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## Christmas Fayre – Thank You

Thank you to everyone who came along yesterday after school to support our Christmas Fayre. We are still in the process of counting all of the money and looking at our costs, so we'll aim to announce the amount we raised in the first Flyer of the New Year. Thanks must go to all of our Friends of Herne parents, helpers and supporters, co-ordinated by Naomi Dodd and her family. This is their last Christmas Fayre as Naomi will be stepping down in July 2020 as Jack (her son) leaves for secondary school. We must also whole-heartedly thank all of the children and staff who stayed behind after a very long autumn term who between them have raised hundreds of pounds for the school. Thank you and have a lovely Christmas Holiday and Happy New Year!



### Goodbye Mr Jones!

As of today, we say goodbye to Mr Jones who is going to Clanfield Junior School. This will be a promotion for him and he will be sorely missed! His fire-eating exploits at Year 4 camps will be remembered for years to come. Good luck in your new job Mr Jones!

Ash Class will welcome their new teacher, Miss Whitehead, who has recently moved to the area from her previous school near Manchester. She is an experienced teacher and has lots of enthusiasm and ideas to help our school progress ever-upwards.

### Joe at Home-Start Butser

Joe Tully was on his superhero mission again this year to provide a Christmas present to every Home-Start child we support; 120 in total! With his friend Amelia from Langrish School and their inspiring mothers they achieved this task. Joe came to our Families' Christmas Party last Friday to assist Father Christmas and made a lot of children and parents very happy.

Please let the school know what a wonderful boy Joe is, we are reliant on support from the community and Joe is one of our Ambassadors who leads the way. Best wishes to all at Herne Junior School for a very happy Christmas and peaceful new year! *Report by Nicola Winter (Home-Start Butser)*



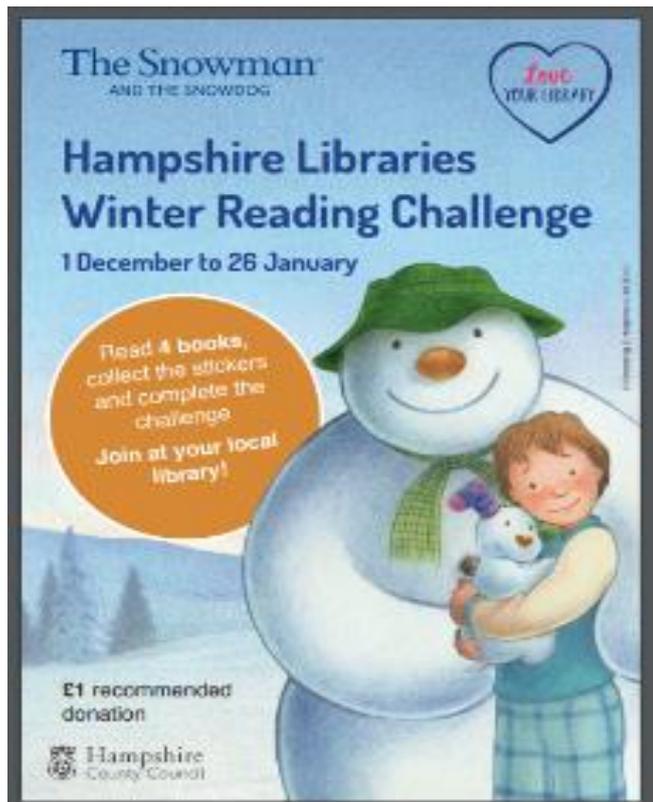
### Miracles Do Happen!

At this time of year, we are always hopeful of getting some things as a gift or just sharing time together. Well, it has been confirmed this week that we now have planning permission for our Running Track! There are some constraints and new requirements that we have to fulfil, but after the Christmas Holidays it will be full steam ahead to get the funding released and to have the track installed sometime during this academic year (weather dependent!) Below is a rough idea of the extent of the track which will stay close to the boundary of the playing field and will keep a little distance from the playing pitches, therefore not affecting any other sports. Although it has been a long time to wait, this is a lovely 'gift' for our school and will be fully funded by the money raised by the lovely RunnyHoneys and community funding from the South Downs National Park. ☺



## Winter Reading Challenge!

As mentioned last week, please go along to your local library to take part in their Winter Reading Challenge. You have to read FOUR books to complete the challenge, which should be a doddle with all that extra time over the Christmas period.



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	282,00 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!

We thought we'd once again 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. 

## CM Sports New Year Holiday Club (at Herne)

Our friends at CM Sports are running a holiday club at Herne in January. They will be doing the club on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan from 8am until 6pm. They are also running a club on our INSET day on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan from 9am to 3.30 pm. If you would like to book for these slots, see their website: <https://www.cm-sports.co.uk/>



### 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 Ostersen and Jenny Fogelin  
Insured, DBS checked and certificated in paediatric first aid



January 2020	
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day – Both Herne and Petersfield Infants <u>Closed</u>
<b>Tue 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Children return for the Spring term.</b>
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup>	3.30-5.30 OPEN SCHOOL – Come and see your child's books and review their targets
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Plum Class to Shrek Adventure
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Pear Class to Shrek Adventure
Thu 16 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Lime Class to Shrek Adventure
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Palm Class to Shrek Adventure
<b>Feb</b>	Local Authority Inspection of School
Thu 6 <sup>th</sup>	OPEN SCHOOL – Parents can see children's books
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	'Number Day' – Details to follow
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Hampshire Pride Day & End of Half-Term
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day at Herne and Petersfield Infants

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
from all the staff and governors at Herne.

**We'll see the children back on TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> January!** 😊