

HEENE NEWSLETTER

'Learning together, loving others, guided by God'

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Dear Parents / Carers,

A very happy and peaceful New Year to everyone.

I hope that all of you had a lovely time over the Christmas break with family and friends celebrating this joyous time of year!

CENSUS DAY - Thursday 18th January 2018 — By now I expect everyone is aware that all children in EYFS - Year 2 are entitled to a hot school meal every day funded by the government. The amount of money the school receives in grant is dependant on the number of children having a hot meal on certain days in the year. On these days it is in everyone's interest that every child is encouraged to commit to being served a meal.

Our next Census Day is Thursday 18th January when we will be serving a hot meal to every child in EYFS - Year 2.

Chipolata Sausages or Quorn Pattie, Omelette, Baked Beans, Mini Potato Square and bread is on the menu with **Blueberry Muffin, Cherry Yoghurt & Granola** for dessert. As in October the children can bring in packed lunch to supplement the hot meal if necessary.

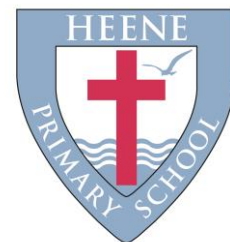
To further maximise our income for next year, we would like to encourage anyone who is entitled to free school meals to claim them, even if children don't eat them or have them under the Universal Infant Free School meal system. The criteria is currently families receiving Income Support, Income based Jobseekers Allowance or Income-related Employment & Support, State Pension Credit or Child Tax Credit if you work under 16 hours per week or have an assessed income below £16,190. We do provide school uniform and subsidised school trips and residential visits to any child on free school meals.

If you are entitled to free school meals and don't claim them, please give this matter some consideration before Thursday 18th January which is Census Day, collect and simply sign a form obtainable from the school office. One extra person claiming free school meals brings substantial extra funding (£1,320) into the school, at a time when we need it to maintain services at the same level.

Thank you for your continued support as always.

HHH - CHRISTMAS FAIR — HHH will be sending out their own newsletter once they have had a committee meeting but we wanted to share with you the success of the Christmas Fair. Following all expenditure being taken into account the net profit for 2017's Christmas Fair was £1838.12. Thank you to all parents and carers who contributed in some way to achieving this profit for the school.

CLUBS — All clubs begin on Monday 15th January and end on Friday 23rd March. There will be no teacher led clubs on the evenings of the Parent Consultation meetings. Reminders will be sent the week before. Information regarding clubs should come back to you by Friday of this week.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Thank you to all the parents who came along to watch their child's Christmas performance. You have helped raised £137.88 for the Children's Society.

Please can we remind parents if you are late to school with your child please report to reception with them, thank you.

Diary Dates are displayed on the school Noticeboards, which are located near to the school entrances.

The Noticeboards are regularly updated. Please check these for any changes.

If you require an additional copy of the Newsletter, please ask at the Office.





ATTENDANCE / PUNCTUALITY — The School day starts at 8.50am, therefore the gates/doors will be opened at 8.40am and closed at 8.55am (to allow parents time to leave the school site). Teachers will take registers at 8.50am so any children who arrive after 8.50am will miss the register and be recorded as late. The registers will remain open until 9.00am. Any child arriving after 9.00am will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Lateness is still an issue for some children. Mrs Turnbull (Admissions Officer) and I meet regularly to review attendance and do contact some parents to highlight lower than expected attendance percentages or punctuality issues.

VOMITING AND DIARRHOEA 48-HOUR POLICY — Can we please remind you that if your child experiences any vomiting/diarrhoea then they do need to be kept at home for 48 hours from the last bout of illness.

CHILD SAFETY — It is vital that whenever somebody other than you or your partner is picking up your child from school we have the name of the person WRITTEN down and either given to the teacher in the morning or handed in to the office. This is the only way in which we can ensure your child's safety at the end of the school day. If you have an emergency or are delayed you can, of course, telephone the office but we cannot take late telephone calls within normal circumstances.

LOST PROPERTY — The lost property box is constantly overflowing. If you think your child has lost something in school, please feel free to come and have a look through the box. Please can we remind parents to name or **rename** all of your child's belongings including drink bottles and snack boxes, this helps us to return them to the rightful owner. A lot of the names have faded through washing. Thank you.



P.E. KIT — Please ensure that your child has their full P.E. kit in school every day, including waterproof trainers, as half of their P.E. lessons (particularly KS2) take place outdoors and sometimes across in the park. If your child does not have their P.E. kit in school, they will miss out on their lesson. Shorts, joggers and P.E. t-shirts can be purchased from the school office. It is advisable that children do have a warm tracksuit for the colder, wetter weather.

UNIFORM — Children must ALL wear black school shoes and suitable plain school socks as part of their uniform (no brightly coloured trainers or canvas shoes). It is essential that all children bring a coat to school, as the temperature can change very quickly. Children may not be allowed out to play or on walks in cold weather without a coat.



READING WITH YOUR CHILD AT HOME — Please ensure that you continue to read as often as possible with your child at home. We will be continuing our 'READING INCENTIVE' whereby your child will receive a raffle ticket when they have obtained ten initials in their reading journal, indicating that they have read with an adult or older sibling. If they win a book in our fortnightly draw it is theirs to keep forever!

POP-UP CHRISTMAS EVENT— Monday 4th December - Friday 15th December 2017 we had our interactive prayer space in partnership with St. Matthews. Clive Latter and Ryan (St. Matthew's Church) worked very hard to prepare for this event and it was a tremendous success so a big thank you.

Book Recommendations

Something a little different this time! Why not find and read any ***poetry and/or non-fiction*** linked to your new topic?

Surprise your teacher by offering to read a poem...or sharing some amazing information!

We hope you received some lovely books for Christmas. If so, PLEASE write a short review/recommendation of any that you loved and leave it in the desk in the library so we can all have ideas for what to read next.

Miss A. has just finished Varjak Paw by S. F. Said. AMAZING!!

Co-op Local Community Fund — 'Heene Helping Hands'



Please continue to support 'Heene Helping Hands' Local Community Fund, the more support we get, the more funding we could receive. So if you're a Co-op Member log in to your Co-op Membership account and choose us. If you're not a member, please join and support us! Log on to your existing membership account or set up an account with the Co-op.

The current giving period runs from 12th November 2017 to 27th October 2018.

1. Choose 'Heene Helping Hands' as your local cause.
2. Every time thereafter that you use your membership card, 5% goes to you and 1% to HHH.

YEAR GROUP PARENT CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Year 5 - Tuesday 30th January
Year 4 - Tuesday 6th February
Year 3 - Tuesday 20th February
Year 1 - Tuesday 27th February
Year 6 - Monday 5th March
EYFS - Tuesday 13th March
Year 2 - Thursday 15th March

All at 9am in the school hall
Please join us if you can

MILK — Milk is available, but must be ordered and paid for in advance. However, milk is free for children under 5 years. For all children having a hot school meal, milk is available as an alternative to water at lunch time. Should you wish to order and pay for milk the order forms are available from the office or go online at www.coolmilk.com



This terms topics are:

EYFS - Superheroes / Dinosaurs

Year 1 - Once upon a Nursery Rhyme

Year 2 - Phizz-Whizzing Whizpoppers / All Aboard!

Year 3 - Raging Rivers and Marvellous Mountains

Year 4 - Rotten Romans

Year 5 - Wonders of the Universe

Year 6 - Groovy Greeks

Thank you for your continued support.

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