

HEENE NEWSLETTER

'Learning together, loving others, guided by God'

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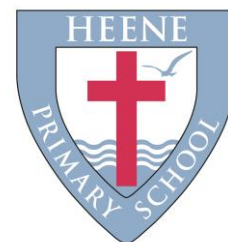
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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are again approaching December and a busy time in the school and church calendar of Advent and Christmas. Please take time to read this newsletter so that you don't miss anything that is going on!

I began this week reflecting with the children and asking the question 'What is Advent?' We had some very thoughtful responses which I'm sure the children will talk about with you at home.

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

Tuesday 28th November - Y3

FUNDRAISING - Our fundraising this term is going from strength to strength both internally and externally. On top of what is mentioned below we secured a library grant through the Foyle Foundation for £4,000 which was spent on Year 5 and 6 fiction and non-fiction books. A Worthing Homes community grant of £500 was bid for in October through the support of Laura Anderson (Parent Governor) which will buy us some seating and a planter or two for the new playground.

REMINDER



The School day starts at **8.50am**, therefore the gates/doors will be opened at 8.40am and closed at 8.50am. Teachers will take registers at 8.50am so any children who arrive after 8.50am will miss the register and must be registered as late and enter school through the main reception.

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.



Well done to the whole school who enthusiastically took part in the sponsored sports morning early in October. We have finally collated and banked all the money, children received their wristbands, posters, etc. last week and we have a spreadsheet of information back from the organisers. In excess of £3,500 was raised which after deductions for the event and the Olympic athlete you have helped raise approximately £2,400 which we will be spending on sports equipment for breaktimes, lunchtimes and PE lessons.



Poppy Appeal 2017

Thank you to the children who kindly helped sell Poppies in the school playground. You have helped raise £290.22 amount towards this worthy charity.



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

Thank you to parents and carers who have supported the local Co-op community fund for Heene Helping Hands. You have helped raise an amazing **£4398.11** over the last 6 months and we have been told we can continue for a further year. The money raised will help towards buying an outdoor performance stage and an outdoor table tennis table. Please continue to support 'Heene Helping Hands' Local Community Fund, the more support we get, the more funding we 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 already there will be a stall at the HHH Christmas Fair for you to join and support us! **Every time that you use your membership card, 5% goes to you and 1% to HHH.**



MUFTI DAY

It was lovely to see the children brightly dressed on Friday 17th November as we again supported Children in Need. The children took part in a whole school quiz during Collective Worship which was fun and enjoyable for all. They may have also undertaken some further fun activities during the afternoon in their classrooms too. You have helped us raise a massive £547.85. Thank you all so much for your generosity.

This month's Book Recommendation

Diary of a Wombat by Jackie French

This delightful picture book written in the style of a diary will open your eyes to the lay-about existence of a charming, carrot-loving wombat. Jackie French has created a character who sleeps, scratches, trains her humans and captures the heart of anyone who reads her diary (not unlike some of the teachers at Heene...!)

Highly recommended!

If you have a book you would like to recommend in the newsletter, please let either Miss Atkinson or the office staff know and we will add in the next edition!



EVERYTHING HALF PRICE!!

Monday 27th November – Thursday 30th November

Time: 3.05 – 3.45pm

Theatre Space between Y4 and Y5

Class teachers will take the children during the day to view the books as classes.

The book fair will be open after school every day for you to look at and purchase any books with your child/ren.

Please can we ask you when returning any money to school for trips, pantomimes, school photos, tickets etc if it could be returned to school in a sealed envelope with your child's class and name with the **CORRECT** amount of money inside as we can no longer issue change, thank you.

St Matthew's Christmas Church Services

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES THIS YEAR!!!
ALL CHILDREN WILL BE TAKEN TO AND FROM SCHOOL FOR THEIR SERVICES.

Tuesday 19th December 9.30am KS2 Church Service
Wednesday 20th December 9.30am EYFS/KS1 Church Service

If you have buggies please follow the directions of the church wardens and park them in the adjacent Rackham room.
If you have a child who cannot take part in the religious act of worship in church please inform your child's class teacher in writing and they will be looked after in school for the short time their Key Stage will be at church.

Heene Helping Hands

Thank you for your kind donations towards the **HHH Christmas Fair**. Tickets for the Toy Raffle and Santa's Grotto will be on sale in the playground from Monday 27th November at 8.40am to 9.00am and every morning until the day of the fair.

Any Cake donations, homemade or shop bought, can be handed into school on **Friday 1st December**. Please remember to mark your cake containers with your child's name and class. They can be collected from school on Monday 4th December by the photocopying area.

Christmas Craft Competition please can the children make Christmas decorations for our Christmas Real Tree in the hall. Bring these into school for **Wednesday 29th November 2017**. There will be **two winners** from each year selected and prizes given out in assembly. They will need your child's name and class on them.

Please donate any **CHILDRENS BOOKS** or **BRIC A BRAC (Not clothes or shoes)** for our stalls as we are short on stock. If you have **PARTY BAG BITS** at home please donate these and we will use them in our lucky dip stall. We also need any **NEW TOYS** which you may have spare that we can use for our **TOY RAFFLE**. Please give anything you can to reception and we will store the donations in the HHH shed, thank you in advance!

There will be a competition based on 'The 12 days Of Christmas' at the fair where you need to find 12 pictures and place your answers sheet on the back of your programme and place in the competition box which will be located on the raffle table in the main hall.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you all on Friday 1st December from 3.30 - 5.30pm.

INTERNET SAFETY - please see the attached leaflet as well as the recommended ages that teenagers (not young children) should be online accessing social media sites. We have been revisiting online safety in Key Stage Collective Worship over the last two weeks and all children should have completed an online safety module in September during some Computing input with their class.

Family Learning Online Safety Course - unfortunately this course had to be cancelled after just one session. 12 parents signed up but only 2 turned up.

We do want to emphasise the importance and responsibility of monitoring your children's use of the internet outside of school. In school we are more controlled with filters that block a multitude of sites. How aware are you of what your children are accessing or who they are talking too?

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

(Ages specified in terms as of 2014)



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.

COLD WEATHER - Although we have had warm, dry days recently, the weather is changing and it is essential that all children bring a coat to school. Children will not be allowed out to play or on walks in cold weather without a coat.

WALK TO SCHOOL PROJECT LAUNCH



The children have begun taking part in the 'Walk to School' project and our first month is nearly at an end when our Eco-warriors will be helping to distribute November's badges to all those children who have walked to school to earn them.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES - All year groups will have their Christmas Parties on Monday 18th December in the afternoon. Children may come to school in appropriate party clothes on that day.

COULD ALL CHILDREN PLEASE BRING IN A DONATION OF 50p TOWARDS PARTY FOOD AND THIS WILL BE ORDERED FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL AS WE DID LAST YEAR. IF YOUR CHILD HAS SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS PLEASE SPEAK TO THEIR CLASSTEACHER.

CLUBS FOR THE SPRING TERM - The Spring Term clubs letter will come out to you on Thursday 4th January when we return from the Christmas break. If your child has been on a waiting list for a club they will be sent a separate letter prior to clubs letter.

Finally, enjoy all the EYFS and KS1 Nativities. The children will enjoy Christmas activities in school during the last week of term. Mrs Ferguson is taking the choir out to different locations within our community to sing for local residents. This is thoroughly enjoyed by all involved.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jo MacGovern

Headteacher