6.45pm.

Summer Fayre

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Summer Fayre on Monday. We managed to raise over £2,000 and there will be some matched funding for that which will take the figure over £3,000. All money will go towards extending our outdoor provision for the children. Thank you once again for this great support and to all of our families in Friends of Herne who made this possible! \textcircled

CM SPORTS Summer Courses at Herne (24th July – 26th July and 27th - 30th August)

There are still spaces available at the CM Sports Summer courses (which are definitely going ahead over the holidays). For more information visit their website on www.cm-sports.co.uk. <u>Also, children can just turn up on the day without booking.</u>

COMMUNITY MESSAGES: Warrior Camp – FitzRoy Job – Junior Running Club



Warrior Camps at Butser Ancient Farm are a series of fantastic school holiday clubs aimed at children from 8 – 14 years old. Under the expert tutelage of Keith Page MBE and bushcraft instructor David Norrish, children will learn teamwork and practical skills through a series of challenges from shelter building to campfire cooking, firelighting to raft building and much more. Warrior Camp 1 (Age 8 -14): 22 to 26 July and 29 July to 2

August (book for 5 days and get one day free). Warrior Camp 2 (Age 10 – 14): 27 to 29 August (includes an overnight stay at the farm!) Family Warrior Camp (all ages!) 21 to 23 June (includes two nights staying at the farm for the whole family). **For pricing and booking see:** www.butserancientfarm.co.uk

FitzRoy Vacancy

We thought this role might be ideal for a parent looking to fit in work around children as we are totally flexible around school hours, term time only (and are very understanding that kids get sick!). The role is a 12 month maternity cover for Fundraising and Marketing Assistant based at our national head office in Petersfield. More details here: https://www.fitzroy.org/vacancy/fundraising-and-marketing-assistant/

DON'T FORGET: Herne continues after the weekend until Tuesday 23rd July and will finish at 12.30pm. There will be a final Herne Flyer on this day.

Have a lovely weekend and see you all on Monday! 😊

