



*'Learning together, loving others, guided by God'*

## Heene Church of England (Aided) Primary School

### Weekly Update – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have been enjoying this beautiful weather which certainly seems to signal the start of Spring and hopefully a season of renewed hope. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your incredible support during this period of partial closure. For many of you, I am sure, the return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March for all children will be a very welcome relief. Next week, teachers will be focusing on emotional well-being, re-establishing relationships and community. Your children will not be returning to school to be faced with a barrage of formal assessments. If you have any specific concerns about the full re-opening of Heene and the impact this has for your child please do contact your child's class teacher. We look forward to welcoming back our school community on Monday and remain hopeful that we have seen the end of school's being closed to the large majority of children.

#### INSET Day

The INSET day postponed from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February has been rearranged for Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

This means that children after the Easter holiday children will return to school on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April will both be INSET days for staff training.

#### Attendance

From 8<sup>th</sup> March school attendance will be mandatory for all children, unless your child is shielding. The usual rules on school attendance apply. May we please respectfully remind you **that any child that has missed their bubble start time will need to wait till 9.10am** when the last bubble has gone through. We cannot let children who are late into school before this time.

#### Reading

Please view the attached link where Stephen Fry talks about the benefits 'turning on the sub-titles' has in helping to subconsciously support children's reading – it is truly amazing! <https://youtu.be/l-zISnJ-oao>

On the subject of reading can you ask your children to make sure that they have their **reading journal ready** to bring back into school on Monday and the expectation is that these are with children every day.

#### PE Days

**EYFS – Butterflies** Tuesday and **Ladybirds** Thursday

**Year 1** – Tuesday and Friday

**Year 2** – Wednesday and Friday

**Year 3** – Wednesday and Thursday

**Year 4** – Monday and Thursday

**Year 5** – Friday and another day TBC

**Year 6** – Tuesday and another day TBC

#### Personal Belongings

To reduce any potential risk of the transmission of Covid-19, we ask that children only bring into school the essentials that they need for the school day – lunch box, snack, water bottle, reading book/journal. The smaller their bag the better!

#### Masks

If your child wears a mask to and from the school site please can you ensure that they bring a plastic container or bag which they can put it in when they enter the school building. Masks do not need to be worn by children in school during the day.

#### Arrangements for drop off and pick up

The timings for drop off and pick up remain the same as the Autumn term. The timetable was included in the parent information letter that was sent out on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February and can be found using this link –

[https://heene.eschools.co.uk/web/updated\\_parent\\_handbook\\_-\\_reopening/544867](https://heene.eschools.co.uk/web/updated_parent_handbook_-_reopening/544867) If you arrive late for your child's bubble time you will need to stay and wait with your child under 9.10am.

#### Return of devices

Please may we remind you that if your child was issued with an iPad, Chromebook or laptop to assist with home learning, this **must be returned to us on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March or Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. Please bring the device to the school office where you will need to sign the loan agreement to confirm the device has been returned.



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