

HEENE NEWSLETTER

'Learning together, loving others, guided by God'

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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 £169.13 for St Barnabas House Hospice.

WEAR IT FESTIVE!

We've also managed to raise £385.01 from our Wear it Festive day on Friday 14th December!! A fantastic amount which will also be sent to St Barnabas House Hospice. Thank you so much.

Please can we remind parents if you are late to school with your child please report to reception with them, thank you.

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 all of you had a lovely time over the Christmas break with family and friends celebrating this joyous time of year!

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 2018'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!!

CENSUS DAY - Thursday 17th January 2019 — 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 17th January** when we will be serving a hot meal to every child in EYFS - Year 2.

£2.35

CHILDRENS CHOICE MENU
Thursday 17th January 2019

Choose a main...
Beef Burger in a Bun & Chips
OR
Veggie Nuggets & Chips

On the side...
Baked Beans
or Salad
and Ketchup

For dessert...
Sticky Toffee & Apple
Sponge with Custard
or
Melon Slices

For a drink...
Blackcurrant Squash,
Milk or Water

To enjoy our Children's Choice Menu, please order on: www.mealselector.co.uk by Sunday 6th January 2019

Beef Burger in a bun & Chips or Veggie Nuggets & Chips with Baked Beans or salad, is on the menu with Sticky Toffee & Apple Sponge with Custard or Melon slices 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 17th 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.

CLUBS — All clubs begin on Monday 14th January and end on Friday 29th March. There will be no teacher led clubs on the evenings of the Parent Consultation meetings on 4th & 7th March or Tuesday 29th January due to our local group of schools holding a staff meeting. Reminders will be sent the week before. Information regarding clubs will be sent out next week.



CONGRATULATIONS to Benjamin in Squirrels class who recently entered an art exhibition 'Open 18' at Worthing Museum and his drawing 'Mission to Mars' was selected. There were 500 entries and he was the youngest artist selected. It will be on display to the public in the gallery upstairs at the museum until the end of March 2019 so please go and have a look in support of his achievement. Well done Benjamin!



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.

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.

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.



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.

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.

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 classteacher if there are any problems.

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 - Once upon a Nursery Rhyme / Our Toy Story

Year 2 - Wonderful Worthing / All Aboard!

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 2 - Friday 1st February

Year 1 - Friday 8th February

HALF-TERM

EYFS - Friday 1st March

Year 6 - Friday 8th March

Year 3 - Friday 22nd March

Year 5 - Friday 29th March

All at 9.10am in the school hall.

On these dates there will be no Reading Together for specified year groups.

No Year 4 assembly this term due to their production.

Please join us if you can!

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



PAYMENTS FOR TRIPS — A reminder that we are launching our online payment system with all subsequent school trips. The first year groups this will affect are Year 5, Year 2 and Year 6. Please speak to the office if you need any help.

CALLING ALL PARENTS... - As it's the New Year we are going to start our Parents Drop-in sessions 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 and the Pastoral Team to discuss any concerns / ideas you may have in order to help us to all work together! A governor will also be available on the first Friday of the month. Please come and join us.

Thank you for your continued support.

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