

'Learning together, loving others, guided by God'

Heene Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Friday 20th July 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

We've reached the end of a long, busy and momentous year at Heene. Our first Year 6 pupils will be departing today as they move on in their education journeys to one of five different secondary schools. The children thoroughly enjoyed their Leavers Barbecue and Disco on Monday – a big thank you must go out to the staff and two of our Governors, Mr & Mrs Wimble, who cooked their food. We will miss the children immensely and wish them all the luck in the world.

Sports Day Results

Thank you for your understanding this year as we shortened the amount of time the children were outside due to the excessive heat. They all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and tried their best in any race they participated in. The outcomes for each group are set out below. Our overall house winners have been presented with the Sports Day Cup in Collective Worship.

EYFS/KS1: 1st – Oak (130); 2nd – Elm (120); 3rd – Sycamore (86); 4th – Willow (78) KS2: 1st – Oak (201); 2nd – Elm (177); 3rd – Sycamore (171); 4th – Willow (158) Overall outcomes: 1st – Oak (331); 2nd – Elm (297); 3rd – Sycamore (257); 4th – Willow (236)

House Points

Our House Point Trophy was awarded this week and has given us an interesting outcome. I wonder if you can spot the similarities. We are looking into how the rewards system works in September. $1^{st} - Oak; 2^{nd} - Elm; 3^{rd} - Sycamore; 4^{th} - Willow.$

Ofsted

All we can say at this moment in time is thank you to those parents who took the time to fill in the Parent View questionnaire or talk to the inspectors in the school playground. The staff and children worked incredibly hard during the visit which we thank them for. We have received the draft report for a factual check but the finalised report will not be published until mid-September.

Staffing

As mentioned in the July newsletter we have been saying goodbye to a few members of staff during this week on their relevant last days of working. We thank them for their contributions to life at Heene and wish all of them well in their futures.

Rocking Around the World

The children have really enjoyed their 'Rocking Around the World' activities this week. We kicked off the week with Worthing Steel Band and workshops for Years 4-6. Following that EYFS - Year 3 undertook dance workshops with Amanda Hobbs. Also all classes have had a parent, carer or relative supporting their learning with question and answer sessions about their chosen country.



Crazy Hair Day!

Thank you so much for entering into the spirit so creatively on 'Crazy Hair Day!' The children looked amazing and managed to raise £242.50. Thank you so much for your generous donations and we look forward to telling you how the money was spent after our mission trip to Romania in the summer. Many thanks, Mrs Reading and Miss Russell.

Diocese of Chichester Education Department 'Year of Prayer' Competition

From previous communication during the year you may have been aware that we have taken part in the 'Year of Prayer' work following the successful 'Year of the Bible' in 2016/17. Many of our children undertook activities in class or at home to contribute to our entries. All children who entered were given a certificate for their achievement this week and a copy of their prayer to take home. The categories entered were linked to 'prayer through word' and 'prayer through image'.

At the beginning of July, we were invited with 5 of our children to attend a prize giving evening in Shoreham. I'm really pleased to announce that the following children were awarded special prizes and art packs for their efforts:

- Felix B Squirrels Highly Commended
- Audrey N Squirrels 3rd Prize
- Finn R, Alana M, Allyana D Turtles 1st Prize

We are very proud of their achievements and the winning prayers have been used in our respective end of term church services. A big thank you to Miss Russell for coordinating all the entries on our behalf. We have kept copies of all entries and will create a book of prayers from them.

Thank you again for all your support throughout the year and we wish you, your families and all the staff a fun, happy and restful summer break. We look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday 4th September at 8.40am when we open the gates for a new school year!

Mrs Jo MacGovern Headteacher