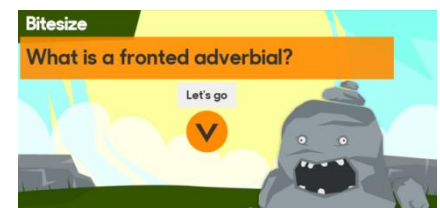


NSPCC Number Day

As part of Number Day, children have taken part in a range of fun maths activities. Year 3 have completed Stone Age problems and worked out cave men coding; Year 4 have played battleships, completed Sudoku's and created Mazes with directions; Year 5 have investigated Egyptian pyramid number patterns and completed number challenges in hieroglyphs and Year 6 have investigated how to travel on budget to New York. Thank you to everyone for your contributions...we have managed to raise £62.52 for this very important charity. If you have forgotten to bring in your money, you can do so anytime next week. We'll send it off on Friday.

Help with SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation And Grammar)

We have been so impressed by how many revision guides we have sold to our conscientious Year 6 pupils (over 90% of the children have purchased at least one book – wow!). Some of our parents have commented how challenging the SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) question book is (for the children and the parents!). The BBC have got some fun videos to help get to grips with a selection of the grammar content that the children are now expected to know for their SATs test. Check out this link. Hopefully this will help! <https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zwwp8mn>



Internet Safety

Internet Safety is a real concern of ours and something we address with the children on a continuing basis. To recognise **Safer Internet Day on the 6th February**, children will be taking part in focused activities to highlight the key messages.



This year's theme is 'Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you', therefore please could you take this opportunity to discuss with your children what they like to play online. The application Roblox hit the news this week, after concerned

parents found inappropriate comments and images within the inbuilt messaging service.

If your child plays this game and would like further information on how to keep them safe, see: <https://corp.roblox.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Connect-Safely-Roblox-Parents-Guide.pdf>

Help With Reading at Home – Promote Writing

Literacy involves reading *and* writing. Having books and magazines available for your child is a good idea, but it's also helpful to have pencils, crayons, markers, and paper. Encourage your child to write. One way to do this is to write notes or short letters to your child. It won't be long before they are trying to write back to you.

“Books had instant replay long before televised sports.”
Sir Bernard Williams (English Philosopher & Author 1929-2003)



Year 6 Netball Match

Yesterday some Year 6 pupils took part in a friendly game of High 5 netball against Langrish school. The team played excellently, especially considering they had to swap between their regular positions and be extremely versatile. Goals came quickly from Mia Kates and Maddy Tigwell. Centre court was dominated by Zahra Williams, Carolyn Handford and Amy Soden and our defence was strong with notable interceptions from Jasmine Casella, Hattie Bond and Amelia Phipps. All this hard work paid off, securing us with a win of 7-3! Well done team.

Royal Marsden Cancer Charity

Next Friday 9th February, Luke and Joe Tully (Damson and Ash) will be holding a stall after school to raise money for The Royal Marsden Hospital in London (which cared for their auntie last year). They will be selling sweets, books, craft items, soft toys etc. Please do come and support them at 3.30pm on that day. ☺

School Funding Crisis – WorthLess? Campaign

There has been coverage this week of how schools in many local authorities are being funded at a very different rate to schools in other parts of the country. Using Department for Education figures, Herne Junior School will be funded at £3,763 per pupil. The same size school in Westminster will get £5,247 and in Hackney this rises to £5,887 per pupil! When you translate this into the total budget for the 460 pupils in each of these schools, it is staggering how big the difference is: Herne Juniors = £1,730,980. Westminster School of the same size = £2,413,620. Hackney School of same size = £2,708,020. This means that, if Herne was dropped into one of these London Boroughs, we would be funded at £977,040 more! Nearly £1 million pounds difference! This would buy 32 extra teachers for our school! Can you imagine that!

It is accepted that there will be higher rates costs and due to London Weighting, salaries are a little higher, but this difference is obscene. Hampshire are fighting alongside 31 similarly lowly funded authorities, led by colleagues in West Sussex (namely Jules White) to address this inequity where the new National Funding Formula, due to be introduced this April, will hopefully bring a sense of fairness to this situation. Mr Markham is the Chair of Hampshire's Primary Headteacher Executive and is leading Hampshire's cause in the hope that every school will receive the appropriate amount of funding to run our schools.



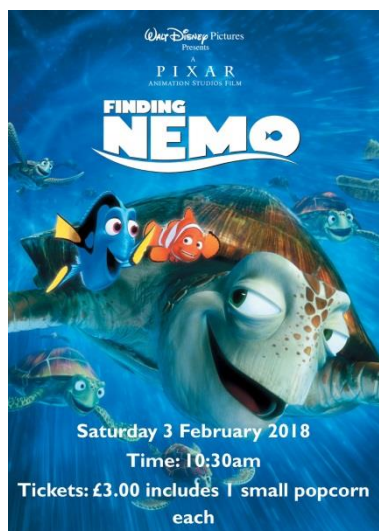
Click on this link to listen to a live interview he conducted on BBC Radio Berkshire last Tuesday. You need to scroll to 1 hour 7 mins and 25 secs to hear the 5 minute interview: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p05tv1pv>

There is also the strong possibility that Mr Markham will appear on BBC South Today this coming Monday (they've postponed this feature twice this week!), but with the TV schedules being rather unpredictable, you may be kept waiting!

We will Tweet when the TV interview goes out and the information that Mr Markham sent to the Treasury this week. It makes very interesting reading.

Year 6 Hoodies – When Can They Be Worn?

The new Year 6 leavers' hoodies have now arrived in school. As a reminder, they can be worn at the beginning and end of the school day, at breaktimes/lunchtimes and during PE lessons. Hope this helps to clarify the situation.



COMMUNITY MESSAGE

Why not go along to the TPS Studio on Saturday mornings for some lovely family fun at their Studio Cinema?

Tickets are £3 and include a small popcorn treat.



DIARY – Spring Term 2018

February		March	
Fri 9 th	3.30 Charity Stall Sale Finish for HALF TERM	Thu 1 st	World Book Day – details to follow...
Tue 6 th	Safer Internet Day (see last week's Flyer no.18)	Wed 7 th	PARENTS' EVENING
Thu 22 nd	3.30 – 5.30 UPPER SCHOOL Herne's Got Talent heat	Tue 13 th	PARENTS' EVENING
Wed 28 th to Fri Mar 2 nd	Year 5 Residential Visit to Avon and Tyrell studies and adventure centre (new trip for our school instead of Fairthorne Manor).	Tue 20 th	6.00 – 8.00 HERNE'S GOT TALENT FINAL at TPS Studio
		Fri 23 rd	SPORT RELIEF Day
		Thu 29 th	12.30 School Closes for Easter Holidays