

# HEENE NEWSLETTER

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

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## AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

A clubs information letter should be coming out early next week with most clubs commencing week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> September.

Reading Together Starts Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016



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.



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a brand new and exciting year at Heene! We would like to welcome back all of our pupils to the start of the new term and hope that all of our families have had a great Summer break. We would especially like to welcome the new EYFS children and their families and also those families who have joined us with children in other year groups.



For those of you who are not regulars at St Matthews we will with great sadness be saying goodbye to Rev'd John Chitham in October. He and his wife Basma are moving to Blackburn where John is taking up a post as Senior Chaplain to the Bishop of Blackburn. We wish him well and there will be more in our October newsletter.

**STAFFING** - We are pleased to welcome Miss Hannah Moyle (Panthers class) and Mr James Punter (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 8.55am to allow parents time to leave the playground. Any children who arrive after 8.50am will miss the register and need to enter school through the front entrance and sign in late. After 9.20am a child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised. 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.

As we now have Year 5 in situ, 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.

To help ease the dilemma for some parents around pick-up time we are putting the following arrangements in place. We will review this periodically to ensure it is all working efficiently:

- Any children in Leopards (Y5) who have siblings in EYFS, Y1, Y3 or Y4 will be allowed to go to those classrooms or meet parents on the playground.
- Any children in Lions (Y5), Elephants/Jaguars (Y3), Pandas/Panthers (Y4) who have siblings in Y2 will be allowed to go to those classrooms.
- Any further children in Owls/Foxes/Badgers (Y2) who have children in EYFS/Y1 only, will be allowed to go to those classrooms.

## YEAR GROUP WELCOME

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 3.15 – 4.00pm**

This is an opportunity for all parents to meet your child's class teacher and have an informal conversation.

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

Mrs Ferguson and myself will also be around too.

Curriculum information will come home today (Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September).

**BEACH WEEK** (week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> September) – Mrs Rhoades has been working with class teachers to plan an outline for a whole school beach week. 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 will be leaving school around 9am and returning in time for lunch. Children are required to wear their school polo 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.

- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September Year 2
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September Year 3
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September Year 4
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September Year 1
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September Year 5



## **PARENT INFORMATION MEETING**

**'Values, Vision, Future'**

with Staff and Governors

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 6pm**

We would like to invite you to a meeting to share with you our revised values, ethos and vision for Heene CE Primary School. We will also talk about the opportunities on offer for your children at Heene now and in the future as we continue to grow into a primary school.

By this date there should be an update on the playground development and we will have some plans and drawings on display too.

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

- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Y2
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Y1
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Y3
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Y5
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Y4

## **TOPICS FOR THE TERM**

- EYFS *These are a few of my favourite things*
- Year 1 *Who am I?  
All Aboard... tickets please*
- Year 2 *From One Extreme to Another*
- Year 3 *Ancient Egyptians*
- Year 4 *Amazon Adventure*
- Year 5 *Let Battle Commence*

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS** – these will take place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October, please ensure your child has their full uniform on.

**BUILDING WORKS and PLAYGROUND UPDATE** - Over the summer holidays we have had large sections of internal water pipes and some interior lighting at the front of the school replaced. This has been completed apart from some boxing in which will be carried out as soon as possible.

The planning application for the playground development ref: WSCC/050/16/WB has been submitted during August and can be viewed by clicking this [Link](#) or visiting [www.westsussex.gov.uk/planning](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/planning). So far no objections have been submitted, this is a positive sign.

**UNIFORM** - 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.

**HOT WEATHER** - It is very important that your child has a named sun hat, named water bottle 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. **PLEASE NOTE THAT STAFF ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ADMINISTER SUN CREAM - YOUR CHILD SHOULD BE ABLE TO APPLY IT THEMSELVES.**

**ACCIDENTS AT SCHOOL** - Just a reminder that from this point onwards the accident letters that come home will only be to inform you of a head injury. Any minor cuts or grazes will still be dealt with in school but it is not necessary to record this on paper. If the injury is more serious we will contact you by telephone as normal.



**MILK** - is available, but must be ordered and paid for in advance. However, milk is free for children under 5 years, and also for children in receipt of a free school meal, **but must still be ordered**. Order forms are available from the office. [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

# Harvest Church Service

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016 — 2pm**  
**at St Matthew's Church**



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

Children can be collected from Church at 2.45pm or back at school at 3.05pm.  
(Please advise your child's class teacher)

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Jo MacGovern

Headteacher