

# HEENE NEWSLETTER

*'Learning together, loving others, guided by God'*

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Dear Parents / Carers,

**A very happy and peaceful New Year to everyone.**

Mrs MacGovern is recovering well from her surgery and getting more mobile and independent. She will find out next week a start date for her precautionary chemotherapy treatment. We will keep you updated with her progress.

**GOOD NEWS** — our Church Youth worker, Clive Latter and his wife Kate, have become proud parents to a beautiful daughter Carys on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January. Congratulations from us all!

**PLAYGROUND UPDATE** — Following the tender last month for the development of the old 'Jolly Brewers' site, funding from the Local Authority, Diocese, School Governors and Trust money has been secured. We hope that work will start on site during February half term with completion by the Easter holidays. A pre-start meeting will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> January with all parties.

**STAFFING** — We say good luck to Miss Moyle who has gone on maternity leave now. We wish her well and look forward to some exciting news soon. We welcome Miss Luke who is covering Miss Moyle's maternity leave. Mr Passingham is now with us full-time and has settled in very well.

**CENSUS DAY - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017** — By now I expect everyone is aware that all children in EYFS - Year 2 are entitled to a hot school meal every day funded by the government. The amount of money the school receives in grant is dependant on the number of children having a hot meal on certain days in the year. On these days it is in everyone's interest that every child is encouraged to commit to being served a meal.

The next Census Day is Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017 when we will be serving a hot meal to every child in EYFS - Year 2. **Sausages and mash** or **macaroni cheese** is on the menu with **chocolate shortbread** for dessert. As in October the children can bring in packed lunch to supplement the hot meal if necessary.

To further maximise our income for next year, we would like to encourage anyone who is entitled to free school meals to claim them, even if children don't eat them or have them under the Universal Infant Free School meal system. The criteria is currently families receiving Income Support, Income based Jobseekers Allowance or Income-related Employment & Support, State Pension Credit or Child Tax Credit if you work under 16 hours per week or have an assessed income below £16,190. We do provide school uniform and subsidised school trips and residential visits to any child on free school meals.

If you are entitled to free school meals and don't claim them, please give this matter some consideration before Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January which is Census Day, collect and simply sign a form obtainable from the office. One extra person claiming free school meals brings substantial extra funding (£1320) into the school, at a time when we need it to maintain services at the same level.

*Thank you for your continued support as always.*



## **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES**

Thank you to all the parents who came along to watch their child's Christmas performance. You have helped raised £179.89 for the Children's Society.

The school choir went Carol Singing to different care homes before Christmas. We have had some lovely feedback and we are already looking forward to going again next Christmas!!!  
We also managed to raise £46.59

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.





**ATTENDANCE / PUNCTUALITY** — The School day starts at 8.50am, therefore the gates/doors will be opened at 8.40am and closed at 8.55am (to allow parents time to leave the school site). 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.

**VOMITING AND DIARRHOEA 48-HOUR POLICY** — Can we please remind you that if your child experiences any vomiting/diarrhoea then they do need to be kept at home for 48 hours from the last bout of illness.

**CHILD SAFETY** — It is vital that whenever somebody other than you or your partner is picking up your child from school we have the name of the person WRITTEN down and either given to the teacher in the morning or handed in to the office. This is the only way in which we can ensure your child's safety at the end of the school day. If you have an emergency or are delayed you can, of course, telephone the office but we cannot take late telephone calls within normal circumstances.

**LOST PROPERTY** — The lost property box is already overflowing. If you think your child has lost something in school, please feel free to come and have a look through the box, anything that is not claimed for by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January will be donated to charity. Please can we remind parents to name all of your child's belongings including drink bottles and snack boxes, this helps us to return them to the rightful owner. Thank you.



**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 (particularly KS2) 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.

**UNIFORM** — Children must ALL wear black school shoes and suitable plain school socks as part of their uniform (no brightly coloured trainers or canvas shoes). It is essential that all children bring a coat to school, as the temperature can change very quickly. Children may not be allowed out to play or on walks in cold weather without a coat.



**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** — Miss Atkinson would like to recommend these books  
- she would love to hear what you think.

**EYFS & Year 1:** *Take Away the A* by *Michael Escoffier*

**Year 2 & 3:** *The day the crayons quit*  
AND *The day the crayons came home* by *Drew Dawalt and Oliver Jeffers*

**Year 4 & 5:** *Harry Miller's Run* by *David Almond*



**POP-UP CHRISTMAS PRAYER SPACE** — Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December + Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016 we had our interactive prayer space in partnership with St. Matthews. Mrs Hine and Clive Latter (Youth Worker at St. Matthew's worked very hard to prepare for this event and it was a tremendous success so a big thank you.

## YEAR GROUP CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Year 5	7 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 4	7 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 3	31 <sup>st</sup> January
Year 2	14 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 1	24 <sup>th</sup> January
Year R	21 <sup>st</sup> March

**MILK** — 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](http://www.coolmilk.com)



## This terms topics are:

### Year 5 — Space



### Year 4 — The Romans



### Year 3

#### — Rivers & Mountains

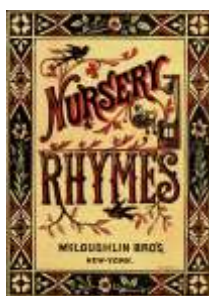


### Year 2

#### — The Magical world of Roald Dahl



### Year 1 — Nursery rhymes



### Year EYFS

#### — Adventures in Storyland



Please turn overleaf for ongoing fundraising projects! We very much appreciate your much needed support.

**AND FINALLY** — The Heene Helping Hands Christmas Fayre raised £1,328. Thankyou.

Thank you for your continued support.

*Jenny Ferguson*

Mrs Jenny Ferguson — Deputy Headteacher



We have had some fantastic news, Mrs MacGovern applied for us to be considered for a new scheme with Tesco and Groundwork for our allotment space and we have been chosen!!!

**What is Bags of Help:** On 5 October 2015 carrier bag charging began in England, bringing it in-line with carrier bag charging schemes already in place in the rest of the UK. As a result, Tesco, like other large retailers, is required by law to charge a minimum of 5p for every single-use carrier bag used by a customer. Proceeds generated from the sales of the bags are given to good causes.

The money raised by Tesco customers is used to pay for a large number of local projects to support community participation in the development and use of open spaces across England, Wales and Scotland. Projects that get the green light as a result of the funding include volunteer training, physical improvements of open spaces, equipment purchases, community events, sports and leisure activities and many more.

**To nominate our project you will need to make a purchase of any value within store.** You will receive one token per transaction (it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token). You can select our project in store from 2nd January to 28th January. We will be notified by the end of February 2017 confirming the amount of funding we will receive. The project with the highest number of votes across our region will receive £5,000, the second placed project £2,000 and the third placed project £1,000.

**You can nominate our project at the following stores:**

Durrington Express	BN13 1QY	West Durrington Extra	BN13 3PB
Findon Express	BN14 OEL	Goring Road Express	BN12 4AJ
Broadwater Express	BN14 9DA	Chapel Road	BN11 1EG
Storrington Express	RH20 4HG	Goring Way Express	BN12 4TY
Rectory Road Express	BN14 7PE	Dominion Road	BN14 8LB
Pulborough Metro	RH20 1AS		



### Co-op Local Community Fund — 'Heene Helping Hands'

Please continue to support 'Heene Helping Hands' Local Community Fund, the more support we get, the more funding we could receive. So if you're a Co-op Member log in to your Co-op Membership account and choose us. If you're not a member, please join and support us! Log on to your existing membership account or set up an account with the Co-op. **The current giving period runs from 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016 to 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017.**

1. Choose 'Heene Helping Hands' as your local cause.
2. Every time thereafter that you use your membership card, 5% goes to you and 1% to HHH.

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## Sainsbury's



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Vouchers will be back in store to collect from January 25<sup>th</sup> 2017. We appreciate any vouchers you are able to collect it allows us to purchase lovely new sports equipment.

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