

HEENE NEWSLETTER

'Learning together, loving others, guided by God'

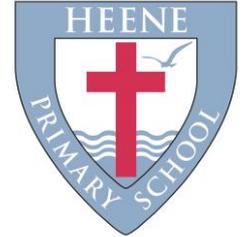
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Dear Parents / Carers,

We came back rested from a beautifully warm and refreshing Easter break. The weather is quite mixed at the moment so please ensure that your children have waterproof coats in school to protect them from the wind and colder weather as well as sunhats when appropriate.

STAFFING – We welcome Mrs Leney to Leopards class who has settled into Heene very well. For this half term we have Mr Parsons teaching Lions class whilst Miss Beer recuperates from planned surgery over the Easter break. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing her well as she rests and recovers.

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 9.00am. 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.

OUTDOOR PROJECTS – Hopefully you've all read the Easter Update regarding the projects undertaken whilst we were on holiday. I'd like to draw your attention to the Allotment project in particular as Mr Ambrose has given a lot of his time and resources to the school for which we are very grateful.

In addition to the work he has donated some gardening books for the children and adults as well as organising the banner competition.

PLEA - we still need seeds, seedlings, plants for the allotment and the Year 1 garden as well as compost and bedding plants for the front of the school and numerous planters we have dotted around. If you can donate anything at all or even a bit of time to help out we'd be very thankful.

Following from our collection for our '40 acts of Kindness' for lent, we have received a thank you message from Turning Tides.....

*Dear Heene Primary School
I wanted to thank you for collecting food for Turning Tides. On the day of our meal I set up two table with all the food and told our guests that the food had been donated by Heene. They were speechless, some even shed a tear. They each filled a bag and I delivered their bags to them as they had so much to carry! I can't thank you all enough for also giving me the privilege of telling our guests that they could help themselves to whatever they wanted. You are all amazing, thank you so much.
Best wishes Karen*



School website

www.heenepriamry.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.

VOLUNTEERS - Knowing how valuable hearing children read on a one-to-one basis is, we would love to hear from anyone who might be able to come in to school for an hour or so (on a regular basis) each week to read with children. If you feel this is something you would like to discuss please ask at the office or come and see Miss Atkinson for an informal chat! Many thanks.

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.





Easy Fundraising

Raise donations for FoHPs when you shop online!

FoHPs has recently set up an easy fundraising account where friends and family can raise money for the school each time they shop online. It is fast, free and simple to set up, so please register at www.easyfundraising.org.uk.

Sign up now

WARMER WEATHER — A few reminders as we hopefully approach warmer weather. It is very important that your child has a sun hat, extra drinks and 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.

PE & JEWELLERY - Can we remind parents / carers that children are not permitted to wear any jewellery during PE lessons as per WSCC Health and Safety Policy. The only exceptions to these regulations might be the wearing of religious or cultural jewellery, in which case your child's teacher should be consulted. The only jewellery permitted in school is a wristwatch and one pair of stud like earrings. If your child has recently or during a school holiday had their ears pierced it is up to you to provide micropore type tape for them to put on for PE lessons. It is not the responsibility of the class teacher to remove the jewellery of individual pupils.

**St Botolph's Church will be open at the following times between
Ascension Day and Pentecost Sunday:**

Friday 31st May, 10am-2pm Saturday 1st June, 10am-2pm Wednesday 5th June, 12noon - 2pm
Friday 7th June, 10am-2pm Saturday 8th June, 1pm-3pm

Please do pop in to have a look around, pray or spend some time in quiet.
There will also be some Prayer Stations based on The Lord's Prayer, suitable for all ages.
All are Welcome!

Meet the Governors - each Governor will introduce themselves to you. This will include a short biography and their role on the Governing Body.

Due to lack of attendance at the recent Governor Clinics, these will no longer take place. However a member of the senior leadership team will still be available every Friday in the school library after reading together to see any parents who wish to have a chat. Governors will now attend parent consultation evenings throughout the year if you would like to discuss what we do or to make a suggestion. The next scheduled date is Tuesday 9th July at our open afternoon 3.05-5.00pm.

Vice-Chair - Peter Parish



Peter and his wife Mary spent four years in the Seychelles where Peter served as an engineer with Feba, a Christian radio station, which then broadcast from there to countries round the Indian Ocean. They served for ten years in Pakistan with Feba, then moved for Peter to work in their Worthing office until retiring in 2014. Peter has been a foundation governor from St Matthew's since 2012 and is currently in his second four year term on the governing body. During that time Peter has served as Chair, Joint Chair and currently in the position of Vice Chair.

Thank you for your continued support. *Jo MacGovern* — Headteacher