

HEENE NEWSLETTER

'Learning together, loving others, guided by God'

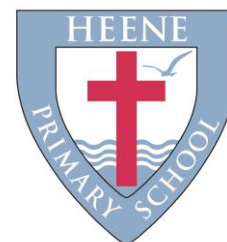
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Dear Parents / Carers,

I can't believe we're only two weeks from half term already. We've had a good start to the term including a successful Y5 residential visit to Dalesdown! Parent Consultation Evenings are coming up for Years 1-6 only. EYFS will take place after half term as their 6 weeks in baseline will then be complete. Please book online via e-schools for parent consultation appointments or see the school office for assistance in this.

Parent Consultation Evenings Year 1 - 6 ONLY

Monday 16th October
3.20 - 7pm
or
Wednesday
18th October
3.20 - 5pm

These will be 10 minute appointments. Parents of children on the SEND register please book an appointment for another date directly with the classteacher.

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.



STAFFING - We are really pleased to announce that Mrs Rhoades gave birth to a gorgeous daughter Amelie on Wednesday 13th September. She surprised everyone by arriving four hours after Mrs Rhoades left work! The whole family are doing really well. We're welcoming back Mrs Firoozmand next week following her medical treatment. I will be having what I hope is my final surgery at the beginning of next week and returning just before half term to oversee the second consultation evening and the church services.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS - these will take place on Monday 9th October AND Tuesday 10th October. Please ensure your child has their full uniform on. We will begin with EYFS on the Monday and work our way through. This will in no way conflict with Year 4 swimming on the Monday, theirs will take place on Tuesday!

HEAD BOY / HEAD GIRL - After much discussion amongst the staff we identified a short job role and description for head boy and head girl in a primary school. The Year 6 teachers shared this with their classes and invited children to apply for the roles in the form of a speech which they were to present to the whole school during Collective Worship. 11 children put themselves forward (7 girls and 4 boys). Following this process the adults in school voted based on eloquence, confidence and how they would fulfil the role and become ambassadors for the school. All the children were amazing and made us proud to say they are part of Heene! I'm pleased to announce that Sam E and Arwen F have been awarded Head Boy and Head Girl with Tsvetomir T and Kaitlin W acting as their deputies. I would really like to commend the following children for all their hard work and achievements: Iggy S, Calum S, Melissa M, Alana M, Caitlin R, Darcie A and Kacy W.

SCHOOL COUNCILLORS - Each class has elected two school councillors to represent them at regular meetings and be 'voices for the pupils' throughout the year. I will be meeting with the children to discuss school matters that require pupil opinion and voice. This is something I am looking forward to and the children supporting me in these matters are: Y1: Marcel, Shirin, Oscar, Krystal; Y2: Leo, Will, Sonny, Bea; Y3: Louis, Theodore, Lily, Ava; Y4: Phoebe, Lorcan, Isaac, Holly; Y5: Max, Lily, Teegan, Kaloyan; Y6: Lily, Evan, Sienna, Sam.

ECO-WARRIORS - Classes have also voted for their Eco-Warriors. These children support the class teachers with recycling and energy efficiency in their own classrooms and around the school. This year the children helping 'BUSTER' are: Y1: Lace, Samuel, Joshua, Lucy; Y2: Lilly, James, Jack, Mary; Y3: Phoenix, Natalia, Maxwell, Jazmin; Y4: Matilda, Charlie, Riley, Lily; Y5: Josh, Daisy, Iris-Tula, Isaac; Y6: Dylan, Taylor, William, Kaitlin.

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!



Book Recommendations this month include:

- You Choose in Space by Pippa Goodhart and Nick Sharratt
- Zoom off for a space adventure where YOU choose what happens next!
- The Ugly Five by our friend Julia Donaldson The latest 'sure-to-be-a-classic' work from Julia Donaldson celebrating animals known collectively as 'The Ugly Five'.
- And last but by no means least, Miss A's latest favourite book: Mopoke by Philip Bunting. A Jon Klassen-style homage to a small Australian owl...bet you can't keep a straight face when you read this one

BEACH WEEK - What a fantastic time the children had! The weather was very kind to us indeed. All year groups (apart from EYFS) undertook a visit to the beach. They all experienced a period of Collective Worship or reflection as well as some science, geography and art activities. All of the children and staff had a fun time!



UNIFORM - We are encouraging all children through reminders from adults and each other about smart uniform! One of those reminders is tucking shirts into trousers and skirts. As our school now has a full Key Stage 2 cohort we are encouraging those children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to have the **option** of wearing pale blue shirts rather than polo shirts with the school tie. The School Office have a stock of the ties and they are priced at £3.00 each.

Children must **ALL** be wearing black school shoes and suitable plain school socks as part of their uniform (NO brightly coloured trainers or canvas shoes). **NO** open-toe sandals or other shoes without socks are permissible on health and safety grounds. We do recommend that children from Year 1 upwards have trainers rather than plimsolls in their PE bags for outdoor PE as we do go out in all weathers, often to the park. Not only do our children look smart when adhering to the correct uniform but it ensures health and safety at all times. Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.

**YEAR GROUP
CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES**
9.00-9.20am

Tuesday 10 th October	- Y5
Tuesday 17 th October	- Y1
Tuesday 7 th November	- Y2
Tuesday 14 th November	- Y4
Tuesday 21 st November	- Y6
Tuesday 28 th November	- Y3

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



Harvest Church Services

Friday 20th October 2017

St Matthew's Church

Do try and join us, if you can on this last day of half term.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES THIS YEAR!!!

ALL CHILDREN WILL BE TAKEN TO AND FROM SCHOOL FOR THEIR SERVICES.

EYFS / KS1 will take place at 9.30am

KS2 will take place at 1.30pm

If you have buggies please follow the directions of the church wardens and park them in the adjacent Rackham Room

If you have a child who cannot take part in the religious act of worship in church please inform your child's class teacher in writing and they will be looked after at school.



We're EXCITED to be welcoming GB Athlete Amy Smith to school on Friday 6th October! Amy Smith will be leading some energetic fitness circuits with the children and hosting an assembly with a Q&A session to help inspire the children into more sport and exercise. We're asking the school community to help by sponsoring the children to complete the fitness circuits in order to raise money for Heene CE First School to buy more sports equipment. There are two easy ways to sponsor the children: using paper sponsorship form that your child has already brought home (more spare copies in the office), or just as easy, it takes a few minutes to create an online fundraising page for your child at www.sportsforschools.org/event/BN700 link. The children are already excited: we hope you'll be feeling the buzz as well!



PANTOMIMES! - We are delighted to announce that Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be going to see Snow White at The Pavilion Theatre. Years 3 and 4 will be going on Friday 8th December. Years 5 and 6 will be going on Wednesday 13th December. HHH have very kindly offered to subsidise the tickets for the children. Therefore the cost per ticket will be £7.50. Forms will be sent out shortly.

EYFS / KS1 will be entertained in school by Rainbow Theatre with their performance of Snow White too. This will take place on Friday 15th December.

HEENE HELPING HANDS - Unfortunately due to work commitments and children transferring to other schools Issy is currently without a Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer on her committee. HHH is a charity run by volunteers to raise much needed extra funds for the school. In addition to the committee members other volunteers are required. If you are already a (willing) hand and wish to promote yourself to the committee please speak to Issy or me. If you are interested in joining the group please leave your name and contact information with the school office as soon as possible. Issy will be available in the library on Thursday 12th October 2.30pm - 4.00pm to answer any questions you may have or take your details if you wish to join the team. They have social meetings with wine! If volunteers are not forthcoming in the near future then events such as our Christmas, Easter and Summer Fairs cannot take place. We also started cinema evenings last year and would like to promote discos for the children which could not take place without the dedicated support of parents.

In the past HHH have purchased items such as: staging, large screen, projector and sound system for the hall, outdoor PE shed, PE equipment, annually half-fund the Y5 London trip, annual contribution for KS2 pantomime visit. Future projects for other fundraising include an outdoor performance stage!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Jo MacGovern

Headteacher