

HEENE NEWSLETTER

'Learning together, loving others, guided by God'

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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.

YEAR GROUP PARENT CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Year 3 - Friday 7th February
HALF-TERM
Year 5 - Friday 20th March
Year 2 - Friday 27th March

All at 9.10am in the school hall.
On these dates there will be no Reading Together for the specified year groups.

Year 4 and 6 will not be undertaking an assembly this term due to their production and test preparation respectively.

Please join us if you can!
We are limited with dates due to the Shanghai Maths Visitors in March.

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,

January is at an end and February begins. In this Leap Year we have a lot to look forward to. As we approach half term we will be preparing for Lent which begins shortly afterwards. We are linking our 'Acts of Kindness' for Lent this year with Morning Star Academy School in Kenya through HOPE for Africa and the Barrow family. More details will follow from Miss Russell before half term

Thank you to the five families who attended our 'Meet the Leadership Team' session on Thursday 13th January. We updated parents on our curriculum progress and successes since Ofsted plus upcoming events. As we continue on our improvement journey we welcome support from the Local Authority and the Diocese. Prior to half term we have two Area Education Advisors from the north of the county spending a day with us conducting an LA review. We welcome such visits to validate our judgements and offer us further advice. I will put together a summary of the key points discussed at the meeting and from the visit over half term.

STAFFING - We are pleased to share with you that Mrs Cannon has received her confirmation of Maths Specialist Teacher status. She continues to work with staff here at Heene and other teachers from 7 schools in Sussex.

SHANGHAI MATHS EXCHANGE VISIT - The latest news from the Sussex Maths Hub following the outbreak of coronavirus in China is as follows. The DFE have yet to make a final decision on whether the teachers will travel to the UK. This is looking increasingly unlikely given all the travel restrictions in place.

However, a huge amount of planning has been undertaken already. Therefore, the Hub is hopeful that some of the showcase events (other Sussex teachers visiting Heene to watch the lessons) will still go ahead taught by the UK Maths teachers who visited Shanghai in November 2019.

We will keep you updated as we would still like to invite parents into school during the week beginning 24th February to watch some maths lessons as part of a practice session for the children.

CONSULTATION APPOINTMENTS

Please come with your child to discuss their progress on

Tuesday 25th Feb 3.20-7.00pm

or

Thursday 27th Feb 3.20-5.00pm

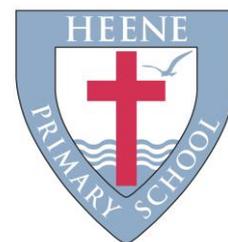
Appointment times will be available to book online. Any problems, please contact the school office.

NO TEACHER LED CLUBS

Tuesday 25th February
(Netball & Book Club)

Thursday 27th February
(Mindfulness, Cross Country & Signing Choir)

Tuesday 17th March
(Netball & Book Club)
All other clubs that run on these dates will still be running.



ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS

We are again having to remind parents regarding **ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS**. There have been several incidents lately which have caused grave concern for both children and adult's safety. We are working with the staff at St Mary's on this joint campaign.



Please play your part to keep everyone safe.....

- Choose a safe place to drop your child off near to the school. Aim for somewhere you won't cause congestion and danger to those walking or cycling to school!
- **DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILD OFF OR PICK THEM UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD.** If a cyclist comes past you are in danger of causing an accident.
- Parents pulling over near parked cars, block the road and make it very hard for pedestrians to see and therefore cross safely.
- **DO NOT PARK ON THE 'KEEP CLEAR' ZIG ZAGS**, this area is to be kept clear at all times.
- If your child walks to school on their own, talk to them about the route they will use and the dangers they may encounter. Watch your child so that you can judge whether they have the ability to cross roads safely on their route to school.
- Children learn by watching adults. If walking your child to school, talk to them about how they can keep themselves safe and always try to set a good example when crossing the road.

YEAR 2 SATS MEETING

Thursday 13th February @ 2.30pm

The meeting is to give you more information regarding the above assessments that will take place in May this year. Please come along at 2.30pm in the school hall.

We look forward to seeing you.

CHURCH SERVICES

Friday 14th February

9.30am KS2

10.30am EYFS/KS1

YEAR 1 HAPPY HEARTS PRESENTATION

FRIDAY 28th FEBRUARY @ 2.15pm

The Year 1 children have been taking part in the Happy Hearts sessions. Please come and join us along with Artie Beat who will be there to present each child with a certificate to say they have taken part in the Happy Hearts sessions.

YEAR 5 DALESDOWN MEETING

Tuesday 3rd March @ 3.15pm.

Please come along for more information and final arrangements for the Year 5 trip. The meeting will be held in Lions Class.



£2.35

Pancake Friday

28th February

Choose a main meal...

Fish & Chips
or

Omelette & Chips

on the side...

Baked Beans
or Salad

for dessert...

Pancake with Syrup
or Fruit Salad



Please place orders by Sunday 18th February at www.mealselector.co.uk, where greater details are displayed.

For more information on special diets please contact westsussexspecialdiets@compass-group.co.uk. Please ensure special diet requests are made 2 weeks prior to the event. Terms and Conditions apply.

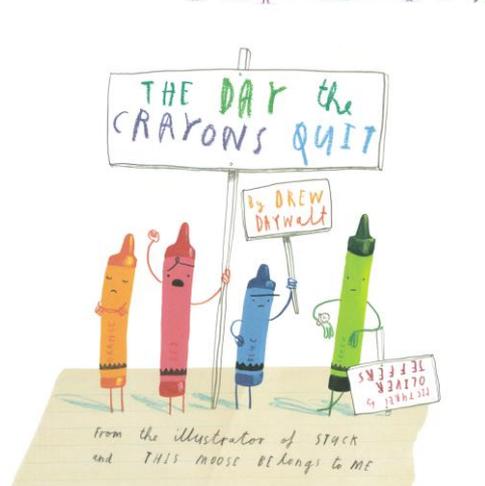


THURSDAY 5 MARCH



SAVE THE DATE

IT'S WORLD BOOK DAY!



We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. Our World Book Day activities this year will be based on the wonderful book 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalt. The children are invited to come to school dressed in one of the colours of the crayons instead of a particular character.

The children will be involved in some fun 'book' activities throughout the day.

Children will bring home a book token at the end of the day.

(Year 2 will be on a school trip on this day and will do the activities on Friday 6th March. Children will need to come to school in their uniform).

ATTENDANCE/ PUNCTUALITY — 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 be recorded as late. The registers will remain open until 9.00am. Any child arriving after 9.00am is marked absent for that session. Several sibling groups are continually late and need to make improvements with their punctuality. Please aim to be at school for 8.40am leaving 10 minutes to hang coats/bags and into class for registration. **Since September 171 pupils have been late at least once, overall we have had 815 late marks!!**

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 may miss out on their lesson. Shorts, joggers and P.E. t-shirts can be purchased from Broadwater Sports. 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.

Thank you for adhering to our plea from January's newsletter regarding headbands and smart watches. This is noticeably better.

All children with shoulder length hair should have this tied back at all times for health and safety reasons. If children have their ears pierced they should only wear a pair of small stud earrings to school, being able to take them out themselves for PE lessons. In the event of recently pierced ears, these may be covered up with micro-pore tape brought in from home.

LOST PROPERTY — The lost property box is constantly overflowing. If you think your child has lost something in school, please feel free to come and have a look through the box. Please can we remind parents to name or **rename** all of your child's belongings including drink bottles and snack boxes, this helps us to return them to the rightful owner. A lot of the names have faded through washing. Thank you.



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.



READING and MATHS WORK WITH YOUR CHILD AT HOME –

Please ensure that you continue to read as often as possible with your child at home and help them to practice their number bonds and times tables. Reading and Maths plus spelling work are non-negotiables linked to our home learning policy. All children should be bringing in their reading journals on a daily basis. The teachers are looking at these on a weekly basis and recording those children who are not regularly reading at home or bringing their journals into school. PLEASE HELP YOUR CHILD REMEMBER THEIR JOURNAL.

We are 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. Years 5 and 6 continue with the Accelerated Reading programme.

EYFS / KS1 may have noticed the different stickers on any phoned phonics books being sent home. An explanatory note has been sent home during January. Mrs Reading has spent a very long time sorting out all of our phonics books and they are closely matched to the sounds and phase your child is currently working on. Please speak to your child's classteacher if you are unsure of anything linked to phonics.

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions about reading or maths at home. Also let us know if you can spare a morning or afternoon to hear some readers!

You don't know how valuable that time is.

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



CALLING ALL ARTISTS AND CRAFTMAKERS - Are you an artist or skilled in a craft that you would be willing to share with the children at school?

If you are able to come into school at a time of your convenience to share your skills and expertise with the pupils here at Heene School you would be helping both to enrich the children's art and design education and to enthuse and inspire them to be creative.

Your time and talent would be much appreciated and valued. If you are able to participate please could you let the school office know in the first instance of your interest.

Many thanks, Mrs Lisa McGinley, Subject Lead for Art and Design

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES – We are really pleased to let you know that a group of 14 Year 5 have put themselves forward to spend three Monday afternoons visiting day patients at St Barnabas Hospice starting on Monday 3rd February. This work really develops their empathetic skills as well as allowing them to find out about the work of the hospice and make new friends. We look forward to hearing all about it in the next newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jo MacGovern

Mrs Jo MacGovern – Headteacher