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D-Day 75th Anniversary

The last few days have been very poignant for us all as we reflect on the incredible sacrifice that men and women from many nations gave to protect our freedoms. It is sobering to hear them reject the fact that they are heroes and that the real heroes are those who didn't return from the D-Day landings.

In the cold grey light of the sixth of June,
In the year of forty-four,
The Empire Larch sailed out from Poole to
join with thousands more.
The largest fleet the world had seen, we
sailed in close array,
And we set our course for Normandy at
the dawning of the day.

There was not one man in all our crew
but knew what lay in store,
For we had waited for that day through
five long years of war.
We knew that many would not return, but
all our hearts were true,
For we were bound for Normandy, where
we had a job to do.

Now the Empire Larch was a deep-sea
tug with a crew of thirty-three,
And I was just the galley-boy on my first
trip to sea.
I little thought when I left home of the
dreadful sights I'd see,
But I came to manhood on the day that I
first saw Normandy.

At Arromanches, off the Beach of Gold,
'Neath the rockets' deadly glare,
We towed our blockships into place and
we built a harbour there.
'Mid shot and shell we built it well, as
history does agree,
While brave men died in the swirling tide
on the shores of Normandy.

For every hero's name that's known, a
thousand died as well.
On stakes and wires their bodies hung,
rocked in the ocean swell;
And many a mother wept that day for the
sons they loved so well,
Men who cracked a joke and cadged a
smoke
As they stormed the gates of hell.

As the years pass by, I can still recall the
men I saw that day
Who died upon that blood-soaked sand
where now sweet children play;
And those of you who were unborn,
who've lived in liberty,
Remember those who made it so on the
shores of Normandy.

The song, reproduced here and penned by Jim Radford, who was one of the youngest veterans involved in D-Day (aged 15), sums up the nature of that day in 1944.

If you download this song from Amazon or iTunes for 99p, the money is going towards a permanent memorial on the beach in Ver-Sur-Mer in France, honouring the thousands of men and women who died during the Allied landings.

At Herne, we are grateful to all of those who were involved on D-Day in 1944 and to the many other unsung heroes who made that event possible.

We also spare a thought for those that were caught up in that cruel war,

often conscripted against their will to fight for the Nazis or other groups that we were in conflict with, including German countrymen and women. It is probably fair to say that there are few outright 'winners' in the context of war.

We value our peace and long may it last, as a result of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice 75 years ago.

Harmony Week 9...Coming Soon!

And so it is timely that we embrace a fun-filled, but never-the-less, serious week of reminding each other about the importance of the values we hold dear at Herne to create a harmonious community in our school. This brilliant week, which will involve dancing and other really exciting treats, will take place on Monday 24th June right through to Friday 28th June. More information about this week will follow soon, but in the meantime, here are the six values that are at the centre of our HARMONY WEEK. From left to right, our Harmony Heroes represent:



Independence - Collaboration - Enjoyment - Respect - Honesty - Motivation

Petersfield Twinning Association

Would you like to visit Germany this August and stay with a German host? Our German friends in Warendorf are keen to offer accommodation to a family with children from the Petersfield area. The proposed dates would be 14th - 20th August 2019 to coincide with the visit by the Petersfield Twinning Association. This means that the Twinning Association would be able to offer subsidised coach travel to and from Warendorf and that the Petersfield family could join in all the activities and outings (which are free of charge) if they wish. If you think that you may be interested in further details of the trip including costs etc please contact Mrs Brooks (Mimosa Class) via Herne before Thursday 20th June.

The 15 minute Fun Run Challenge – Friday 14th June

9.00 – 9.15	Elm
9.15 – 9.30	Fir
9.30 – 9.45	Ash
9.45 – 10.00	Oak
10.00 - 10.15	Plum
10.15 – 10.30	Palm
10.30 – 10.45	Lime
10.45 – 11.00	Pear
11.25 – 11.45	Maple
11.45 - 12.05	Rowan
1.30 – 1.45	Beech
1.45 – 2.00	Cedar
2.00 – 2.15	Mimosa
2.15 – 2.30	Quince
2.30 – 2.45	Willow
2.45 – 3.00	Damson
3.00 – 3.15	Cherry

This is the running timetable for the Fun Run Challenge. Every class will get exactly 15 minutes to see how many laps they can achieve. Even though the event is for fun, Friends of Herne have put a small competitive twist on the event by awarding a trophy for the best class. This will be decided by a mean average of laps achieved by each class – so every lap counts! There will also be a trophy for the girl and boy who can record the most laps in upper school and lower school.

Hopefully every child received a Sponsorship Form before half-term. 90% of the money raised will go towards improving the outside area at Herne and 10% will be donated towards 'Cancer Research UK' who have provided the school with medals for this exciting event.

We have spare Sponsor Forms at the office if you have not received one. **Children can wear their own sporty clothes on Friday 14th June**, however it might be an idea to send them in with a spare T-shirt in case they want to change it after the run. **Parents are welcome to come and watch** their child's class run in the event and if any parents would like to join in, you will be more than welcome (sadly your laps will not count towards the mean average of the class). Come on...get those running kits out. Fitness isn't just for the children! 😊

Barclays Code Playground Event

On Wednesday 12th June, we are extremely excited to welcome representatives (Julie Davenport (Branch Manager) Mrs Minton (Tea and Teach lead for Digital Eagles at Barclays), Dave Landrum and Martin Taylor-Brown (Digital Eagle Branch Colleagues) from our local branch of Barclays to launch their Code Playground event. Oak Class will be taking part in a live webinar hosted by Barclays as part of their Digital Eagles campaign. The children will be exploring exciting new ways to Code during the session with the remaining Year 3 classes taking part later on in the term.



Outstanding Payments on Accounts



Sadly, we have some outstanding lunch accounts and outstanding twilight club payments and would like to gently remind parents that the school doesn't have sufficient funds to operate these facilities if we do not receive payments that are owed. Where we have persistent non-payers, we will be forced to refer the matter to Hampshire Legal Services to recoup the debt and obviously suspend any benefits to lunches or after-school care. We absolutely do not want to do this, so payment of these outstanding debts will be very gratefully received. Thank you.

Links With China – Host Families – Latest Update

Thank you once again to those families who have registered an interest in hosting a Chinese child during July this coming summer. Mr Markham will be meeting with the Bohunt Trust this coming Monday, after which things will be much clearer for the next steps for hosting and the exchange of pupils.

If you have any questions in the meantime or would still be interested to put yourselves forward, then please contact us at admin@hernejunior.com or give us a call 01730 263746.



June		July	
Fri 14 th	Fun Run – Whole School (see page 1 for details)	Tue 9 th	MUFTI DAY – donations for Summer Fayre
Mon 24 th - Fri 28 th	HARMONY WEEK 9 – watch out for more news soon!	Fri 12 th	Change-Over Transition Day – whole school to meet new teachers. Y2 at Herne. Y6 to TPS.
Thu 27 th	7.00 Music Evening (details to follow)	Fri 12 th to Sat 13 th	Year 4 Camp overnight at Herne
July		Mon 15 th	am - SPORTS DAY 3.30 – SUMMER FAYRE
Mon 1 st – Fri 5 th	Year 6 Ironbridge Visit week	Fri 19 th	Governor Awards to Children – more info to follow.
Wed 3 rd	6.30 Year 2 Parents – Meet the Year 3 Teachers	Tue 23 rd	12.30 END OF TERM