Heene Church of England (Aided) Primary School



Dear Parents / Carers,

The end of a short half term but still an awful lot going on and an immense amount achieved!

Achievements

Year 4 Football Team - won the shield competition in the Central Venue Football League (our first trophy!). Well done to: Austin P, Jamie L, Caitlin R, Arwen F, Oscar S, Iggy S, Evan C, Emily H.

Year 2 Athletics Team - came second in the Y2 category of the competition. Well done to: Preston W, Elliot D, Charlie B, Joe H, Phoebe K-W, Christ O'B, Amelie B-G, Skye I-M.

Year 3 Time to Dance group - under the guidance of Mrs Hobbs the Y3's took part in the Worthing Time to Dance at the Pavilion Theatre. They represented the school with great confidence and performed with pride. They will perform again as part of Worthing High's 'Simply Dance' on 14th April with TAB Infants / Juniors. Well done to: Gloria M, Lily B, Daniel O, Thomas V, Thomas P, Mikkel U, Teegan H, Iris-Tula G, Louis D, Isaac D, Olivia E, Scarlett C, Josh E, Beaux F.

Swimathon - well done to all the children who took part in raising money for the Mayor's charities.

Worthing Vocademy – organised a singing competition for a Mayoral charity. Well done to Beaux F and TsetskoT who got through to the final.

Parents

Thank you to all parents who attended their child's consultation evenings this term. The teachers were very positive following your meetings and the parents I spoke to were very encouraging too.

If you still have **Parent Questionnaires** to return please do so by **Thursday 24th March** as my analysis will begin over the Easter break. The outcomes of the questionnaire will be available after the holiday with a response to as many of the comments as is possible, either generically or individually.

Data Collection Sheets - a plea from the school office! If any of the data collection sheets sent home at half term are still outstanding please return them as soon as possible. We are trying to get the system completely up to date prior to rolling out email / text services to parents.

Safety

You may have noticed the increased traffic enforcement activity in the last week. This has been undertaken by WSCC as part of their awareness campaign around schools. We are one of many schools they have visited. I do encourage you to abide by the traffic laws for the safety of all adults and children crossing Norfolk Street and not stop or park on the yellow zig-zag lines at any time.

New Build Ceremony

On Wednesday 16th March we welcomed Bishop Christopher and the Mayor and Mayoress of Worthing to officially bless and open the new part of our school. Other local Headteachers, WSCC officials, Diocese Education Department representatives, School Governors and members of the local community attended along with the children and staff. It was a wonderful service in the school hall with the choir singing and Oscar S in Y4 delivering a reading. Pictures from the event will be displayed in school and made available on the school website.

Charity Events & HHH

The last two weeks have seen donations of chocolate eggs for HHH Easter event which was a huge success yesterday. The children have all participated in an Easter Quiz organised by HHH during the last week and a half.

A huge number of children (a big thank you to parents for supporting with the effort!) have entered Easter bonnets into the competition which was judged on Monday and the winners are: EYFS - James T; Year 1 - Ellis W, Olivia D, Natalia C, Reuben D, Daniel W, Jasmin H, Edie S; Year 2 - Arthur C, Conrad S; Year 3 - Scarlett C; Year 4 - Owen A

Last Friday 'Sport Relief' took over and the school was a mass of red! The children looked fantastic and after learning about this worthwhile cause in assembly learnt to be 'Try-Athletes' as they travelled lengths of the school hall. Throughout the day adults and children travelled approximately 2140 lengths of the school hall (42780m), which once converted into miles meant as a school we travelled approximately 26.5miles, a marathon! A huge effort and immense amount of fun had by all. We raised £248.54.

Church

We give thanks to Clive Latter - youth worker at St Matthew's - and Mrs Hine for organising our RE Easter Trail.

The church provided 4-5 volunteers on a daily basis for just over a week so that the children could participate in half class groups and explore the themes of Easter at each of the 5 stations. Please ask your children to explain to you at home what they did.

Finally, I wish you all a peaceful Easter break as we celebrate Jesus' death and his resurrection (new life).

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 11th April when school starts for the summer term at 8.50am.

Mrs Jo MacGovern Headteacher