

HEENE NEWSLETTER

'Learning together, loving others, guided by God'

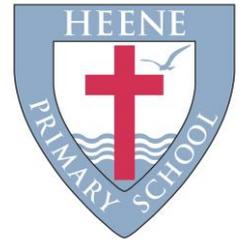
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Dear Parents / Carers,

It was lovely to chat to many of you at our parent consultation evenings last week. If you were unable to make those dates please speak to your child's classteacher (at the end of the day) or the school office to make an appointment in the next couple of weeks.

The weather has been very inclement recently so please make sure the children have suitable waterproof coats and shoes as we are trying to give them fresh air whenever possible.

STAFFING - Mrs Rhoades will be going on maternity leave from Ladybirds class on Thursday 19th March. We wish her well as she awaits the arrival of her second child. Ms Evans will be teaching Ladybirds full time for the remainder of the year. Mrs Leighton (a recent regular supply teacher) will cover the PPA Modern Foreign Languages teaching on Mondays and Tuesdays in Years 2, 4, 5 and 6 until the end of the academic year. Mrs Hill will cover any other PPA in EYFS and Year 1.

CLUBS - There will be no **teacher led** clubs on the following date due to prior events in the school diary:

- Tuesday 17th March - ALL teachers will be at other Worthing schools for Locality Moderation Meetings

LENT - As part of our teaching about Lent this year we are choosing our own Heene Primary School 40 Acts of Kindness. The children will think of their own Acts of Kindness and action them in school, at home or in the wider community.

YEAR GROUP PARENT CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Year 5 - Friday 20th March
Year 2 - Friday 27th March

All at 9.10am in the school hall.
On these dates there will be no Reading Together for the specified year groups.
Year 4 and 6 will not be undertaking an assembly this term due to their production and test preparation respectively.

Please join us if you can!

Please can we remind parents if you are late to school with your child please report to reception with them. That way we can ensure all children are recorded on registers. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

VEG POWER: 'Eat Them To Defeat Them'

Many of the children have been really excited to tell me in the last week how many carrots they have been eating as we launched the 'Eat Them to Defeat Them' campaign! Some have enjoyed carrot soup too. The new vegetable will be introduced to the children each Monday up until Easter.

Details of a poster competition will be coming home soon.

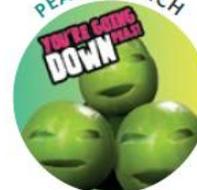
VEG OF THE WEEK

Each week of the campaign will feature a rally cry around a family favourite vegetable. Each vegetable comes with a fun real vegetable image and catchphrase. Please focus your activities around that schedule. We want to encourage children to try each of these vegetables three times so all six become part of their daily diet.

CARROTS 24 FEBRUARY



PEAS 2 MARCH



SWEETCORN 9 MARCH



BROCCOLI 16 MARCH



TOMATOES 23 MARCH



PEPPERS 30 MARCH





YEAR 6 NETBALL TEAM

A massive well done to our Year 6 mixed team of boys and girls playing in the Worthing Schools Shield Cup event. The team were: Jas, Isaac, Matilda D, Matilda C, Ella, George, Phoebe. They played 4 matches and won them all, beating Chesswood B (3-1), TAB B (3-1), English Martyrs (3-1) and St Mary's (5-2). As you can see from the photos the children were very pleased with themselves and their medals! Thank you to Miss Moyle for their training and Miss Beer for taking them on the day.



YEAR 1 CHILDREN have really enjoyed taking part in Happy Hearts workshop sessions during February and March. This culminated with a presentation for the Year 1 children and their parents last week.

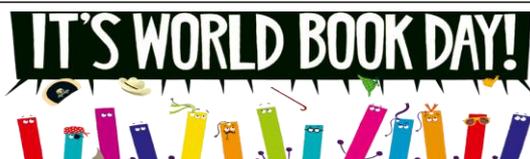
Tammy Waine who ran the sessions was very impressed with the children's enthusiasm and cooperation during the sessions and Artie Beat presented each child with a certificate.



The children came home before half term with an EcoKids bag. Please fill them with any clean unwanted or outgrown items and return to school between 4th and 6th March.

This an easy way for us to raise extra funds for the school and a great excuse for a good sort out! If you need any extra bags please collect from the school office.

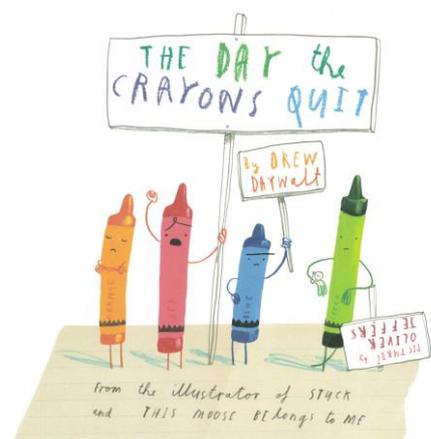
Thank you for your support.



We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. Our World Book Day activities this year will be based on the wonderful book 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalt. The children are invited to come to school dressed in one of the colours of the crayons or a particular character.

The children will be involved in some fun 'book' activities throughout the day. Children will bring home a book token at the end of the day.

(Year 2 will be on a school trip on this day and will do the activities on Friday 6th March. Children are welcome to dress up if they wish)



CHARTWELLS FOOD AMBASSADORS Children in Year 2 - Year 6 took part in some healthy eating workshops in February. They each bought a certificate home to say they took part and a leaflet to take home to encourage them to record the food in their packed lunches to show if their lunch has a healthy balance of food.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES — 14 of our Year 5 children volunteered to attend St Barnabas Hospice in February where they visited day patients. This work helped to develop their empathetic skills as well as allowing them to find out about the work of the hospice and make new friends. A big thank you to those children that attended.



ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS

We are again having to remind parents regarding **ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS**. There have been several incidents lately which have caused grave concern for both children and adult's safety. We are working with the staff at St Mary's on this joint campaign.



Please play your part to keep everyone safe.....

- Choose a safe place to drop your child off near to the school. Aim for somewhere you won't cause congestion and danger to those walking or cycling to school!
- **DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILD OFF OR PICK THEM UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD.** If a cyclist comes past you are in danger of causing an accident.
- Parents pulling over near parked cars, block the road and make it very hard for pedestrians to see and therefore cross safely.
- **DO NOT PARK ON THE 'KEEP CLEAR' ZIG ZAGS**, this area is to be kept clear at all times.
- If your child walks to school on their own, talk to them about the route they will use and the dangers they may encounter. Watch your child so that you can judge whether they have the ability to cross roads safely on their route to school.
- Children learn by watching adults. If walking your child to school, talk to them about how they can keep themselves safe and always try to set a good example when crossing the road.

HEALTHY FOOD IN SCHOOL - Snacks - Please only send fruit, vegetables, or fruit cereal bars for your child's playtime snack. We will still be continuing with the Government's scheme to provide a piece of fruit or vegetable free of charge for all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. Unfortunately the scheme does not cover Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 children. **NO NUTS in lunch or snack boxes please due to children with allergies.**

As part of our healthy eating policy no sweets, chocolates or cakes can be given out at the end of the day by your child's teacher.

The children have all been reminded that they should only eat the snacks that they have brought in themselves and not food from anyone else. Please reinforce this at home. 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.



INTERNET SAFETY - We have sent this out already but please see the recommended ages that teenagers (not young primary children) should be online accessing social media sites.

We do want to emphasise the importance and responsibility of monitoring your children's use of the internet outside of school. In school we are more controlled with filters that block a multitude of sites. How aware are you of what your children are accessing or who they are talking too?

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.

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.

Thank you for your support and ensuring that children are wearing suitable headbands as part of their school uniform.

All children with shoulder length hair should have this tied back at all times for health and safety reasons. If children have their ears pierced they should only wear a pair of small stud earrings to school, being able to take them out themselves for PE lessons. In the event of recently pierced ears, these may be covered up with micro-pore tape brought in from home.

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.

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.



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 class teacher if there are any problems.

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



Thank you for your continued support.

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