

HEENE NEWSLETTER

'Learning together, loving others, guided by God'

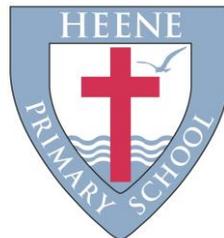
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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a brand new school year! We hope that all of our families have had a great summer break and would especially like to welcome the new EYFS children and their families and any families who have joined us with children in other year groups.

STAFFING - We are pleased to welcome Miss Charlotte Gould (Turtles class), Mr Dan Powell (Ladybirds class) and Miss Lucy Paine (Worthing College Sports Apprentice) to the staff.

SCHOOL DAY - Can we please remind you that the school day starts at 8.50am promptly. The gates and doors will be opened at 8.40am and the external gates closed at 8.50am. This allows parents 10 minutes to enter and exit the playground. Any children who arrive after 8.50am and before 9.00am will miss the register and do need to enter school through the front entrance and sign in late and will be recorded in the register with an L.

NB - locality change! A locality agreed change means that any children who arrive after 9.00am will have their absence recorded as unauthorised (U). Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the locality Attendance leaflet which has information regarding Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN's) which explains all the legal requirements that as a school we must conform with.

The school day ends at 3.05pm for all children.

Please remember to inform the office in writing, as well as your child's class teacher, if you need to take your child out of school for any reason. In order to ensure your child's safety, we also ask that if you have arranged for someone other than yourself to pick your child up from school please put this in writing and deliver it to the office at the start of the day. Forms are available in the office and within class.

We understand that some children may be allowed to walk home or meet their parents at a different location. A lot of children already come into school independently anyway. This is fine as long as the class teacher has been informed in advance. Please fill in the proforma coming home and return to your child's class teacher and remember to amend throughout the year if your situation changes.

To help ease the dilemma for some parents around pick-up time we are putting the following arrangements in place. This appeared to work efficiently last year:

- Any children in Leopards (Y5), Y3 or Y2 who have siblings in EYFS or Y1 will be allowed to go to those classrooms or meet parents on the playground.
- Any children in Y6, Lions (Y5) or Y4 who have siblings in Y2 or Y3 will be allowed to go to those classrooms.

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.

Reading Together
Starts Friday 8th
September 2017



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

A clubs information letter will follow this newsletter and most clubs start week beginning 18th September.

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.



YEAR GROUP WELCOME

EYFS - Wednesday 13th September 11.45 - 12.15pm

This is an opportunity for all parents in EYFS to meet with the EYFS team in the school hall to find out more about the EYFS curriculum whilst the children have their lunch.

Year 1, 2, 3, 4 + 6 - Wednesday 13th September 3.15 - 4.00pm

This is an opportunity for all parents in Years 1-4 & 6 to meet class teachers and have an informal conversation.

Class teachers will be in their classrooms after school until 4pm.

Mrs Ferguson and myself will also be available around the school should you wish to talk to us.

Year Group Curriculum information about the term / year ahead will come home by Friday 9th September.

Year 5 - DALESDOWN MEETING - Wednesday 13th September, 3.15pm in the school hall

Miss Beer, Miss Luke, Mrs MacGovern and Mrs Nisbet will be holding a meeting for parents regarding the upcoming Dalesdown trip. This is instead of Year 5 teachers being in their classrooms for the year group welcome time. At this meeting we will run through the timetables for each day, provide you with a kit list and medical forms. If you cannot make the meeting please do not worry as paperwork will be sent home the following day.

BEACH WEEK (week beginning 18th September) - Mrs Rhoades worked with class teachers last year to plan a successful whole school beach week which we are repeating this year with the inclusion of Year 6. Various activities will be undertaken during curriculum lessons, particularly in Science, Geography and Art. All year groups (apart from EYFS) will undertake a visit to the beach. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you feel you are able to walk with the year group and support the visit (unfortunately we cannot accommodate younger siblings and buggies as the walking children are our priority).

When the children visit the beach they are required to wear their school t-shirt/shirt and sweatshirt on the day of their visit with either shorts or trousers (weather dependent) and trainers suitable for walking and spending time on the beach. A separate memo for each year group will come home as a reminder.

- Tuesday 19th September Year 1 am, Year 4 pm
- Wednesday 20th September Year 5 am
- Thursday 21st September Year 3 am, Year 6 pm
- Friday 22nd September Year 2 am



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS - Individual and sibling photographs will take place on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th October, please ensure your child has their full uniform on. NB: Year 4 will have their photographs taken on the Tuesday so that it doesn't clash with swimming and wet hair!

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

TOPICS FOR THE TERM

EYFS	<i>These are a few of my favourite things</i>
Year 1	<i>Who am I? All Aboard... tickets please</i>
Year 2	<i>From One Extreme to Another</i>
Year 3	<i>We're Sailing Down the Nile</i>
Year 4	<i>Amazon Adventure</i>
Year 5	<i>Let Battle Commence</i>
Year 6	<i>Extreme Earth</i>

UPDATE - Over the summer holidays we have quite a lot of remedial work completed following the previous building work. Also the Year 3 and 4 classrooms have all had their low partition walls removed which really opens up the classroom space. Both children and staff have noticed the difference.

Our premises officer has been working hard renovating various items of play equipment (fire engine and aeroplane) and installing some new samba drums and bike racks (near the Y5/6 classrooms).

Our outdoor PE storage shed has been installed on the new playground which will be helpful for PE lessons.

UNIFORM - In Collective Worship this week we have commended the children on their smart appearance at the start of term. In particular, it is nice to see so many Year 5 and 6 children turning to shirts and ties, in readiness for the move to high schools! They look very smart!

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.

All children with shoulder length hair should have this tied back at all times for health and safety reasons. If children have their ears pierced they should only wear a pair of small stud earrings to school, being able to take them out themselves for PE lessons. In the event of recently pierced ears, these may be covered up with micro-pore tape brought in from home.



MILK - is available, but must be ordered and paid for in advance. However, milk is free for children under 5 years, and is also available to all children taking a hotmeal, as an alternative to water in the lunch hall. Order forms are available from the office. www.coolmilk.com

Thank you for your continued support.

Jo MacGovern
Headteacher