Dear Parents and Carers, 4th April 2022

Apologies that the newsletter is coming to you on Monday. It is always such a joy to be able to write the Newsletter each week because in doing so, we are able to celebrate the achievements of the week, the achievements of the children themselves and the school as a whole. It is also a time to reflect together on what we could have done better or differently and when we do this we are so grateful for the feedback we receive from you as parents to help us with this.

Thank you for your continued questions, thoughts, opinions and ideas sent to us through [head@heeneprimary.co.uk](mailto:head@heeneprimary.co.uk) please do keep them coming to us, we are very happy to receive them.

**Science Day** last week was a wonderful success with our scientist pupils spending all day trying to resolve all sorts of science related problems – it was great fun!

On Friday our Year 2 children spent the morning learning more about the Great Fire of London, through drama and we are so grateful to all parents for the support you have offered in the fabulous outfits the children wore for their work with ‘The Rainbow Theatre’.

This week our Year 5 children are off to visit Worthing Museum and out Year 4 children are visiting The Weald and Downland Museum later in the week, more about those trips in next week’s newsletter.

**This week - The school Disco!**

We are delighted that this has proved to be a popular offer to the children and as a result of this all of the tickets for the Tuesday Disco (Years R-2) have now gone. We are operating a reserve list if that would be of help to you and if it would then please do give your name to a member of the Office Team.

There are a few tickets available for the older children on Wednesday, but these are going very quickly. Please do get your ticket as soon as you are able to avoid disappointment.

**Awards News:**

**Pupils of the week:**

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| **Gruffalo** | We would like to nominate Lacey for the ‘Wow’ award |
| **Elmer** | This Week Miss Ellis would like to nominate Paarth. |
| **Paddington** | This week we are celebrating with Poppy |
| **Funnybones** | Ibrahim took great care to craft his story ‘Ibrahim Twist Scientist’ this week. |
| **Gravett** | Jacob’s homework always makes me go Wow! |
| **Jeffers** | Oscar for amazing presentation and fact finding. |
| **Pichon** | Ruby for amazing contributions in class. |
| **Stanton** | Lacie for wonderful independent maths work. |
| **Rundell** | Alexia ALWAYS produces such beautiful pieces of work that blow Mrs Boo and Miss Luke away! |
| **Hardy** | Cyril’s home learning this week really made Mrs Denyer and me go WOW this week. |
| **Blackman** | Greta for amazing homework always to a high standard. |
| **Morpurgo** | Joshua for doing some wonderful writing this week. An author in the making. |
| **Almond** | Ada always produces work she can be proud of. |
| **Horowitz** | Firstly, a massive well done to all of Y6 this week who have completed all of their mock SATs assessments. Mia, particularly in maths, has made excellent progress! |

**House Points:** Here are the House Point totals for this week, with Oak House still out in front for another week. Sycamore are close behind with a great many more House Points on offer this coming week.

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| Sycamore | Willow | Elm | Oak |
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**Attendance, Punctuality and School Uniform**

Thank you all for your efforts with improved Attendance, Punctuality and Uniform expectations – we are so grateful for your valued co-operation with this. The children are now much more quickly settling into class and are working by 8.50am; they are looking smarter and are better ready for learning. Please continue to work with us on this and thank you again for your support so far.

**Parent View:** [**https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/**](https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/)

To date of the 379 responses we could have on Ofsted’s Parent View we have just 20. Please can I ask you all to take the time to click on the link above and register your details and give your responses to the questions you are asked. We really do value your views and are keen to know how you are feeling about the school. Ofsted too will be keen to see the responses and they will form part of the Inspection Process which we believe is imminent. All we would ask is that if you feel you are unhappy with the school, that you share with us your unhappiness so that we can do something about this. It is difficult to address the unhappiness of parents if we are unaware what it is and have no opportunity to put things right or to explain what we are doing and why. Thank you so much for your anticipated support with his important survey.

**New Covid 19 Rules: A**s these rules continue to slacken, we are asking you not to send your children to school if they have a temperature. We are asking this of you to try to ensure we keep all of our staff and school community as safe as possible. Thank you in anticipation of your help here.

**Church Services on Friday:** You will be aware that our children will be going to school for our end of term services on Friday this week. I am sorry that we have been unable to invite parents to the previous two services, but on this occasion – as Covid rules slacken- we are inviting you to join us if you would like to. The first service will be at 9.30am for children in Years R-2 and the service will be led by Year 2. The KS2 children will then go to church for 11am and the service will be led by Year 3. We look forward to you joining us if you would like to for one of these services.

**A final request:**

Please could we ask that if you are going to be walking to school with your dog, then please could we ask that the dog is secured away from passing children. Please can we remind you that no animals should be brought onto the school site. Many thanks for your help with this.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Joy Waelend and Julia Sherlock

Co-headteachers