

HEENE NEWSLETTER

'Learning together, loving others, guided by God'

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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES & WEAR IT FESTIVE 2019

Thank you to all the parents who came along to watch their child's Christmas performance.

Children supported
Wear it Festive day on
Friday 13th December.
Both events have helped raise
£378.25

A fantastic amount which will
be sent to St Barnabas House
Hospice.

Please can we remind
parents if you are late to
school with your child please
report to reception with
them. That way we can
ensure all children are
recorded on registers.
Thank you for your
cooperation.

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,

A very happy and peaceful New Year to everyone.

I hope that you all have had a wonderful time over the
Christmas break with family and friends celebrating this
joyous time of year!

STAFFING - We're really pleased to welcome Miss Becky Sellwood and Mrs Dawn Price as Owls classteachers. We also welcomed Mrs Scott back following her maternity leave just before Christmas and she is teaching Squirrels class.

The new Leadership Team alongside myself includes:

- Miss Jo Beer - Acting Deputy Headteacher, KS2 Phase Leader and English Subject Leader;
- Mrs Vicki Hill - Acting SENDCo and Inclusion and EYFS/KS1 Phase Leader.

We are also supported by:

- Mrs Michelle Cannon - Maths Subject Leader;
- Mrs Diane Cann - School Business Manager.

Over the next few weeks we will be working very hard to formulate our new working patterns and teaching commitments. Mrs Hill will be getting to know all the children and families who require SEND support as well as visiting them in their classrooms. Miss Beer will be supporting me with curriculum development and assessment.

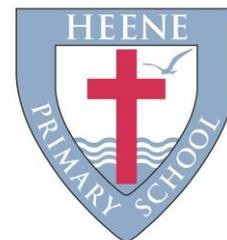
In order to work more closely with you as parents we'd like to offer you time on **Thursday 16th January between 3.05pm and 4pm** to come and chat, ask any questions that may be on your mind and meet the team in the school hall.

FOHPS - CHRISTMAS FAIR — FOHPS will be sending out their own newsletter once they have had a committee meeting but we wanted to share with you the success of the Christmas Fair. Following all expenditure being taken into account the net profit for 2019's Christmas Fair was in excess of £2750. Thank you to all parents and carers who contributed in some way to achieving this profit for the school. Watch out for our fundraising thermometer and the next purchases for the school!!

CLUBS — All clubs begin the week beginning Monday 20th January and finish the week ending Friday 27th March. There will be no **teacher led** clubs on the following dates due to prior events in the school diary:

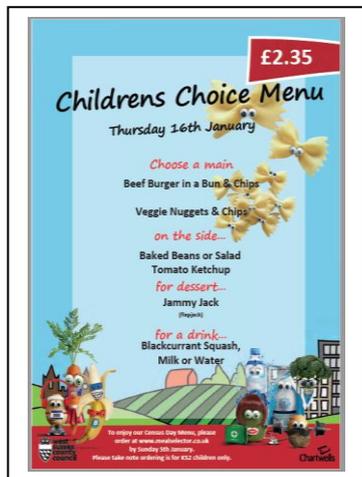
- Tuesday 21st January - ALL teachers will be at other Worthing schools for Locality Moderation Meetings
- Tuesday 25th February - Parent Consultation Evening
- Thursday 27th February - Parent Consultation Evening
- Tuesday 17th March - ALL teachers will be at other Worthing schools for Locality Moderation Meetings

Information regarding clubs will be sent out next week.



CENSUS DAY - Thursday 16th January 2020 – By now I expect everyone is aware that all children in EYFS - Year 2 are entitled to a hot school meal every day funded by the government. The amount of money the school receives in grant is dependant on the number of children having a hot meal on certain days in the year. On these days it is in everyone's interest that every child is encouraged to have a hot meal.

Our next Census Day is **Thursday 16th January** when we will be serving a hot meal to every child in EYFS - Year 2.



Beef Burger in a bun & Chips or Veggie Nuggets & Chips with Baked Beans or salad, is on the menu with Jammy Jack (flapjack) for dessert. As in October the children can bring in packed lunch to supplement the hot meal if they would like to.

To further maximise our income for next year, we would like to encourage anyone who is entitled to free school meals to claim them, even if children don't eat them or have them under the Universal Infant Free School meal system.

The criteria is currently families receiving Income Support, Income based Jobseekers Allowance or Income-related Employment & Support, State Pension Credit or Child Tax Credit if you work under 16 hours per week or have an assessed income below £16,190. We do provide school uniform and subsidised school trips and residential visits to any child on free school meals.

If you are entitled to free school meals and don't claim them, please give this matter some consideration before Thursday 16th January which is Census Day, collect a paper application, obtainable from the school office or alternatively you can apply online at <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/free-school-meals-online-application>.

One extra person claiming free school meals brings substantial extra funding (£1,320) into the school, at a time when we need it to maintain services at the same level.

Thank you for your continued support as always.

It's FREE! Helps you to help your child

Family Learning
Heene Primary School

Fun ways to learn through play

Wellbeing

Join this 4 week course to meet other parents and take time to consider what wellbeing means to you and how external factors and feelings can affect behaviour and wellbeing. Explore strategies for positive thinking and behaviours which can improve wellbeing for you and your child.

Dates: Thursdays 23 and 30 January and 6, 13 February
Time: 9.15 – 11.15am

Spaces available.....Aspire are running a free Wellbeing Course. If you would like to attend, please let the school office know by 15th January.

ATTENDANCE / PUNCTUALITY

The School day starts at 8.50am, therefore the gates/doors will be opened at 8.40am and closed at 8.50am (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 9.00am. 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.

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.

Please can children refrain from wearing cat ear/panda ear/rabbit ear... headbands to school as these are not appropriate to be worn in school. A simple plain headband will suffice!

In Upper Key Stage 2 it has been brought to our attention this week that some children are wearing watches with a texting facility. In line with our mobile phone rules these should not be worn in school. Please save them for evenings, weekends and holidays.

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.

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 will 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.

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER SPACE — between Monday 10th December - Friday 14th December 2018 we had our interactive prayer space in partnership with St. Matthews. Clive Latter (St. Matthew's Church) and Miss Russell worked very hard to prepare for this event and it was a tremendous success so a big thank you to all concerned.



READING WITH YOUR CHILD AT HOME — Please ensure that you continue to read as often as possible with your child at home. We will be 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. If they win a book in our fortnightly draw it is theirs to keep forever!

Upper Key Stage 2 are sending out a separate letter regarding reading at home and how it links to the Accelerated Reader programme they are part of. Please ask your child's class teacher if there are any problems.

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



Spring Term Topics

Some topics have changed within year groups and others just have a name change!

If there is anything you can help with please speak to your child's classteacher.

EYFS - To the Rescue!

Year 1 - Our Toy Story / Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum, Here Come the Giants!

Year 2 - Wonderful Worthing / Are we nearly there yet?

Year 3 - Raging Rivers and Marvellous Mountains

Year 4 - Rotten Romans

Year 5 - Out of this World! (Space)

Year 6 - Ancient Tails (Greeks)

YEAR GROUP PARENT CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Year 1 - Friday 31st January

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.

Church - but not as you know it!

We talk, have fun together and discover more about God.

Creative activities, games and stories
suitable for children and their families, plus food.

St Botolph's Church

Lansdowne Road, Worthing BN11 4LY



Sundays, 3pm to 5pm,
on the following dates in 2020:

23rd February - 'Creation'

19th April - 'Easter'

28th June - 'The Fruit of the Spirit'

30th August - 'Harvest'

25th October - 'The Real Halloween'

20th December - 'Christmas'

There is no charge, but donations are always welcome

All children must be accompanied by an adult

Thank you for your continued support.

Jo MacGovern

Mrs Jo MacGovern — Headteacher