

HEENE NEWSLETTER

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POPPY APPEAL

Poppies are now available in the school office. Please help raise money with a donation.
Thank you.

FAMILY ASSEMBLIES

9.00 - 9.20am on the
following dates:

Year 3 Tuesday 19th November
Year 2 Tuesday 26th November
Year 1 Tuesday 3rd December

Please join us if you are able to.

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.



WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

A big thank you for your generous food donations at our Harvest Service which were gratefully received by Worthing Foodbank.

A full report of Rights Respecting School Award will be available on the school website as soon as we receive it.

COLD WEATHER Although we have had some warm, dry days recently, it is essential that all children bring a jumper or cardigan to school, as the temperature can quickly change. At this time of year it is also essential to wear, or bring, a coat to school each day, children will not be allowed out to play or on walks in cold weather without a coat.



'JEANS 4 GENES DAY' thank you to everyone who took part, the school has helped raise £287.11 towards this worthy charity.



CHILDREN IN NEED/MUFTI DAY will be held on Friday 15th November. This is another charitable event that we will be supporting again this year, which is a very worthwhile cause, and always generates much fun, as well as much needed money. This will be a Mufti Day - if you are able to wear something spotty, or dress in red, yellow, green and/or blue, that would be fantastic. It is important that a small donation is made if your child comes to school in their own clothes, so that we can raise as much money as possible for this charity. Thank you.



MUFTI DAY for the Christmas Fair is on Friday 22nd November. Children - in exchange for being allowed to wear a Christmas hat or tinsel in your hair to celebrate we request that you bring in a donation for the Christmas Bottle Tombola and Luxury Hamper stalls - please see HHH Newsletter for details. The Christmas Fair will be held after school from 3.00-5.00p.m. on Friday 29th November. We hope many of you will be able to come to this fun afternoon and support H.H.H. who work so hard to raise funds for the school.



MEDICAL AND OTHER ABSENCES when your child is absent it is crucial that you ring the school as early as possible and leave a clear message on **01903 201386** stating the reason for absence. A child who has sickness or diarrhoea should remain off school for at least 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting. Please be aware that if you fail to inform the school of your child's absence, it will be recorded as unauthorised.

When making dental, doctors, hospital and opticians appointments etc., please try to arrange them for out of school hours. If you have to take an appointment during school time your child is expected to come in before the appointment and return to school afterwards (unless there are exceptional circumstances). We require parents/carers to **provide evidence** of the appointment, e.g. appointment card, appointment letter, which must be handed in to the school office.

For all other absences an absence request form must be completed at least 2 weeks prior to the absence. This includes religious festivals and any other exceptional circumstances.



CHARTWELLS CHRISTMAS LUNCH THURSDAY 12th DECEMBER

~ MENU ~

Roast turkey & cocktail sausages with stuffing
Roast potatoes & seasonal vegetables
Gingerbread man cookie & cup of squash

If you would like your child to have a Christmas lunch please contact Chartwells direct on 0845 6030 7998 or via their website <https://westsussex.mealselector.co.uk/>
The meal is £2.25 which must be pre-paid before Thursday 5th December.



CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICE

Please come and join us, if you can, for our Church Service which will be held on Friday 20th December, 1.45 - 2.15p.m. at St Matthew's Church.
The children can be collected from Church at 2.15p.m or back at school at the normal finishing time.



CHRISTMAS CONCERTS will be held on the following dates.

Miss Bearcroft 9.15 - 9.45am
Miss Hill 10.00 - 10.30am
Ms Evans 10.45 - 11.15am
Year 1 (1B+1H*) 10.00am
Year 1 (1S+1H*) 1.45pm
Year 2 (2CA+2B*) 10.00am
Year 2 (2RC+2B*) 1.45pm
Year 3 1.45pm

Wednesday 11th December
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Friday 13th December
Friday 13th December
Monday 16th December
Monday 16th December
Tuesday 17th December



Please note: due to Fire Regulations within the school, we are only able to offer **TWO SEATS PER CHILD** for their performance. Owing to the limited seats we have available younger siblings will have to sit on parents laps to maximize the seating for others, thank you. (*1H+2B class split details TBA)

RAINBOW THEATRE PERFORMANCE & PARTY DAY Sleeping Beauty - Wednesday 18th December. This performance will be our Christmas present to the children.

School Book Fair

All Books

Half Price!

3.00 - 3.45pm
in the Year 3 Corridor

Monday 2nd December
Tuesday 3rd December
Wednesday 4th December
Thursday 5th December

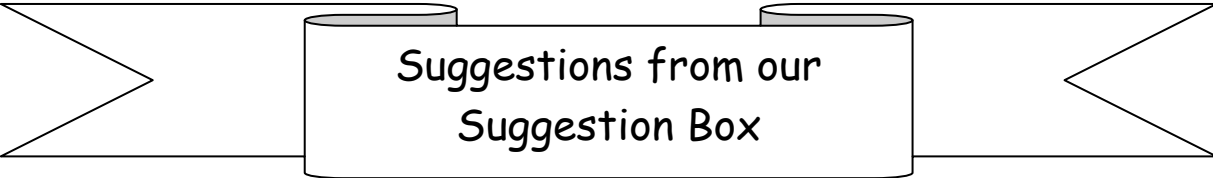
Lovely Book Recommendations

Have you shared a really good book recently? Not sure what to look for in the library?
Here are just a few ideas.....

Miss Bearcroft's class enjoy 'The Crocodile Who Didn't Like Water' by Gemma Merino
Miss Hill's class enjoy 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalt
Miss Atkinson recommends 'The Three Pigs' by David Wiesner (in fact anything by David Wiesner!!)

Please tell Miss Atkinson (Year 3) if you know of any fabulous books that you would recommend and we will include them in the next newsletter.

STARTING SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL APPLICATION Parents will by now have received a leaflet explaining how to apply online and a letter which tells them their catchment school. For parents who do not have access to the internet at home, free access has been arranged at all libraries within West Sussex. The deadline for making an application is **midnight 15th January 2013**. An application received after this date will be considered a late application. Mrs Turnbull in the school office is more than happy to help with the online application process, please pop into the office to make an appointment.



Suggestions from our Suggestion Box

Any suggestions will be responded to either personally, if named, or generally within the Newsletter.

Casual Clothes

Jeans are only worn for mufti days as a way of helping HHH with their fund- raising and with our other major charities such as Children in Need and Red Nose Day.

School Timings

Our school times have been agreed with TAB Middle and St Mary's in order to ensure parents have a chance to take and collect children at TAB Middle and to try to ease parking congestion outside school.

As Child Protection Officer, I cannot send all the children to cloakrooms at 2.45pm as we would not be able to safeguard them to our very high standards. In Early Years, it is part of their development to learn how to get themselves ready for home time - which obviously takes time.

We are working towards having external door furniture fitted to the new build which will enable children to enter school through existing fire doors and will therefore make it easier.

A clock upgrade is being audited and reviewed.

Early Years

In Early Years at this stage of the year, children are not allowed to enter the building by themselves.

As the year progresses children will enter the classroom by themselves but it is vital from a safeguarding point of view that the teacher or TA welcomes each child into the class.

By Year 1 children should be entering school at their external classroom doors by themselves.

St Matthews Church - Wednesday 8.00a.m.

Parents are welcome to join the Rev John Chitham at
St Matthews Church for Prayer and Communion