

HEENE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Carers,

We're now a month into term and everyone at school has been really busy working together to ensure that our learning continues despite the constraints placed on us by the building project.

Our two Early Years classes have settled in really well and are coping with their portable toilets. Miss Blann's class are also managing their learning space in a positive way.



BUILDINGS UPDATE

At this point it seems appropriate to give you an update following our recent site meeting. EYFS parents were finally able to glimpse down the corridor to the new EYFS classrooms when the partition wall was removed last week. Final snagging of the EYFS inside spaces including new toilets is happening this week. Following handover from Lakehouse the classteachers will be able to start setting up the learning spaces for the children. The scaffolding has now come down from the main roof so that the EYFS outside canopy and learning space can be developed along with the school hall extension. The additional classroom near to Year 3 & 4 is also nearing completion. Once this space is handed over Mr Brown's class (3B) will move in allowing Miss Blann's class (2KB) to move into the vacant classroom. Lakehouse are on track to handover in early November with the new kitchen and Library areas being fitted out during the half term break. It is then anticipated that EYFS children will come back from half term to their new classrooms.

We will write to you again immediately after the half term break with regard to preferences for hot school lunches. I met with Chartwells staff last week and we are aiming to begin serving hot school meals again from Monday 16th November. We will all be happy to hear this news!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you for your support with the children's school uniform on Thursdays. This has been seamless and staff have already reported a calmer atmosphere with no cause for concern over health and safety in the PE sessions.

As we begin to move towards half term and darker mornings /evenings with more potential damp weather can I remind you that children need to be wearing black school shoes which should not be canvas based as they are not waterproof. Even if a school day begins in sunshine can you please ensure that your child has a warm, waterproof coat with them in school.

ATTENDANCE / START OF SCHOOL DAY

Following a meeting with our Locality Attendance Support Worker we have been asked to advise parents of the following:

- **START OF THE SCHOOL DAY — 8.50am**

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.

Attached to this Newsletter
are diary dates for this term
and term dates for the
school year.

If a pupil has 10 school sessions recorded as unauthorised absence in a 10-week period a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) could be issued by the Local Authority (please refer back to the Attendance leaflet which can be found on our school website).

If you have any questions regarding this update, please call or speak to a member of the office staff.



SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA 48 HOUR POLICY

Can we please remind you that if your child experiences any sickness / diarrhoea then they do need to be kept at home for 48 hours from the last bout of illness. If you would like an NHS advice sheet about diarrhoea / sickness, you can collect one from the school office.



HARVEST SERVICE

Our Harvest Service will be held on Friday 23rd October at St. Matthews Church from 1.45 - 2.15pm. Do come and join us if you can. If this is not possible your **child** can be collected from the church at 2.15pm or back at school at the normal time. Your child's teacher will need to be advised of your collection plans. In conjunction with the Church we will be supporting Worthing Churches Homeless Project.

Any donations will be greatly received but in particular they are in need of: Tinned meat, coffee, sugar, biscuits, cooking oil, marmite, tinned fruit in juice, tinned fish, tomato ketchup, cling film, hot chocolate or sweets.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER will be visiting on Monday 19th October, please ensure your child has their full school uniform on and comes to school with a lovely smile! Individual and sibling photographs will be taken.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Gardening - now that work on the school roof has been completed we are looking for some willing volunteers to help us transform the flower beds / tubs at the front of the school. Miss Blann and I are willing to talk to you about our plans. Any spare bedding plants / shrubs / tubs would also be gratefully received.



COOKERY - Miss Beer and Miss Lynwood would love to hear from you if you are able to help out on a Monday evening after school with Cookery Club. Please contact the school office or the Year 4 teachers directly for more information.

READING RECOMMENDATION Thursday 8th October is National Poetry day so we recommend that you find and enjoy some different types of poems. Please let your class teacher know if you find one you particularly like, happy reading!!

STARTING SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2016

Is your child starting school in September 2016? If so then please visit our school website for more information about our OPEN DAYS in November. The school office staff are now making appointments for tours where you will be able to find out more about Heene CE Primary School. Key dates to remember: **MONDAY 5 OCTOBER 2015** online applications open, you can apply by visiting www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions **NATIONAL CLOSING DATE: 15th January 2016** **ALLOCATION DATE Monday 18th April 2016.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Jo MacGovern

Mrs Jo MacGovern
Acting Headteacher

CAN WE PLEASE ASK ALL PARENTS TO BE VIGILANT AND CHECK THEIR CHILDREN'S HAIR REGULARLY FOR HEAD LICE.



HEAD LICE



**REMEMBER – HEAD LICE ARE NOT FUSSY ABOUT HAIR CONDITION,
CLEAN HAIR IS THEREFORE NO PROTECTION AGAINST HEAD LICE**

**IF WE ALL CHECK OUR CHILDS HAIR WE CAN STOP
HEADLICE FROM SPREADING**

If lice are found, *all* family members should be checked and treated. The treatment being advised by the Health Authority is to thoroughly wet hair, apply conditioner, and comb through with a fine tooth comb. This should be *repeated* every day for at least two weeks. If you prefer to use an insecticide, please ask your pharmacist for advice.

HOW TO TREAT HEAD LICE - WET COMBING

Wet combing is one of the most effective head lice treatments. It can be used without medicated lotions, but needs to be done regularly and can take a long time to do thoroughly.

**Wash the hair with ordinary shampoo. Use plenty of conditioner,
(it won't drown the lice but makes them easier to remove).**

Use a wide-toothed comb to detangle the hair.

Once the comb moves freely, switch to the detection comb.

Start at the front of the scalp and comb the hair from the roots to the very end.

After each stroke, examine the teeth of the comb for lice. Remove lice by wiping or rinsing the comb.

Work methodically through the hair, section by section, so that the whole head of hair is combed through.

Rinse out the conditioner and repeat the combing procedure in the wet hair.

**Repeat the procedure on days five, nine and 13, so that you clear young lice as they hatch,
before they have time to reach maturity.**

PREVENTING HEAD LICE It's difficult to prevent a head lice infestation. Regular detection combing - for example, on a weekly basis, is the best way to find new lice quickly.

Keeping hair tied up is also useful. A pony tail which is then plaited helps to prevent loose hairs for lice to get hold of.

To prevent infections during 'sleepovers' at friends, give each child their own pillowcase and tell them to 'top and tail' (ie lie in bed with their heads at opposite ends).

If you look under natural light, or with a torch, you may see more. Even then they can be hard to spot unless they're really crawling all over. Best bet is to do the wet combing with some white kitchen towel - the lice or the eggs will soon show up then if they're there.

For further information on this subject, there is a website to help you - 'The Facts of LICE' can be found on www.headliceadvice.net, or on the NHS choices web site, where advice on detection and treatment can be found at www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice/pages/introduction.aspx.

Thank you for your co-operation