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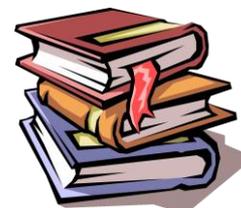


Homework

This term we are trialling a new approach to homework in Years 5 and 6. We have significantly shortened the amount of time it should take and now the children will mark the work with their teacher in class, which we hope will make this work more meaningful. The main motivation for this is to allow more time for children to read at home, as this is the one area of the curriculum that we really cannot do without your help. The short and snappy maths questions are closely linked to the children's morning maths work and the main purpose of practising this at home is to help their working memory of the extensive maths curriculum in the Upper School. The phrase 'little and often' is essential with the Year 6 children having to remember over 200 different mathematical processes and key vocabulary (eg. prime numbers, factors, multiple, finding the area of compound shapes, circumference....etc). We have looked at this in detail since the discussion we held with parents last term at our Parents in Partnership meeting. Thank you for your feedback.

Book Bands – Don't be afraid to ask

If you believe your child is very confident on their current book band level and they are displaying strong comprehension skills for the text they are reading, we are more than happy for parents to identify this in the School-Home Link Books so we can check to see if they are ready to move to the next level. We are passionate about working in partnership with all parents to help enable all of our children to become strong and confident readers by the end of Year 6. We will still be checking in school as well, but it does take significant time to check through all the children, so we'd like to encourage your support with this.



Wearing Glasses for School



Another related issue to reading and general school work in books is that many children need to wear glasses. Parents are sometimes unaware that their child, who should wear glasses, fail to put them on in class. School staff are sometimes not aware that children should be wearing their glasses, so we want to make sure we join with parents to make sure children use their glasses in school. We know they sometimes choose to leave them in their bags or trays due to feeling embarrassed to wear them, but if they are needed, we really need to make sure they have them.

Football Success

On Monday we took a girls' and a boys' football team to Winchester, to take part in the Southampton FC Primary Stars tournament. Both teams played really well and represented the school magnificently. The boys came 3rd in their league and only lost one game. The girls came 1st in their tournament and now quality to go and play at Staplewood (Southampton FC's training ground) for a finals tournament to try and win a place to represent Southampton FC at the national finals at Vicarage Road (Watford FC). Well done to all the players who represented the school.



Parents' Evenings in March 2020

We can now confirm that our next Parents' Evenings will be on Wednesday 11th March and Tuesday 17th March from 3.40 to 7.30. Details of how to sign up online will come out to parents in February, but we thought you'd appreciate the dates in advance. 😊

INSET Days 2020 – 2021

We are pleased to announce our five INSET days for next academic year for Petersfield Infants School and Herne Junior School are:



Thursday 3rd September 2020
Friday 4th September 2020
Monday 2nd November 2020
Monday 4th January 2021
Monday 7th June 2021



Small World Week

At the end of March this year we will be hosting a Small World Week where each year group will learn about a different continent through music, art, geography, PDL and DT. We hope to make this week as interactive and inspiring as possible. With this in mind we were hoping that some parents or other relatives might be able to offer their expertise or skills related to one of the cultures we are studying. This could include, cookery, art, exercise, (yoga, dance etc.) related to the culture or any other inspiring activity that you think the children could learn something from. An example of this might be for learning about Asia doing a yoga session or when learning about Australasia learning the Hakka. Additionally, it might be African Art or cooking South American food.

These are the continents that will be explored:

Year 3	South America
Year 4	Australasia
Year 5	Africa
Year 6	Asia

Spring Term Club list

Please turn to page 3 of today's Flyer to see all of the clubs available this term.



CM Sports – Half Term Holiday Club at Herne Junior School

CM Sports will be running their holiday club at Herne everyday over the Half-Term holiday (including the INSET day on Monday 24th February 9 – 3.30 for a special £20 for this day). For every child that signs up, CM Sports gives £5 back to the school. The club is open for Petersfield Infants Children and Year 7/8 TPS children as well. Please see their website to see prices and to book your child's place. <https://www.cm-sports.co.uk/holiday-courses/>

Love Lane Development at Churcher's Bottom Gate Entrance

Mr Markham met with Mr Williams last week and was reassured that the small-scale overflow car park for staff, which has planning permission, will have a minimal impact on Love Lane (football club end). Furthermore, Mr Williams has offered to come and speak to our governors later this term so that we can explore the on-going links between our two schools.

Magazines

Our Year 4 team are after any old (and suitable) magazines you do not mind donating to the school. This will help them with their collage project later this term. Thank you in advance for your help.

Breaktimes & Lunchtimes Reminders

Can we please emphasise that the children must not pick up sticks to play with during break or lunchtimes. Thankfully accidents at these times are few and far between, but using sticks in games is asking for trouble! We also have specific days for football games for each year group at lunchtimes and we would like to remind the children to use the balls on their allocated day. Other year groups cannot play on those days if it isn't their turn. Some children try to make it their mission to hang around inside the school at break and lunchtimes without permission. We will be monitoring this situation throughout this term in order to keep them all safe. Finally, we must remind everyone that we are a nut-free school and we need to make sure that our children with nut allergies are protected, so please do not send in nutty snacks or other nut products. Thank you.

Park & Stride Scheme 2020-2021

The new permits for parking FREE at the Festival Hall are now available in the school. The permits are also FREE and helps us to encourage car drivers to Park and Stride to school. 😊



February		February/March	
Thu 6 th	Local Authority Inspection of School 3.30 OPEN SCHOOL – Parents can see children's books 3.30 Bake & Book Sale	Tue 25 th	Children back to school.
Fri 7 th	'Number Day' – Details to follow	Thu 5 th	World Book Day – Readathon (details to follow) Dressing up day for children and staff! 3.30-5.30 OPEN SCHOOL – Parents to see children's books
Fri 14 th	End of Half-Term. Finish at 3.30pm as normal.	Wed 11 th	3.40 onwards - Parents' Evening
Mon 17 th	CM Sports at Herne throughout Half-Term	Tue 17 th	3.40 onwards - Parents' Evening
Mon 24 th	INSET Day at Herne and Petersfield Infants	NB: Note that May Bank Holiday is Friday 8th May (not Monday 4 th)	

HERNE JUNIOR SCHOOL CLUBS: Spring 2020

Club	Day		Contact	Cost & other details
Construction Club (Year 4)	Monday	Lunchtime	Mr Markham	Carrying on from last term. See Mr Markham to register interest.
Allotment Club (Upper School)	Monday	Lunchtime	Mr Castle	See Mr Castle (DHT Office) to register interest.
Violin	Monday	1.00 – 2.30pm	Mrs Peacock (office)	Teacher: Mrs Moore - £80.00 per term.
Film Club (Year 3 only)	Monday	After School 3.30 – 4.30	Mr Zenklusen	Places available. Letters available at the office.
Gymnastics (Year 3 and 4)	Monday	After School 3.30 – 4.30	Miss Edmondson	Letters came home last week to children who expressed an interest.
Construction Club (Year 3)	Tuesday	Lunchtime	Mr Markham	Carrying on from last term. See Mr Markham to register interest.
Drama Club (Yr 5 & 6)	Tuesday	Lunchtime 12.45	Miss Morphew	Carrying on from last term.
French Club	Tuesday	Lunchtime	Please contact Alice Dickens on 07958 918616 or alice@aliceslanguageland.uk or visit www.lajolieronde.co.uk	£5.50 a session for 30 minutes.
Bake off club (Year 5 & 6)	Tuesday or Wednesday	Lunchtime	Mrs Hepworth, Mrs Castle and Mrs Burgess	Starting again in Spring 2. See Mrs Hepworth to register interest (£1 a week to cover cost of ingredients).
Karate	Tuesday	After School 3.30 - 4.30	SAMA Karate 02392 251626	Open to all on a pay as you go basis; costs £5 p/w.
CM Sports Netball (Year 3 – 6)	Tuesday	After School 3.30 – 4.30	https://www.cm-sports.co.uk	Booking and payment through CM Sports Website.
STEM Club	Wednesday	Lunchtime	Mrs Armitage	Carrying on from last term.
Piano	Wednesday	12.50 – 3.10pm	Mrs Peacock (office) (to be put on the waiting list)	Teacher: Mr Thompson - £90.00 per term.
CM Sports Football (Y3-6)	Wednesday	After School 3.30 – 4.30	https://www.cm-sports.co.uk	Booking and payment through CM Sports Website.
Art Club	Wednesday	After School 3.30 – 4.30	Email Mrs Ostensen to register interest. vickiostensen@gmail.com	Currently full but email to join waiting list. £7.50 per session.
German	Thursday	Lunchtime	Mrs Elliot-Smith and Mrs Brooks In Beech class	See Mrs Brooks (Mimosa) or Mrs Elliot-Smith (Beech) to join.
Rocking Readers (Year 5 and 6)	Thursday	Lunchtime	Mrs Whitehead	All upper school children welcome. Meet in the library at 12.45pm.
Brass	Thursday	1.30 – 3.30pm	Mrs Peacock (office)	Teacher Mr Thomas - £80 per term.
Orchestra	Thursday	After School 3.30 – 4.15	Mr Thomas via Mrs Peacock (office)	Open to those who have music tuition with Hampshire Music Service in the school.
CM Sports Multisports	Thursday	After School 3.30 – 4.30	https://www.cm-sports.co.uk	Booking and payment through CM Sports Website.
Choir	Friday	Lunchtime (12.45)	Mrs Morphew and Mrs Clack	Come along to Lime Class. All welcome.
Allotment Club (Lower School)	Friday	Lunchtime	Mrs Armitage	See Mrs Armitage to register interest.
Woodwind	Friday	1.00 – 3.00pm	Mrs Peacock (office)	Teacher Dr Stasiak - £80 per term.
Herne Football Squad (Upper School Boys and Y4-6 Girls)	Friday	After School 3.30 – 4.30	Mr Choularton, Miss Buckle, Mrs Butcher, Mr Sherwood and Mr Castle	Will begin again in February – exact date to be confirmed on flyer.
Art Club	Friday	After School 3.30 – 4.30	Email Mrs Ostensen to register interest: vickiostensen@gmail.com	£7.50 per session.
Rock Steady	Friday	Afternoon	External Company	https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/ see their website to book a place.