



'Learning together, loving others, guided by God'

Heene Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Friday 20th May 2022

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to this week's newsletter which contains quite a bit of information for you to absorb so do take some time to read it all so that you are aware of all that is happening at Heene as we approach the final week of this busy half term.

Well done to all of KS1: Your Key Stage 1 children have been amazing this week, working really hard on their 'challenges'. We are very proud of them all!

Staffing News: After 11 years of fabulous 'dream team' service to our Heene community, we are really sad to be saying a fond 'goodbye' to Mrs Sharon Boo. We are so grateful for the difference she has made to so many of our children and thank her very much for all of her hard work, flexibility and support to the teachers with whom she has worked. We do wish her every success in the next stage of her career, still working with children and young people at another local school.

We are delighted to have made a further Teaching Assistant appointment this week. Once we have been able to confirm a date for starting work, we will introduce them to you and confirm where they will be working.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations at Heene:

On Thursday 26 May, as part of our Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations at Heene, we are asking all the children to come to school dressed in as much Red, White and /or Blue as they like. In addition to this, the teachers thought it would be a lovely idea to get the whole school together for 'Afternoon Tea' on the playground.

This will also take place on Thursday 26th May in the afternoon during school time. Could we please ask that your child brings in a small cake in a container and a drink, just for themselves (the children will not be able to share the food they bring in). The children will still have lunch as normal on this day.

On Wednesday 25th May, in the afternoon, all the children will create decorations and take part in a range of Jubilee activities in their classrooms and on Thursday morning we will be learning about and celebrating our monarch, Queen Elizabeth II, in readiness for our Afternoon Tea.

Pupils of the Week: This week we have been looking for some really **BRAVE** children to celebrate. We have been looking for children who have really stuck to the task, whatever distractions have come their way. They have been determined to improve and those names we celebrate below. Well done to them all!



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Gruffalo	Lukas and Lacey
Elmer	Harrison and Cleo
Funnybones	Gracie and Mia
Paddington	Dorotka and Maya
Gravett	Gravett class
Jeffers	Jeffers class
Pichon	Ira and Albie
Stanton	Molli-May and Flynn
Hardy	Doug and Mila
Rundell	Matilda and Jack B (Chosen by Mrs Boo! 😊)
Morpurgo	Joshua and Megan
Blackman	Bo and Violet
Horowitz	Jake
Almond	Annie and Safina

House Points for this week and this term so far: Come on Willow! Lots of effort next week!

Sycamore	Willow	Elm	Oak
529	371	407	601

Our Ofsted Report: We are pleased to let you know that Mrs Sherlock and I have had the first look at our draft Ofsted report. We have looked at it closely and sent it back to the Inspectors for correction and as soon as we are able to let you have a copy, we will certainly do so. After it is published, we will invite you all in to meet with ourselves and Mr Trahern to take you through the report and answer any questions you may have.

Important Information for all parents to understand please: After half term we are moving to a new Management Information System (MIS). This is a significant change for our admin team who have used the same system for more years than they care to remember. This will not have a direct impact on parents or carers but in the first few days please bear with us if we take a little longer to respond than normal as we learn to use the new system. At some point our parent communication and payment systems will be incorporated into the new MIS but we are taking things one step at a time.

Year 6 Activity Week: We are looking forward to the children in Year 6 planning for their forthcoming Activity Week in June. In order to fully fund the trips, we are asking the Year 6 children to plan some fundraising activities which they will undertake to raise funds to cover some of the cost of their Activity Week. We are also grateful to the 'Friends of Heene' who have agreed to fund one of the activities. We are using this as an Enterprise Activity for our children, so look out for bake sales and the like as we enter the coming weeks – more detail to follow on this.

And finally: **National "Thank a Teacher Day": Thursday 26th May 2022.**

The link below might give you a few ideas if you or your child would like to take part!

<https://thankateacher.co.uk/national-thank-a-teacher-day2022/>

Have a lovely weekend

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