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## Help Your Child at Home – Why Read for 20 Minutes a Day?

This week, just as half-term arrives, we thought we'd share how listening to your child read or encouraging them to read independently for 20 minutes a day, can make a huge difference. Check out these statistics below:

Why Reading 20 Minutes a Night is so Critical		
Student A	Student B	Student C
20 minutes per day	5 minutes per day	1 minute per day
3,600 minutes per school year	900 minutes per school year	180 minutes per school year
1,800,000 words per year	282,000 words per year	8,000 words per year
		
Scores in the 90th percentile on standard tests.	Scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests.	Scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests.

This means that student A would be on-target to be **well above the national average** with the potential to gain 'Greater Depth' in their SATs results in Year 6 or grade As (now called 8 or 9) in most subjects at GCSE and A Level.

Student B would potentially be **likely to struggle** to get a national average score for their age – hence we would encourage at least 10 minutes a day for 5 days a week (*something we mentioned in our first Flyer this year*).

Student C would **really struggle** to keep up with their studies for the whole time they are in school and this could impact on their ambitions to get a good job in later life...*yes, it's that important!*

If your child is in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile (sometimes just called 'centile'), then they are above 90 other children out of 100. In other words they are in the top 10%. To achieve the 'AGE RELATED EXPECTATION' for any year group, it is ideal to aim for the 65<sup>th</sup> percentile or above. This is why reading 10 minutes a day, at least 5 times a week can really help your child to do well at school. Standardised tests are things like the SATs in Year 6, GCSEs in Year 11 or the Times Tables tests for Year 4 which are officially introduced next summer 2020.

Not everyone is good at tests, but they are the way of the world at the moment. One thing is for sure; the better you can read, the more likely you will do better in a test situation because in many cases, you have to read the instructions or questions for yourself.

### Link to Hope's Family and Elderly Shoebox Appeal



As mentioned before, we have teamed up with Petersfield Infants School and Sheet Church to support Link to Hope's Shoebox Appeal. If you'd like to get involved, it's not too late! You can visit their website [www.linktohope.co.uk](http://www.linktohope.co.uk) to find out more. Shoeboxes need to be completed and returned to our school office by **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November**. We have only collected five boxes so far, but we do know that several families are planning to put something together over half-term. We can provide some empty boxes if needs be and we'll be open until 6pm to collect them today.

### Data Sheets – Repeat Message

Your child's data sheet was sent home last week. Could you please check, amend and sign the form and return to school by the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019. It is really important that we have the correct details for your child, especially in the case of an emergency.

### Safety in the School Car Park

We've noticed children and parents crossing the roads in the car park and putting themselves in danger of staff cars as they are leaving. Please could you be mindful of keeping to the pavements in and around the school as this will keep everyone safe. Thank you. We have also been alerted to the occasional heavy lorry movement near to the football ground car park at the other end of Love Lane. We will continue to liaise with Churcher's College in order to reiterate the need for contractors to keep to the agreed times for deliveries to the Churcher's College builders' site

### School Meals & Breaktime Snacks

As an update, HC3s are still not selling breaktime snacks at this time. Sorry! However, please check out HC3s Facebook page showing menu options and other info: <https://www.facebook.com/HC3S-Education-Catering-160620061166003/>

# Hernes' Got Talent 2019

After half-term we welcome the return of our popular talent competition Hernes' Got Talent. Acts (individual or group) will be able to sign up the week after half-term on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November in the Herne hideout at lunchtime**. The heats will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 3.30 – 5.00pm for lower school and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 3.30 – 5.00pm for upper school. If the act has member of upper and lower school, they will be able to select which date to perform. Then the judges will select approximately 20 acts that will go through to the final, which will be at the TPS studio at the beginning of the Spring term.



## THE BIG DRAW 2019

All our children have been busy in the last couple of weeks producing artwork as part of a schools' project for The Big Draw Festival. From humble beginnings in 2000 as a one-day event, The Big Draw is now a global festival, marked by thousands of events hosted by schools, galleries and communities throughout October. Almost 1600 children from Petersfield Infant School, Herne Junior School, Sheet Primary, Steep Primary, Langrish Primary, Froxfield C of E Primary and Churcher's Junior School are working on self-portraits and colourful abstract patterns. During half term week their artwork will be on display in St Peter's Church, Petersfield, wrapped around the central pillars and transforming them! **The artwork will be in the Church from Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October until Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November, and will be the perfect backdrop for three days of exciting art workshops with local artists.** With pre-bookable sessions for children 6 years+ and for adults, and a free all-ages Drop-In and Draw morning, there is something for everyone. We have sent home posters with all the event information in the children's book bags. To book workshop places, or for more information, please visit [www.treefrogart.co.uk](http://www.treefrogart.co.uk) or email [vickiostersen@gmail.com](mailto:vickiostersen@gmail.com).

## CM Sports Holiday Club

Sadly, due to a poor uptake CM Sports have made the decision to cancel their half-term holiday club at Herne. All parents who had booked will be individually contacted. However, their holiday club on Herne's INSET day on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 9am-3.30pm is still going ahead. There are still places available so you can book your space by visiting the CM Sports website or you can just turn up on the day. [www.cm-sports.co.uk](http://www.cm-sports.co.uk) On the website you can also book a place on any of the CM Sports after school clubs for next half-term.

## Twilight Club

Outstanding payments for October bills must be paid in by Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November at the latest, to secure your place for November, thank you.

## Make the change – What Can You Do This Week To Help The Climate?

*Energy Use:* Domestic emissions account for 27% of carbon emissions in Hampshire (Hampshire Climate Emergency Action Programme Discussion 2019). Why not reduce your household carbon footprint by switching to a 100% renewable energy provider

<https://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/home-energy-efficiency/switching-utilities/buying-green-electricity>

The Energy Saving Trust highlight the companies that are 'as green as they get' as of August 2019. As well as 100% renewable electricity these companies offer either carbon neutral gas or invest in green gas

- Good Energy <https://www.goodenergy.co.uk/our-energy/>
- Green Energy UK <https://www.greenenergyuk.com/OurEnergy>
- Ecotricity <https://www.ecotricity.co.uk/about-ecotricity/our-eco-credentials/our-environmental-footprint>
- Octopus Energy <https://octopus.energy/about-us/>

*Report from Angus Cockburn (Year 6)*

DIARY – Autumn Term 2019			
November		November / December	
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	INSET DAY – both Herne and Petersfield Infants CLOSED	Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	5.30 – 7.30 OPEN SCHOOL (Later session – please let us know if you'd like to come).
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	Children back to school.	Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 Parents' In Partnership – meet the senior leaders – subject: homework
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup>	3.30 – 5.30 OPEN SCHOOL – Come and see your child's books	December	<b>Christmas Performances/Services:</b> Y3 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec & 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Y4 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Y5 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Y6 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec.