

HEENE NEWSLETTER

'Learning together, loving others, guided by God'

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Dear Parents / Carers,

May I start by thanking you all for the wholehearted support you have given the school this term. Our attendance figures are a credit to your determination to ensure your children get as little disruption during what can only be described as an unbelievable time!

The school community have worked tirelessly to adapt. Staff and pupils alike have adjusted to some strange but now familiar routines. I am proud of the spirit with which Heene Primary School has not allowed a pandemic to distract from our core purpose, education.

As we turn our thoughts to 2021, none of us knows quite what it will bring. However, I am very hopeful that during the early part of the year we will be able to announce the name of the new substantive head teacher for Heene Primary School. I hope you all have a peaceful Christmas.



INSET DAYS 2020-2021

FRIDAY 18th DECEMBER 2020
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FRIDAY 28th MAY 2021

Following the recent letter regarding parent elections, we had one application and I am pleased to confirm that Mrs Laura Anderson has been re-elected for a second term as a parent governor. In her supporting statement Mrs Anderson said *"I have enjoyed being a parent governor for the last 4 years and would really love the opportunity to be governor for another term. I am currently Vice-Chair and also Chair of the Quality of Education Committee. I have worked as part of the governing body to support the school through a period of change and would like to continue my involvement over the next few years. I'm passionate about our school community and want to ensure our children have the best opportunity possible to learn, grow and achieve their potential at Heene. I have two children, in year 2 and year 4 and work for a housing association in Horsham."*

Parent governors are your voice on the governing body, and whilst it is difficult to speak to them in person during the current restrictions, you can contact them via the Clerk to the Governors at clerk@heenepriamary.co.uk. We are very grateful to all our amazing governors who work extremely hard as volunteers behind the scenes, holding the school leadership to account regarding the standard of education for all the children and ensuring the wellbeing of all our staff.



CHILDREN IN NEED 2020

It was lovely to see the children brightly dressed on Friday 13th November as we again supported Children in Need. You have helped us raise an amazing massive **£580.00**. Thank you all so much for your kind generosity!



**Wednesday 16th December
FOHPS Raffle Draw – Live
online! Good Luck!!**



Wednesday 16th December Panto (online)

**CHRISTMAS
PARTY**



Thursday 17th December

**Children can come to
school wearing something
festive/party clothes. In
the afternoon the children
will have party games and
each child will receive a
party bag from school.**

The Impact of Corona Virus by Lace McCredie

The Corona Virus is a new infectious disease, it can affect your lungs and airways. It is also called Covid-19 as it was first discovered in 2019. Covid-19 originated in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. It's believed that Corona Virus emerged in bats and passed through other animals, then onto humans.

The Corona Virus can give you a high temperature, a new continuous cough and sometimes a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste. It can spread through water droplets when you cough or sneeze. It can also be transmitted by touching surfaces someone touched, coughed on or sneezed on with the virus and then touching your own face.

In March 2020 we went into lockdown, we couldn't see friends and family or go to school. Lots of people became sick and died. Hospitals were full of people with Covid-19. Many people couldn't go to work but the government payed them money to stay at home safe. We didn't go to the shops as much and my holiday to Portugal got cancelled.

After lockdown, when we went back to school, we had to stay in bubbles. We could only meet up in groups of six and we still didn't go to the shops as much as before. Big birthday celebrations are now small gatherings which means I have had to plan a new party for December. 45,000 people had died and we were getting used to the new normal.

We can help stop the spread of Covid-19 by wearing facemasks, washing our hands lots and keeping our distance from strangers. We try not to touch our faces much in public and cough into our elbows. When we can't wash our hands we use hand sanitiser instead. The schools sanitise tables and chairs throughout the day and there is more cleaning of public spaces.

At the beginning of November 2020 second lockdown began because cases of Corona Virus were rising again quickly. England needs to bring down the number of people with Corona Virus, so we can celebrate Christmas with our friends and family. Mummy isn't at work but all the children can go to school this time. We hope the lockdown will end on December 2nd as planned by the Government.

There are a few different vaccines for Corona Virus being tested and if they are found to be safe, and work, then it will be given out from December to those who need it most. I think the Corona Virus vaccine will help fix the problem and keep people safe. I think my nanny Gill and Grandad Paddio will get the vaccine early as they have cancer.

Over 54,000 people have now died from Corona Virus in the UK and I think more people will get sick and die. We will continue to go in and out of lockdown around the country and we will have to follow safety rules for a long time.

It's going to take a long time to pay off the debt caused by Corona Virus and because the virus won't go away for a very long time, it's making people sad. The Corona Virus effects are having a serious negative impact on people's mental health.

The Corona Virus makes me worry about my grandparents and the future of the country. I wonder if I will be able to have a birthday party on the fourth of December, but I am happy I will be able to see my friends at school anyway. I really hope the vaccine works.

Since the first lockdown my mum takes more time off work and I like our extra weekends together. I enjoyed the first lockdown because I didn't have to go to school, I went to the beach with mummy lots and we spent a lot of time in our hot tub. I hope to see my friends and family over Christmas and I think when I am old, people will ask me what 2020 was like!

(My mum always said an apocalypse would have to wait until I was eight so that I was old enough to run away from the zombies, this wasn't the apocalypse she was expecting!)

Holiday Lunches

FOR WHEN THERE'S NO SCHOOL...

FREE

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY LUNCHES

TAKAWAY

FREE

12-1PM

**MON 21ST & WED 30TH
DECEMBER**

To book your free place for you the kids, sign up at stmatthewsworthing.org/holidaylunches and let us know about dietary restrictions.

St Matthew's Worthing

WICKERS GYMNASTICS CLUB

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**Pre-school through to elite gymnastics
Birthday parties • Holiday activities •
private gymnastics sessions**



Website - Wickersgymnastics.co.uk

SHARE THE LIGHT



Wishing you a very Happy Christmas from St Matthew's

'Share the Light' Lantern Carol Services

This year we will each make a lantern instead of a Christingle

Book your free seats for one of the four identical services by visiting our website www.stmatthewsworthing.org/christmas
4pm and 6pm on Sunday 20th Dec
4pm and 6pm on Christmas Eve

We will be social distanced, and you will need a face covering. We will listen to the carols, as public singing is not currently allowed, but we will celebrate the joy of Christmas together!

ART HOUSE HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

FAMILY SESSIONS

**21ST AND 22ND DECEMBER
10-11.30AM AND 1-2.30PM**

£7/PERSON

(ONE ADULT AND TWO KIDS MAXIMUM PER FAMILY)

KIDS DROP-OFF SESSIONS

28TH AND 29TH DECEMBER 10AM-1PM

£15/CHILD

(BRING A SNACK AND PACKED LUNCH)

**"IF GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS DO NOT RELAX
AND ALLOW US TO REOPEN,
YOU WILL BE GIVEN STUDIO CREDIT"**

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We're looking for compassionate and caring people who really want to make an invaluable impact to the lives of the people they support.

But don't just take our word for it. Below are some real quotes from PAs and customers which show just how fulfilling this role can be:

"I enjoy being a PA because it makes a real impact on people's lives. I can spend just an hour or two with someone and improve their whole week by removing stress from things such as mail or cleaning or just emotional support."

The impact we have is huge and being a PA is a very personal role which allows us to build and develop trust amongst our clients. This directly warms my heart as I know how hard trust can be to build and how people can throw it away."

I value trust very highly and I presume our clients do also, so I do everything I can to retain and build such trust." - Connor, PA

"We appreciate all of our carers and the irreplaceable support they provide." - An Independent Lives Customer

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DIARY DATES — AUTUMN TERM 2020

Wednesday	16 th	December		Chartwells Christmas Lunch
Wednesday	16 th	December		Cinderella Pantomime (pre-recorded)
Thursday	17 th	December	PM	Class Christmas Parties
Thursday	17 th	December	3.05pm	School finishes for Christmas
Friday	18 th	December	INSET DAY	

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

MONDAY	4th	JANUARY		INSET DAY
Tuesday	5 th	January	Am	All children back to school

ALL DATES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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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 parent information.