

HEENE NEWSLETTER

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The website & school answer phone message are updated on a daily basis regarding closure decisions.

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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Thank you to all the parents who came along to watch their child's Christmas performance. You have helped raised £155.61 for the Children's Society.

CONSULTATION APPOINTMENT

Do come with your child to discuss their progress on Monday 7th & Wednesday 9th March. Lists will be outside your child's classroom to sign for an appointment after half term.

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.



A very happy and peaceful
New Year to everyone

Dear parent / carer,

Welcome back to a new school term and 2016!

BUILDING WORKS the end is now in sight!! Lakehouse should be finishing the outside space adjacent to the Cobden Road alleyway by the end of January. We shall miss having the builders around but it will be good to get back to normality.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY as a school we continue to monitor children's attendance on a regular basis. Attendance levels have improved - well done! Autumn Term attendance was 96.4% and 101 children had 100% attendance. However, lateness is still an issue for some children. Mrs Turnbull (Admissions Officer) and I meet fortnightly to review attendance and using WSCC templates do contact some parents to highlight lower than expected attendance percentages.



CHURCH SERVICE

Thursday 11th February
1.45 - 2.15p.m.
at St Matthew's Church

Do try and join us, if you can. Children can be picked up from the church at 2.15p.m. or at school at the normal finishing time.

FAMILY ASSEMBLIES

Year 4 - Tuesday 15th March

Year 3 - Tuesday 26th January

Year 2 - Tuesday 8th March

Year 1 - Tuesday 2nd February

Early Years - Tuesday 1st March

This terms topics are:

Year 4 - Rotten Romans

Year 3 - Rivers and Mountains

Year 2 - The Magical World of Roald Dahl

Year 1 - Once Upon a Nursery Rhyme

Year R - Adventures in Storyland

ILLNESS If your child is unwell - has been vomiting, or is suffering from diarrhoea - please do not send them to school, they should remain off school for at least 48 hours from the last episode. This is to prevent infection from spreading to other children. This is in line with WSCC policy following Health Protection Agency (HPA) guidelines.

NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS RUN BY TEACHERS
DUE TO CONSULTATION APPOINTMENTS

MONDAY MARCH 7th - BOOK CLUB & COOKERY CLUB

PLEASE COLLECT YOUR CHILD AT 2.45pm, THANK YOU

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 15th January will be donated to charity. Please can we remind parents to name all of your child's belongings including drinks bottles and snack boxes, this then helps us to return them to the rightful owner, thank you.

READING TOGETHER will start again on Friday 8th January from 8.50 - 9.15am. This is an opportunity where children, Governors, staff and parent/carers have the opportunity to read to and with each other in your child's class. Please come and join us if you are able to. Please note that in Early Years Reading Together will now be on a Friday each week and not every day.

VOLUNTEER READERS Are you able to spare some time to come into school and help listen to children read? If you would like to be a volunteer reader, please come into the school office for more information on how to apply. Owing to the importance of ensuring all our children's safety, all parents who help in school must be police checked. Please do not let this put you off volunteering to help in school, as we really do value your help.

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.

PE KIT Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit in school every day, including **waterproof trainers**, as half of their PE lessons (particularly KS2) take place outdoors and sometimes across in the park. If your child does not have their kit in school, they will miss out on their lesson. Shorts and PE shirts can be purchased from the school office. It is advisable that children do have a warm tracksuit for the colder, wetter weather!

SCHOOL WEBSITE

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.