

# Herne Flyer 13

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## CHRISTMAS FAYRE – December 19<sup>th</sup> 2019



We are all looking forward to this year's Christmas Fayre which takes place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December, starting at 3.30 and running through to 5.30. It's not too late to buy raffle tickets, which are priced at 30p each, where you could win a multitude of prizes like a family ticket to Windsor Castle, including a tour guide book (thank you Alisha and The Queen!), a free car service worth £129.99 from Auto Matt, a family match ticket to Aldershot FC, Opi Nails at Old Thorns and many more prizes! Secrets' Room letters need to be returned by 16<sup>th</sup> December, so that gifts can be bought and if we could have cakes for the cake stall that would be great!

We can usually raise a couple of thousand pounds with your support. This year, all of the money raised will enable us to buy a brand new sound system and high quality speakers for the school hall. Any extra funds left over will help us to finish off an exciting new set of monkey bars which will be installed next to the basketball 'Team Zone' playground. **If you can help on the day of the fayre, could you please let the school office know** – all help will be co-ordinated by Naomi Dodd, Chair of Friends of Herne.

There will be a **Mufti Day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** when we'll be asking for money donations to buy prizes for the stalls. In return the children can wear their own clothes and can include a 'Christmas Twist' too!

### Jam Jar Tombola



Maple class are collecting filled Jam Jars for their stall. This has been a very popular stall in previous years. All we need is a clean Jam Jar with the lid, decorated for Christmas and filled with sweets and/or little toys. The Jam Jar Tombola is a great way to clear out any unwanted sweets (particularly after Halloween!) McDonald toys, party bag toys or for example, little cars or toy animals. Don't forget, you can drop off your filled Jam Jars to the School Office as soon as they are ready.



### Twilight Club

We have now sorted out a dedicated phone number for parents to use if they need to contact Twilight Club during the Twilight Club hours (3.30pm – 6pm). Outside of these times, please contact the school's usual number (01730 263746) to make any bookings, ask questions, relay information we need to know etc. As this is a new mobile phone, we have yet to experience how good the signal is inside the school building. Assuming that this could be variable, you can still leave messages if you struggle to get through during Twilight Club. We are in talks with our IT provider to buy a mobile signal booster, so that this line will be much more reliable (parts of Petersfield are very poor for mobile signals!) This phone will also be connected to our WiFi, so we are hoping that a way around poor mobile signal will be to use WhatsApp. Please bear with us whilst we roll this new service out!

**The mobile number to call between 3.30 and 6.00 will start on Monday next week and it is: 07471 808285**

Please could we also ask that all bills for Twilight Club are paid before the end of this term by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December (including any outstanding money owed). We completely manage this club as a school for the convenience of parents and any debt impacts on our overall school budget, so your prompt payments are always very much welcomed. The last session this term will be on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December and we do have a protocol for giving Twilight children access to the Christmas Fayre so that they don't miss out. ☺



### Collection Arrangements

Please ensure your child knows where you are meeting them at the end of the day before they leave for school in the morning. For safety reasons please tell your child that they must return to the school office if they cannot find you in your agreed meeting place. Thank you.

### Absence Notification

Staying with the theme of 'Keeping Safe', could parents please keep us informed of any continuing absence from day two of the absence onwards. This is because many of our children make their own way to school and, if they have not turned up at school, we need to be sure that they are safe and sound with you. Your co-operation with this is always appreciated.

### Class Dojo

We have picked up from Facebook that some parents are a little mystified why some classes at Herne operate 'Class Dojo' which is an app that allows for messages and other information to be shared between the teacher and parents in that class. To date, we have allowed this to be optional, as some teachers like to use it. During the summer term 2020, the Leadership Team will consider whether to make this compulsory in all classes or agree to remove this facility altogether. Any parent feedback on this would be welcomed.



## Polly – A ‘Politician’ for Her Local Community?

In the spirit of electioneering and the General Election nearly upon us, one of our children, Polly Toft Madsen (Maple Class in Y5) wrote to Barratt Homes. They had built the houses in her area and Polly couldn't understand why they hadn't provided bins in the area. Like many of our children, she was so mortified to see so much plastic rubbish where she lives, that she has been collecting this rubbish and disposing it. The company were a little reticent to provide bins and suggested that the new Resident Association Directors provide them if money was left over! We wonder what Polly might do next to make this happen? Watch this space!

## Christmas Lunch





Just a reminder that next **Thursday 12th December** is our Christmas Lunch day. Children will have their lunch together in different locations (mainly because we can't fit them all into the hall!) The special Eco-Crackers, for which we had a fabulous £250 donation from some grandparents, are on the way and will be delivered on Monday. We're all looking forward to a lovely day. Although it is a school uniform day, children do have permission to wear Christmas 'bits and pieces' if they would like to. 😊

## Christmas Performances & Services



Please check the diary below for the dates and times of your child's performances (Year 3 only) or service. The Year 3 performances are in our school hall and the services for Years 4, 5 and 6 are at St. Peter's Church in The Square. If you have siblings at Petersfield Infant School, you will be allowed to depart from the church with your child to collect from the infants at their usual collection time of 3.10pm.

**The Joy of Christmas**

Bells ringing hearts singing,  
People jolly lots of holly,  
With berries red, children in bed  
Christmas snow and mistletoe.  
A tree tall, in a hall,  
Christmas pies happy eyes.  
For the children the wait has been long,  
They're ready to burst into song.  
You could almost hear the Christmas cheer.  
As it becomes dawn the children yawn,  
Then the children realise as they open their tired eyes

**It is Christmas day hooray!**  
Downstairs they race at quite a pace,  
As their parents rise they hear the cries of  
"look he's eaten carrot" and "a cuddly toy parrot"  
They reach into their stockings their eyes bulging and  
popping.  
They settle down for breakfast, crumpets and tea  
And eat it very speedily.  
Family members call everyone's having a ball  
They sit down for Christmas lunch what a lovely happy  
bunch.  
No longer thirsting tummies bursting  
That is the joy of Christmas.

Well done and thank you to Lilybet Morgans for this poem (Plum Class – Y4)

December	
Wed 11th	10.00 Year 3 Performance to Parents
Thur 12th	Whole School Christmas Lunch 6.30 Year 3 Performance to Parents
Fri 13th	Christmas <b>MUFTI Day</b> in support of the FoH Christmas Fayre (19th Dec).
Mon 16th	2.00 <b>Year 4</b> service at St.Peter's Church
Tues 17th	2.00 <b>Year 5</b> service at St.Peter's Church
Wed 18th	2.00 <b>Year 6</b> service at St.Peter's Church Pear Class Parents' Evening 3.45 – 7.30
Thu 19th	<b>FOH Christmas Fayre</b> 3.30 – 5.30
Fri 20th	<b>End of term - 12.30pm FINISH!</b>
January	
Tues 7th	Children return for the Spring term. (Monday 6th Jan is an INSET day).



**Saturday Afternoon Art**  
Christmas Special

Join us to make one of these fun 3d characters to sit on your shelf at home!

Winton House Centre  
18 High Street, Petersfield  
Saturday, 21st December  
2pm - 4pm  
£15 per child 6yrs+

To book your place:  
vickiostersen@gmail.com or call 07779 301791

Hosted by: Vicki Ostensen and Jenny Fogelin  
Insured, DBS checked and certificated in paediatric first aid

