

HEENE NEWSLETTER

'Learning together, loving others, guided by God'

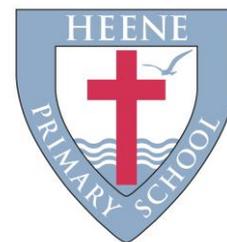
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Dear Parents / Carers,

STAFFING - It is with great pleasure that we can announce that Mrs Scott is expecting her first baby in the New Year. We are currently recruiting for her replacement from January 2019. We welcome Miss Garratt to our support staff team. She is splitting her time between EYFS, some 1:1 support and using her sports skills in PE lessons and after school clubs.

ONLINE SAFETY - PARENT TALK / WORKSHOP - On Wednesday 10th October you are invited to a talk / workshop at 2pm with Steve Rowley and Mrs Scott in the school hall. Steve is an Education Consultant who will give a short presentation followed by an open session to answer any of your burning questions. Please feel free to just turn up on the day.

BUILDING WORK - we have two immediate pieces of work that will be shortly taking place and may impact on school life.

1. Fencing repairs on the playground. The green picket fencing is to be repaired / replaced as required from 19th October (INSET) onwards. This work should be completed by the end of half term and will allow us to then complete the 'Peace Garden' development which requires fixing items to the fence.
2. Roofing works above Y2 corridor. The roofers will set up scaffolding and their compound on 19th October. Their work will continue beyond half term but will not disrupt school life too much. The roof light replacement will take place during half term.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS - these will take place on Monday 8th October AND Tuesday 9th October. Please ensure your child has their full uniform on. We will begin with EYFS on the Monday and work our way through. This will in no way conflict with Year 4 swimming on the Monday, theirs will take place on Tuesday!

YEAR GROUP CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES 9.10am-9.30am

Friday 5th October - Y6
Friday 12th October - Y5
Friday 23rd November - Y4
Friday 30th November - Y3

****Please note the change of day from last year.**

If the children are involved in a production during the term they will not undertake a year group assembly.

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.

School website 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.

**Parent Consultation
Appointments
Year 1 - 6 ONLY
Tuesday 16th October
3.15pm - 7pm
or
Thursday 18th October
3.20 - 5pm**

**APPOINTMENT TIMES WILL
BE AVAILABLE TO BOOK
ONLINE FROM
MONDAY 8TH OCTOBER**

**If your child is on the SEND
register please make a
separate appointment time.**

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.

HEAD BOY / HEAD GIRL - It is with great pleasure that we can announce the children who will be representing our school at special events this year. Well done to all of you for giving amazing speeches. A special thank you to all the other children who wrote speeches and put themselves forward for the roles. The children are:

- Head Boy - Tomàs B
- Head Girl - Gloria M
- Deputy Head Boy - Max B
- Deputy Head Girl - Holly M

HOUSE CAPTAINS - Each house is ably represented by the following people this year and we are in the process of finalising the Sports Leaders:

- **Sycamore** - Gracie, Thomas V
- **Elm** - Teegan, Samuel
- **Oak** - Scarlett, Cordel
- **Willow** - Beck, Keira

SCHOOL COUNCILLORS - Each class has elected two school councillors to represent them at regular meetings and be 'voices for the pupils' throughout the year. I will be meeting with the children to discuss school matters that require pupil opinion and voice. This is something I am looking forward to and the children supporting me in these matters are:

- Y1: Beatrice, Dominik, Ashvin, Lilly
- Y2: Harry, Greta, Freya, Zaydaan
- Y3: James, Ella, Lucas, Mary
- Y4: Polly, Gabriel, Marlie, Maxwell
- Y5: Dhanya, George, Matilda, James
- Y6: Evelyn, Mikkel, Josh, Lily

ECO-WARRIORS - There are two nominated children per class who will work closely with Miss Russell and Mrs Rhoades on Eco matters in school this year. These children will be invited to an Eco club very soon so that work can get under way. Well done to:

- Y1: Faith, Zachary, Fao, Cyril
- Y2: Kyle, Shamiso, Amira, Wolfie
- Y3: Adi, Chloe, Reggie, Safina-May
- Y4: Isabella, Seth, Lily-Maye, Tarakeshwar
- Y5: Koko, Margarita, Lorcan, Lyla
- Y6: Emmanuel, Mimi, Murphy, Jasmine

LIBRARIANS - Finally there are numerous children who are nominated as Librarians to help their classes when in the library and look after the books in the classroom. These children are:

- Y1: Matilda, Milo, Charlie, Finn
- Y2: Cataleya, Kit, Lucy, Oscar
- Y3: Jayden, Lilly, Rocco, Annie, Pedro, Diya
- Y4: Polly, Tilly, Ruby, Ollie, Marian, Natalia, Skyler, Oliver
- Y5: Summer, Rebecca, Nate, Hugh
- Y6: Cordel, Brianna, Luca, Tallulah

BEACH WEEK

What a fantastic time the children had! All year groups (apart from EYFS) undertook a visit to the beach. They all experienced a period of Collective Worship or reflection as well as some science, geography and art activities. All of the children and staff had a fun time! Thank you to the parents that volunteered to help with the trips.

Harvest Church Services St Matthews Church

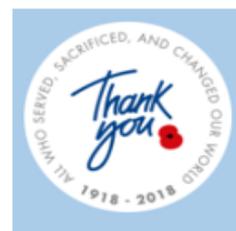
Thursday 18th October KS2 @ 1.00pm
Thursday 18th October EYFS/KS1 @ 2.00pm
Do try and join us if you can.

POPPY APPEAL 2018



Poppies will be available to buy in school for a suitable donation to **The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal** (suggested minimum donation is £1 due to the contents of the boxes).

There are friendship bands, bracelets, key ring reflectors and traditional poppies available. This year as it is a special year we are taking part in the Thank you appeal which will be led by our School Councillors.



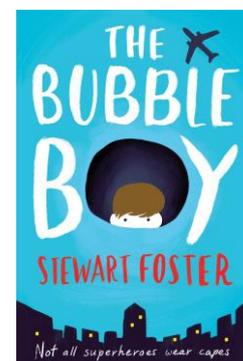
OCTOBER BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



EARLY YEARS & KS1 children is 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers. If you haven't come across this wonderful Oliver Jeffers' picture book yet it is well worth borrowing from the library. This is a wonderful book to share together and to talk about the many amazing things that our world has to offer: lots to look at and much to learn!

For KS2 we would like to recommend 'The Bubble Boy' by Stewart Foster (a local Brighton-based author who has won many awards). This is a story that will enable you to see the world through someone else's eyes: that 'someone' happens to be a young boy living in the 'bubble' of a hospital room. You'll meet some great characters as you read his story!

Another very popular book in school at the moment is 'Do Not Lick this Book' by Idan Ben-Barak. We expect you to wash your hands often after reading this mixture of fiction and non-fiction...all about germs!!



TALKING OF BOOKS...A PLEA... We are exceedingly fortunate to have some wonderful parent volunteers who look after our small but very well-stocked school library. If you think you could offer an hour or so once a week to help out (replacing returned books, tidying shelves, issuing books etc.) please could you let the office know ASAP? Support will be given and gratitude will be boundless. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS Knowing how valuable hearing children read on a one-to-one basis is, we would love to hear from anyone who might be able to come in to school for an hour or so (on a regular basis) each week to read with children. If you feel this is something you would like to discuss please ask at the office or come and see Miss Atkinson for an informal chat! Many thanks.

DALESDOWN - Y5 had a fantastic trip to Dalesdown last week. We were blessed with fantastic weather and spent most of the time outdoors in shorts and t-shirts which was great for the children. Not an electronic gadget in sight for 3 days and nights!! A big thank you must go to Miss Beer for overall organisation and coordination of the trip as well as Mr Camp, Mrs Henson, Miss Barton, Clive and Mrs Nisbet who helped me in the kitchen. There are lots of photographs, some of which are being added to the website this week (apologies for our Wi-Fi problems there last week, beyond our control) and others which will be shared at the Parent Celebration next week.

SCHOOL DAY - Can we please remind you that the school day starts at 8.50am promptly. The gates and doors will be opened at 8.40am and the external gates closed at 8.50am. This allows parents 10 minutes to enter and exit the playground. Any children who arrive after 8.50am and before 9.00am will miss the register and do need to enter school through the front entrance and sign in late and will be recorded in the register with a L.

If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher please minimise this as much as possible until the end of the day as the mornings are very hectic and the class teachers are trying to welcome and settle the class. If the matter is urgent please ask to speak to a senior member of staff via the school office.

If you wish your child to go home with another parent please complete a slip.

VICTORIA PARK - following conversations with a few parents please be vigilant whilst using the park with your children. It has come to our attention that a few used needles have been spotted in the park. Please report to the local police if you find anything of this nature.

FRIENDS OF HEENE PRIMARY SCHOOL if you haven't done already, please return any Christmas card orders to school **NO LATER** than Friday 12th October to avoid any disappointment.

FLU VACCINE letters need to be returned **NO LATER** than 12th October. Vaccines will be taking place in school on Monday 29th October for Years EY - Year 5.



The poster features a green header with a white icon of a family. Below the header, the text reads 'Starting School in September 2019'. Underneath, it says 'Apply online at: www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions'. There are social media icons for Facebook (West Sussex Matters), Twitter (@WSCCNews), and YouTube (wscvideo). A central image shows a young boy with glasses and a blue backpack giving a thumbs up. At the bottom, it states 'Deadline: Tuesday 15 January 2019'.

HAVE YOU GOT A CHILD DUE TO START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2019?

Please note the following information.

Admissions - Key Dates

- **Monday 1 October 2018 Online applications open.**
You must provide an email address to apply online. You can apply online for your child's school place by visiting www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions
- **Tuesday 15 January 2019 National closing date for starting school applications.**
You must submit your completed application by this date. Failure to do so will affect the priority attached to your application.
- **Tuesday 16 April 2019 Online applicants are notified by email, and others by second class post, which school their child is offered.**

Thank you for your continued support
Mrs Jo MacGovern
Headteacher