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A Note from our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely week! It started with two gifts on Monday. The first, a Chinese New Year goodie pack – thank you so much to our two lovely girls and their family! Chinese New Year is tomorrow – Saturday 10th Feb. It's the year of the Dragon!



In Mandarin, the most common way to wish your family and friends a happy Chinese New Year is "**Xīnnián hǎo**" (新年好). In Cantonese, "**Gong hei fat choy**"

(恭喜发财) means, 'Wishing you happiness and prosperity.'

Congratulations to all in our community who are celebrating.



On Tuesday, I accompanied **Year 3 to The Heath** to learn about local History...it was really interesting and we learnt a huge amount! We had no idea what was on our doorstep. As ever, the children were a joy to be out with. Thank You Y3! Thanks also to Ryan from Petersfield Museum for such an interesting talk and the opportunity to handle replica Bronze and Stone Age weapons and to try carving our own flint arrow heads (out of soap!).



On Tuesday we received another school gift – this time from the **Petersfield Lions** – who presented us with a wonderful set of books on Conservation, written by a fellow Lion! Huge thanks to Sandra and Jackie for joining us and presenting them in an assembly which was led by the School Council on the theme of Animal Conservation.



SAFEGUARDING: There is news at the moment about whether parents should have greater ability to sanction **children's access to online materials** on personal devices.

We would advise that Y3 or 4 children should not walk home alone and therefore should not need to bring phones in. However, if your child is in Year 5 /6 **and** is walking home alone **and** has a phone for safety/contact reasons, their phone should be handed in to their teacher on entering the class. Each class has a lockable safe. Phones are handed back at the end of the day. This ensures that children do not have unsupervised online access



And Finally...whatever you are up to at half term, enjoy! Mine will be filled with lots of yoga, a trip to London to the V&A to see the "Diva," costume exhibition and a trip to Liverpool to see Ma & Pa! See you safely back on **Monday 19th March.**

Take care,

Sue Sayers

Headteacher

P.S. The second gift was a donation to the school library by one of our families. "**The Goodness Potion,**" will be on my half term reading list! The author, Joe Dawson, is an ex-pupil at Herne and is dyslexic. What an inspiration!

I'm finishing, "**How high we go in the dark,**" by Sequoia Nagamatsu, (What a great name!). This was another recommendation from SBM, Mrs Loader. Each chapter is told from the viewpoint of a different character after an unearthed ice age body starts a world plague! Doesn't sound like happy reading but I'm hooked and it's definitely challenging my thinking! If there is time, I'll also read, "**Tom Lake,**" by Anne Patchett, one of my favourite authors.



Maths Day at Herne

Last week children across the school had great fun completing our Maths Day activities. All children were tasked with finding the numbers 1 to 100 using only the digits 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. It was wonderful to see the levels of MOTIVATION across the school. We also explored Mathematics through art and we were so proud of their amazing works. Here are a few pictures for you to enjoy...



Mother's Day Gifts

For Mother's Day, HAFS are providing children of Herne the opportunity to get their mum, grandmother or someone special in their life a little gift to say thank you. Gifts can be purchased for £3.50 each and children will bring these home on Friday 8th March. Maximum of three gifts per child. Any questions, please email: HAFS.contact@gmail.com.
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdBQ9874K7qbzZvZEZYJ2Bp-RsqPQwA6qoYMLS1SwMNzot1Ow/viewform>



Talented Sewers...Year 3 Need You

The Year 3 team are looking for any talented parents or grandparents who can help us make a class set of tunics. For future Christmas Performances, we would love to have a set of tunics...so if you have some material at home and think you could whip us up some simple outfits, please let Miss Whitehead know.

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BREAKING NEWS: YESTERDAY WE RAISED AN INCREDIBLE £800! WOW!!! EVERY CLASS CAN NOW ADOPT AN ENDANGERED ANIMAL. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR EVERYONE'S GENEROSITY! SCHOOL COUNCIL'S DREAM WILL NOW COME TRUE!

COMMUNITY MESSAGES

Free Shop
 Free Uniform
 Half term top up
 on
Sunday, February 11th,
10.30 am - 12 pm
 Please visit the Free Shop at the Hub Petersfield Rail Station as this will be a uniform-only day
 Any donations of uniforms with logos are appreciated



February		April	
12 th – 16 th	HALF TERM	1 st - 12 th	Easter Holidays
Mon 26 th	Mid-Year Postcards coming home	24-26 th	Avon Tyrell (Year 5 residential)
March		May	
Fri 1 st	Year 4 Rainbow Theatre	Mon 6th	BANK HOLIDAY – May Day
Tues 5 th	Parents' Evening	Mon 13 th	SATS Week
Thur 14 th	Parents' Evening	Wed 22 nd	Rainbow Theatre (Year 5 and 6)
Thurs 28 th	Easter Holiday begins - 12.30pm Finish	Thurs 23 rd	Rainbow Theatre (Year 3)
Fri 29 th	BANK HOLIDAY – Good Friday	Mon 27th – Fri 31	HALF TERM