Dear Parents and Carers, 8th July 2022

**Ofsted Meeting:**

Thank you so much to everyone who was able to join us for the meeting which was held on Monday evening, following publication of our Ofsted report. It was a very positive evening with the opportunity to hear from Governors, the Local Authority, parents and staff, all sharing thoughts about the inspection outcome; the past; the way forward and the future prospects for our school.

There were some fabulous questions asked by parents and the discussion was both lively and positive. For those of you who were unable to join us, we are working hard to produce a document containing all of the questions, the identified positives of our school and the things parents would like to see become stronger or improve. This document, when completed, will provide you with some great reading for the summer break! I hope to have this with you in readiness for next week’s newsletter.

It was good to have our new Headteacher, Mr Simon Trahern, at the meeting – there mainly to listen and hear what everyone had to say. It was positive for him to do that and it will help greatly as he makes preparation to take over the leadership of Heene in September.

**Sports Days:**

It was absolutely fantastic to be able to hold our first Sports Day with parents attending since 2019.

The atmosphere was amazing and a wonderful day for all involved. A big thank you to those of you who came to support the children and staff. The children had all worked so hard to prepare for their events. A special mention to the Year 6 children who supported both events and helped some of the younger children. We hope you will agree it was lovely to see and hear the Heene community coming together to celebrate sport within our school. As promised, here are the results:

**KS1 KS2**

1st = Oak: 176 1st = Oak: 174

2nd = Willow: 159 2nd = Sycamore: 165

3rd = Elm: 135 Joint 3rd = Willow and Elm: 148

4th = Sycamore: 120

**Transition Day:**

On Wednesday of this week, most of the children had the opportunity to spend time some time with their new teachers in readiness for September. It was a really positive morning with many children speaking very excitedly about their new teacher, new classrooms and new learning to enjoy. There will be an opportunity for you to meet your child’s new class teacher early in September, so please do look out for messages about this.

**Task Group Meeting:**

A number of the questions during Monday’s Ofsted meeting related to how parents can be assured that improvements are happening and how will they know. Much of this is currently done through the Local Authority and the Diocese coming into school to monitor the progress we are making. These meetings usually involve visiting classrooms, looking at children’s work and hearing from subject leaders. One such meeting has taken place this afternoon and they occur each half term. These will continue next year and we will report on the Task Group Meeting’s findings on a regular basis going forward.

**SEN Review:**

On Monday this week we had our first SEN review since the Ofsted Inspection which was carried out by an advisor from the Local Authority. The purpose of this review was to see how well the teachers were now adapting the learning to meet the needs of all of the children, particularly those children needing SEN provision. I am pleased to say that the report shows what we expected and that is that the teachers are now better adapting the learning to meet the needs of the children in each of the classes. There is still much more to do in this area, but the changes we have made to the provision for our children with SEN are very positive. The LA advisor will continue to monitor this key area of work as the new academic year unfolds.

**National Test Results:**

This week saw the Year 6 National test results published. In the newsletter next week we will give you a breakdown of the results but I am delighted to say the results for our Year 6 children are good in most areas. We still have work to do on our writing but in Reading and Maths we are in line with and above national standards. More details next week when we have the final set of results following some marking challenges we have submitted. However, a really loud ‘Well Done’ to all our Year 6 children.

**Final Day of Term – THURSDAY 21ST JULY 2022**

It hardly seems possible that a year at school is almost complete and what a year it has been - more of that next week. On the final day of the summer term we will be spending the morning in church together, with some of our children reflecting on the past year and looking forward to their new year which will follow in September. Parents and friends are very welcome to join us at St Matthews.

**Early Years and KS1 will go to church for 9.30am**

**KS2 (children in Years 3-6) will then make their way to church for 11am** where they will share a time of reflection together.

**Pupils of the week:**

This week, we have asked the teachers to select two children who NOW follow the Heene Way. This means they are KIND, have become BRAVE and are striving to BE THE BEST in all they do. Congratulations to them all.

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| **Gruffalo** | Bruce and Kornelija |
| **Elmer** | George |
| **Funnybones** | Ava-Mae and Ollie |
| **Paddington** | Luca and Michael |
| **Gravett** | Razvan and Paige |
| **Jeffers** | Dominic and Skyla |
| **Hardy** | Leo and Jessie |
| **Rundell** | Alicia and Jan |
| **Morpurgo** | Ethan and Byron |
| **Blackman** | Hannah and Krystal |
| **Horowitz** | Oliver and Mia |
| **Almond** | Ada and Sonny |
| **Year 3** | Due to absence, Mrs Leney and Miss Carnegie will confirm their nomination next week |

**Reports home today:**

We are delighted to be able to send home today, your child’s end of year report. It has been a joy for Mrs Sherlock and me to read each of the reports and celebrate what a fabulous group of 382 young people we have the privilege of teaching at Heene. It has not been the easiest of years for many of the children, with several teacher changes, staff absence due to Covid and two new Headteachers to get to know. However, they have been fabulous and their report should celebrate that. This year you have received three written reports; one in the Autumn, one in Spring and now the end of year report. You have also had two opportunities to formally meet your child’s class teacher and should you wish to meet them again to discuss the report, then we have made time for you to do so this coming Wednesday between 3.30pm and 5pm. If you would like an appointment, please contact your child’s teacher using the class email address. This is always the class name followed by @heneprimary.co.uk eg [Rundell@heeneprimary.co.uk](mailto:Rundell@heeneprimary.co.uk)

**And finally** – please do use the email address of [head@heeneprimary.co.uk](mailto:head@heeneprimary.co.uk) for any communication at all that you would like to bring to our attention – we are always keen to hear from you.

Wishing you a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Joy Waelend and Julia Sherlock

Co-Headteachers