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Help Your Child at Home

Over the coming months, we are putting a little more information out on our weekly Flyer to help parents and carers to support their children at home. Last week was spellings and the week before was reading, so this week it is the turn of mathematics! Learning the **Times Tables** is this week's handy hint and tip. This morning we Tweeted all the tables from 1x through to 12x. It is now a requirement that children know all of these tables by the end of Year 4, but we have also noticed over the years that the more confident children are about all of these tables, the better they are at arithmetic (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).



Although it is a huge challenge to learn all of these tables by heart, there are many ways to break down this task to a much more manageable level. Here is a YouTube link that we have found very effective over the years. Although it only goes to 10x each table, you'll get the idea of how this will help in general. Have fun! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v1h3-mDPUK>

As an aside, staff may wear one of these specially commissioned caps when they're patrolling the school! If a child answers a times tables question correctly, they could gain a Housepoint. Don't worry, we won't be locking anyone up if they don't know the answer!

Preparation for BREXIT

Some of you may have noticed that we have been flying the European flag all this week in the hope that there can be some sort of resolution to all of the uncertainty that surrounds Brexit. Schools have received advice on the implications of Brexit and, with well over twenty different nationalities in our school, we would like to highlight that there will be no changes for existing children and families who are already on-roll at Herne. The future will very much depend on how any deal is received in the UK government when they meet tomorrow. Rest assured that Herne will keep you well informed whenever we are told any new information and that we hold true to the notion that **all of the children and families in our school are WORLD CITIZENS and are always welcome into our school community.** 😊



Parents in Partnership – Dates for this Term

As mentioned last week, we really value feedback from parents and carers because this helps us to improve our school for the children. Our first later *Evening Open School* session will be on Tuesday 12th November and will run from 5.30 until 7.30. In order to prepare the children's books for this evening, we'll need to know if you intend to come by Monday 11th November, then we can make sure the books are available. This session will be based in our newly named 'The Orchard' room (which used to be Cherry Class/the Music Room). Just let us know by email or phone call to the office so that we can get books ready.



Our first 'Parents in Partnership' meeting will be on Wednesday 20th November from 9.00am. On this day, our senior leadership team (Head, Deputy and Assistant Head) would love to hear any feedback from parents face-to-face. This can be on any subject, but as a starter for ten, we'd love to hear your views on homework. No need to let us know before hand; just turn up! 😊

Football Success

Last week, our Year 6 Boys football team won their opening game in the Hampshire cup with an impressive 7-1 victory over Sarisbury Junior School.

This week our girls football team travelled to Andover for their first round Hampshire Cup game against Vigo Junior School, where they came away with an equally impressive 5-0 victory. A fantastic start to the season for both teams and congratulations to all of the children who took part.



Poppy Appeal



We will be selling poppies in school from next Monday to support the Royal British Legion's annual appeal. There are also other items available with suggested donation prices such as snap bands for £1.50, silicon wristbands £1, zip-pulls and reflectors for 50p. We thank you for your support for this worthy cause to support ex-service personnel and their families from the numerous conflicts they have been involved in.

Link to Hope's Family and Elderly Shoebox Appeal

Just a reminder to say that we have leaflets at the school office for families who would like to get involved in this shoebox appeal. Alternatively you can visit their website www.linktohope.co.uk which gives more information through a video which all of the children have watched in our assemblies both this week and last. Shoeboxes need to be completed and return to our school office by Tuesday 5th November.



Updating Your Family Information That We Hold in School

Your child's data sheet has been sent home this week. Could you please check, amend and sign the form and return to the school office by Monday 4th November 2019 (straight after half-term). It is really important that we have the correct details for your child, especially in the case of an emergency. Thank you.

Christmas Cards

A reminder that the last date to order children's Christmas cards is next Thursday, the 24th October. Please ensure artwork is returned to the School Office, before half-term, once your online order has been placed. Thank you!

Pokemon Card Update!

Sad to say, but we have been experiencing a great deal of trouble where children have been trading cards unfairly. We are now going to have to ban all trading in school from Monday next week. However, we are still happy (we use that term very loosely!!) for the children to bring their cards in to show each other or to play 'Top Trumps'. As before, they bring them in at their own risk, but we know that so many children do play with them very well and it seems a shame to spoil everyone's fun. We hope you understand?



Community Messages

Pumpkin Heroes Party: This Halloween, Hope Church invite you to a World Vision Pumpkin Heroes Party! This is a free event for ages 4-11 in the main hall at TPS. There will be crafts, games, a short film, food and lots of fun! Come along on Thursday 31st October, 4.30-6pm Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information or RSVP to elliejanecope@gmail.com

The Big Christmas Give: Joe Tully (Rowan Class) wants to bring a smile to children, families and individuals in our community who are facing a really tough time this Christmas. Joe is collecting donations that will be distributed between The Salvation Army and Homestart Buster. With just a small donation of any of the following items we can help to spread a little joy throughout Petersfield and our local community to those who may otherwise receive little in the way of gifts or food this Christmas. Donations are being accepted until Sunday 1st December (subject to opening times):

Collection points are:

All donations – Herne Junior School
Toys and food only - The Library in the Square.
Toy donations only - Jake's Toys

Items we are collecting are:

Toys and sweets for children.
Chocolates and treats suitable for adults such as Matchmakers and Jelly sweets.
Luxury, non-perishable and non-alcoholic treats for luxury food hampers.
New toys for boys and girls age 0 - 4.



DIARY – Autumn Term 2019			
October/November		November	
Thu 24 th	School Disco: Lower Sch 5.30-6.45 Upper Sch 7.15-8.30	Mon 4 th	INSET DAY – both Herne & infants closed
Fri 25 th	Finish 3.30pm - HALF-TERM	Tues 5 th	Children back to school.
		Thu 7 th	OPEN SCHOOL (3.30 – 5.30)