

# HEENE NEWSLETTER

'Learning together, loving others, guided by God'

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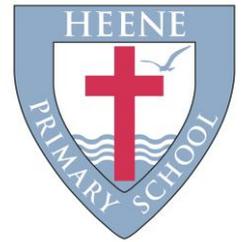
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Dear Parents / Carers,

As we launch into Advent this week the children are going to be reflecting on and finding out about 'Christmas Worship Around the World'. Each class will be choosing a country and finding out about how Christmas is celebrated with the focus on Christian Worship but also cultural traditions. An A3 factsheet will be produced and a whole school book created at the end of advent this year following on from our own advent calendar last year. We'll share the ideas on the school website for you at home.



**School website**  
**[www.heeneprimary.co.uk](http://www.heeneprimary.co.uk)**

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.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR** - Thank you for all your wonderful donations that FOHPS received on Friday. The committee had sorted the items by 10.30am and are working really hard to ensure we have a wonderful Christmas Fair. If you can help please notify them or the office asap. Finally, don't forget cakes next Friday!!

**WEAR IT FESTIVE!** - The staff are supporting St Barnabas Hospice on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December with their 'Wear it Festive' fundraising campaign. They may bring out their best Christmas Jumpers, Antlers or Santa hats for the occasion!

We are making this totally **optional** for the children given recent requests for trips and the Christmas Fair. If they wish to join in and can bring a small donation in for St Barnabas that would be lovely. Please give any donations to class teachers on the morning of the 14<sup>th</sup>.



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.



Parking is still an issue at drop off and pick up times. Vehicles have been parking on the KEEP CLEAR zigzag lines outside school. The zigzag lines are in place at this location to provide a clear and safe place for children to cross the road. By parking on the zigzag lines you are placing children and adults in danger of on-coming traffic.

You will have noticed the increased presence of Traffic Wardens, this is due to us passing on reports from concerned parents to them. It was disappointing to receive these reports, particularly where a parent avoided an accident when another car mounted the pavement!

We do appreciate there is limited parking in the area, so either arrive early to guarantee a parking space or park a little further away and walk the short distance to school, all of which could help to ease the problem! Drivers who disregard parking regulations are liable to receive Fixed Penalty Fines and/or have their vehicles removed if causing an obstruction. **DON'T PUT YOUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY AT RISK.** Also, please DO NOT use the school driveway as a cut through or a drop off area, the car park is for staff and visitors only.

## A FEW REMINDERS.....

**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 will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Lateness is still an issue for some children. Mrs Turnbull (Admissions Officer) and I meet regularly to review attendance and do contact some parents to highlight lower than expected attendance percentages or punctuality issues. *This term so far we have had a total of 608 Lates (U or L) and our overall attendance to date for the term is 96.93%, we could do better!*

**PLAYGROUND** - Please can we remind parents that children should not be using the play equipment before or after school. **NO SCOOTERS OR BIKES** should be ridden anywhere on the school grounds at any time and children should enter and exit their classrooms by walking. Also a reminder that dogs are not allowed in the playground.

**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.

**PE & JEWELLERY** - Can we remind parents / carers that children are not allowed to wear any jewellery during PE lessons as it is WSCC Health and Safety Policy. The only jewellery permitted in school is a wristwatch and one pair of stud like earrings. If your child has recently or during a school holiday has their ears pierced it is up to you to provide micro pore type tape for them to put on for PE lessons.

Please can we ask you when returning any money to school for trips, pantomimes, school photos, tickets etc. if it could be returned to the school office 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.

## A FEW THANK YOU'S.....

### CHILDREN IN NEED



It was lovely to see the children brightly dressed on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 **£424.29**. Thank you all so much for your generosity.

### SHOE BOX APPEAL

KS2 have supported the AMEN Christmas Shoebox Appeal for Romania. Sarah and Wayne Gander spoke to the children before half term. The cake sale organised by Y5/6 was a great success with the children and they managed to raise enough funds for the £2 coins we needed to attach to each box. Thank you to everyone who donated and bought cakes.

**CHRISTMAS PARTIES** - All year groups will have their Christmas Parties on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon. Children may come to school in appropriate party clothes on that day. Year groups are organising their own parties and will inform parents on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December regarding what is happening and what we would like the children to contribute and bring in.

**St Matthew's Christmas Church Services**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am KS2 Church Service**  
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am 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.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December £2.35

**Festive Menu**

Choose a main meal...

Roast Turkey with Stuffing, Cocktail Sausage & Gravy  
or  
Quorn Fillet with Stuffing Ball & Gravy

on the side...

Roast Potatoes  
Peas and Carrots

for dessert...

Chocolate Dipped Shortbread  
or  
Fruit Salad

for a drink...

Fruit Squash  
Milk  
Water

To enjoy our festive-inspired day, please order at [www.mealselector.co.uk](http://www.mealselector.co.uk) by Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December

West Sussex County Council  
Chartwells  
01 275 1100

## CHARTWELLS CHRISTMAS MEAL

We are having our Christmas meal in school on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Letters and information about this have already been sent home. Please speak to the ladies in the office if you require more information.



### Community Christmas Day Meal 2018



Fancy some company on Christmas Day?

You are warmly invited to share a Christmas meal with others from your local community who will be enjoying a free Christmas meal with all the trimmings\* in St Matthew's Church hall, complete with Christmas tree, Christmas crackers, and Christmas music!

Come on your own, bring a friend, bring your kids!  
All you need to do to join in the festive fun is reserve your place by noon on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

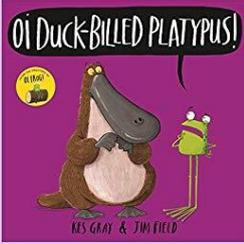
**To book:**  
Contact Karen in the church office on 01903 207024, Monday - Friday 10 - 12

*And remember - it's free of charge!*

*\* Vegetarian option available - please let us know at the time of booking*

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm – 4pm  
St Matthew's Church Hall, 103 Tarring Road,  
BN11 4HB

## Book Recommendations



**EYFS & KS1** Many of you will have heard of Kes Gray and his books 'Oi Dog!', 'Oi Cat' and even 'Oi Goat!' We would highly recommend his new book, 'Oi, Duck-Billed Platypus!' which is a delight from start to finish, including the most weird and wonderful rhymes to go, not with *types* of animals, but their first names! Ask your teacher if they have a copy or find one in the wonderful children's section at Worthing Library.

**KS2** After the recent 100th anniversary of WWI Armistice Day we would recommend sharing one or two of the many wonderful books that are available. Here are a few suggestions:

- Remembrance day: 1918 Great Events by Gillian Clements (LKS2)
- Armistice Runner by Tom Palmer (fiction for UKS2)
- Armistice: A Laureate's Choice of Poems of War and Peace by Carol Ann Duffy
- The Armistice and the Aftermath: The Story in Art by John Fairley (a collections of paintings and drawings)
- The Great War Anthology: many top writers including Micheal Morpurgo, David Almond and John Boyne revisit the Great War. (plus amazing illustrations by Jim Kay who recently illustrated the Harry Potter series).

**CLUBS FOR THE SPRING TERM** -Spring Term clubs will be allocated on a lucky dip system next term! This is to help parents that are unable to return the slips back early. Club letters will be sent out the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> December with a closing date of 4<sup>th</sup> January, so please check book bags or ask your child!! The slips can either be returned to your child's class teacher or placed in a box in the front reception area. Take your time to think about the activities your child may like to take part in.

**CALLING ALL PARENTS...** - In the New Year we are going to start a Parents Drop-in session on a Friday morning in the Library following Reading Together. This will be an opportunity to have a tea/coffee and meet with Senior Leaders / Pastoral Team to discuss any concerns / ideas you may have in order to help us to all work together! The first session will be on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Please enjoy all the EYFS and KS1 Nativities. The children will enjoy many Christmas activities in school. Mrs Ferguson is taking the choir out to different locations within our community to sing for local residents and the choir will also be singing in both church services at St Matthews. This is thoroughly enjoyed by all involved.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous start to 2019. I hope that as we celebrate the birth of Jesus it will be a very special time full of peace and joy for you and your family.

*Thank you for your continued support*

*Mrs Jo MacGovern*

*Headteacher*