

HEENE NEWSLETTER

'Learning together, loving others, guided by God'

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HOUSE POINTS

SYCAMORE - Well done to Sycamore House who won the House Cup for the Spring Term. We will work with the children to generate ideas for celebrating this during the summer term.

Results were:

Sycamore - 925 points

Oak - 778 points

Elm - 750 points

Willow - 744 points

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.

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to you all following a lovely, bright Easter break! We were blessed with lots of sunshine and fine weather. I'm so pleased to be back at work! This will be part-time for a short period to fit in with numerous hospital appointments and continued recuperation with an aim of returning to full strength and full time by half term.

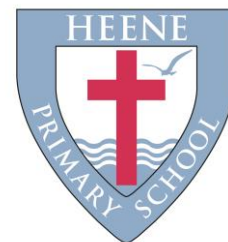
STAFFING UPDATE — Mrs Firoozmand continues to receive treatment including further surgery in May for which we all wish her well. Mr Camp is now teaching in Year 5 alongside Miss Beer in place of Mr Passingham. Miss Lovell starts as our part-time Premises Officer today!

PLAYGROUND UPDATE — Our new playground is now open! We are very excited and wish to thank West Sussex County Council and the Diocese who have worked with the school to make this happen. We all went out to the new playground together on Monday morning as part of our Collective Worship to explore and pray for the new space!

Please read about all the fundraising updates below which will contribute to seating, storage and new equipment for the playground and other outside spaces!

FUNDRAISING UPDATES — What a lot of fundraising achievements to celebrate / look forward to alongside HHH!!

- **Co-op Local Community Fund** - During the holidays Mrs Ferguson, Mr Parish and Issy Davies attended a presentation at the Co-op store in Rowlands Road where they were presented with £3,455. We continue to benefit from the Co-op with a further 6 months of fundraising confirmed. Please keep spending at your local Co-op and ask family and friends to choose HHH.
- **Tesco Bags of Help** - Following the Tesco Bags of Help vote in our local Tesco stores, our Allotment Project came second and has been chosen by Tesco Customers to receive an award of £2,000. We now have to scale down our project from the full £5,000 spend. *If any parents / grandparents have some time available to support us in developing our allotment area this term please let the office staff or myself know. I have one willing volunteer already!*
- **Waitrose** - During March we were one of the three charities counters were collected for. The amount raised was £263 plus a number of 'grow to sell' seed boxes which the children will utilise in their classrooms and outdoors.
- **EMI Music Sound Foundation Award** - A successful application was made and we have been awarded £750 as a donation towards specified outdoor musical instruments. These will make a great contribution to both music lessons and the outdoor play space. HHH have kindly agreed to fund the outstanding contribution for the purchases.



SUMMER TERM CLUBS - All Summer Clubs begin this week. If your child decides that they no longer wish to attend, please let the office know, as the place can be offered to another child.

****STOP PRESS**** - Additional Club news. Mrs Rhoades and Miss Russell are going to run a Gardening Club this term. Unfortunately it was missed from the list. Gardening Club will run on a Tuesday evening. If your child wishes to attend (there will be a maximum of 10 places for KS1 and 10 places for KS2) please speak to someone in the school office. Alternatively if there are any parents willing to help more children can attend.

CLUBS - If for any reason your child is not able to attend a club session parents must notify the office in writing, and the office staff in turn can notify the club leader not to expect that child for that session. This means we avoid any potential safeguarding issues, particularly with those KS2 children who have authorisation to walk home alone.

ATTENDANCE / PUNCTUALITY — The School day starts at 8.50am, therefore the gates/doors will be opened at 8.40am and closed at 8.50am. 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 9.20am. Any child arriving after 9.20am 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.

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 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. There were too many children last week who did not have the appropriate kit in school following the Easter holidays!

WARMER WEATHER — A few reminders as we hopefully approach warmer weather. It is very important that your child has a sun hat, extra drinks & sun cream with them in hot weather. There are sun creams available that last all day. Sun cream should be applied at home before school and if you feel necessary brought to school clearly labelled with your child's name and class. The sun cream must be handed over to your child's class teacher where it will be kept in the classroom. Sun cream must not be kept in children's book bags or trays as it can leak. **PLEASE NOTE THAT STAFF ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ADMINISTER SUN CREAM - YOUR CHILD SHOULD BE ABLE TO APPLY IT THEMSELVES.** Also a general reminder to ensure all items of school uniform are named clearly as in warmer weather they are often discarded on the playground!

NO DOGS ON SCHOOL PREMISES - This is a polite reminder **NO DOGS** allowed in the school grounds, this applies to dogs in arms. Dogs can be tied to the fence at the front of the school. There can be no exceptions, if you are not happy to leave your dog tied up unattended then please leave it at home.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

If you have a book recommendation you would like to share, please let Miss Atkinson know.

UKS2 - 'The Many Worlds of Albee Bright' by Christopher Edge. This book has been shortlisted for the WS Schools Library Service book awards in which Y5 are involved. Some lucky children in Y4 will have the chance to meet author Christopher Edge at Worthing Library later in the term so get reading and think of some questions to ask him.

LKS2 - Try any of the 'Claude' series of books by Alex T Smith. These books are very funny and have a wonderful character called Mr Bobblysocks who is very theatrical!

KS1 - 'Triangle' by Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen. Lots to talk about as you enjoy this book together... Can you fit a square peg into a round hole...?

EYFS - If you loved 'Gorilla Loves Vanilla', try some more of Chae Strathie's books - 'Jumblebum' or 'Bedtime for Tiny Mouse' for example. Early Years children will have a chance to meet award-winning author Chae Strathie at Worthing Library next week!

Church Service Thursday 25th May

2.00pm at St Matthews Church
Do try and join us if you can.
Children can be collected from
Church at 2.30pm or back at school
at the normal finishing time. Please
advise your child's teacher.

West Sussex
Music



Instrumental Lessons

Mrs. Melody Pryce (A.L.C.M. P.S.C.E. P.G.L.C.M.)

teaches Violin + Piano at your school.

If you are interested in your child learning the Violin
or/and Piano please apply online to:-

West Sussex Music Trust. website: www.westsussexmusic.co.uk

Remission scheme is available for free violin lessons where eligible.

Brochures are available at the school office or music department.

Further details contact:- melody.pryce@westsussexmusic.co.uk



**Don't forget to return your Chartwells
'Design a Shield' closing date - 12th May**

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

9.00am-9.15am in the School Hall

Parents and Carers are invited to attend their
child's Celebration Assembly.

This is a lovely opportunity for the children to
share all their hard work in school and share any
Certificates, Awards or Badges they have
earnt outside of school.

**Please check the Diary Days/Dates
for your child's Celebration Assembly**

School website

www.heeneprimary.co.uk

Please ensure that you regularly access our
school website. Information for parents is
updated on a daily basis, including the latest
letters, newsletters and club information.

Sainsbury's



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Last push for Sainsburys vouchers! They are not being issued in store after today so
please bring them into school as soon as possible so that we can place our order for
equipment before half term! Many thanks for those already brought in.

Chartwell Competition!

Thank you for your continued support.

Jo MacGovern - Headteacher