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Welcome back to another event-filled term and thank you for all of the lovely messages and presents to staff over Christmas. As ever, this all seems a long time ago now and it's heads down for a hard-working spring term! We're looking forward to working closely alongside parents and carers to help the children make the very best of their education and time at school. It really impacts on their life chances if they do well at school, especially with so much economic uncertainty as we move towards the third decade of the 21st Century.

Reading at Herne

The phrase, '**we couldn't do it without you**' is absolutely true when it comes to encouraging our children to read. They need to be brought to books at home in a way that opens up a world of excitement, entertainment and interest. Try to make this as much fun as possible. Reading is the corner stone that is absolutely essential in opening up the world of education for every child. To help your child develop their understanding of what they are reading, it is really important that you ask them questions about the text.



A guide to the sorts of questions to ask is in the front of every School-Home Link Book.

"At Herne we have high expectations that every child should read at least 5 times a week for a minimum of 10 minutes a day. In this way, every child will master an essential life skill, providing them with life-long learning and unlimited potential to be whatever they want to be."

Don't forget to check out our recommended book lists for each year group that can be found on our website: www.hernejunior.com

(Click 'Parents' then 'Reading Lists') and please, please, please keep up to date with filling in your child's Home/Link book. Children are often asked to read in school in some of their free time (Values time, Lunchtimes, etc.) if we do not have enough evidence of them reading regularly at home. For children to achieve the coveted 'Platinum Award' they will have to average 6 x 10min reads a week.

Reading At Home Reward System

This year we are developing our reading rewards system so that it is in line with our Home School Agreement. It is an expectation that at Herne, every child should read at least 5 times a week. Therefore, during last term, we decided to amend our termly reading certificates in line with this. Children will only receive certificates if they have met that requirement and we will no longer be awarding Bronze and Silver certificates as these numbers do not meet our minimum reading requirements. The rewards are as follows:

Gold Reader certificates= 5 times a week. Platinum Reader certificate and treat= 6 times a week.



Herne is a NUT FREE school

Just a reminder to parents that, for the safety of our children, we are a 'NUT FREE' school. We have noticed that some children have been coming to school with **peanut butter** and **Nutella** sandwiches, which are very unsafe to eat around children with nut allergies. Thank you for your support with this.

CM Sports

Alex Bone (ABPE) has decided to join the large sports coaching company *CM Sports*. Alex will remain as our lead coach, working at the school every Tuesday and Wednesday, as well as running our after school clubs. The clubs CM Sports are offering for the Spring term are:



Tuesday 3.30 – 4.30pm Netball Yr 3- 6

Wednesday 3.30 – 4.30 Football Yr 3 – 6 (we are opening this up to Yr5/6 for the first time)

To sign up for these clubs, the letters can be found at the bottom of our School Clubs page on our website (or follow the link below):

<https://www.hernejunior.com/page/?title=School+Clubs&pid=74>

The full clubs list for the spring term will come out with next week's Friday Flyer.



Y5 Swimming Dates Reminder

Just a reminder for all Year 5 parents of the dates for their top-up swimming sessions at Churcher's College.

Beech Class ~ Thursday 17th January 2019

Cedar Class ~ Monday - 21st January, Thursdays 31st January, 7th, 14th, 28th February.

Rowan Class ~ Thursdays – 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th March, 4 April

Maple Class ~ Thursdays – 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd May and 6th June

PE in the cold weather



In this cold weather it is a really good idea for children to have **tracksuit bottoms**, a **separate jumper** to wear for their outside PE lessons (many children have to wear their school jumper). If they are doing basketball/netball a **pair of gloves** is also very useful. We do try to get the children out every week for their outside games lesson and we are hoping to make sure they can run/walk outside all year round when we hopefully get an all-weather running track. More news on the track will follow later this month!

Herne Children Treading the Boards



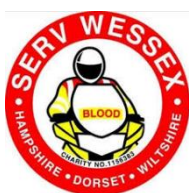
A big congratulations to all the Herne children who were involved in Petersfield Youth Theatre's fantastic production of Oliver - you really did the school proud. We have more talented young actors and actress involved in the Winton Players production of Aladdin. Tickets are selling fast but still available from the link below: Oh no they are not, Oh yes they

Click here to book your tickets: <http://www.wintonplayers.org.uk/online-booking.html>



Herne's Got Talent 2019

Our very popular talent competition 'Herne's Got Talent' is returning this term, with the first round of auditions to take place just after half-term. Acts will need to sign up with the FoH team in the coming weeks, more information about this will follow next week. The final will take place in the TPS studio at the end of the term, so get practising everyone!



Blood Runners Thank You!

Thank you so much to all of the children and parents who donated chocolates and other goodies for SERV Wessex blood runners to deliver to the Princess Anne maternity hospital in Southampton on Christmas Day. Mr Markham personally took the Herne donations to the neo-natal ward on Christmas Eve for delivery to families the next day. The donations from you really cheered up the families and staff at Christmas.

STAR Assessments Next Week

As mentioned before the Christmas holidays, all of the children will be undertaking a newly introduced reading and maths assessment during next week and possibly into the following week. There is one assessment for reading and a separate one for maths. The assessments are able to ensure the right levels of questions are asked and will give the school very fine detailed progress information from the original assessments which were taken back in September. Good luck!

January		February	
Mon 14 th	STAR assessments (on computers) from this week onwards	Thu 7 th	Open School 3.30 – 4.15 (come and see your child's books).
Thu 24 th	Year 5 to the British Museum	Fri 15 th	Break up for half-term at 3.30pm
Mon 28 th	Special NSPCC Whole School Assembly	Mon 25 th	First day of the new half-term
Mon 28 th	Mid-Year Assessment fortnight	Tue 26 th	Mid-term Assessment postcards to be sent home