

HEENE NEWSLETTER

'Learning together, loving others, guided by God'

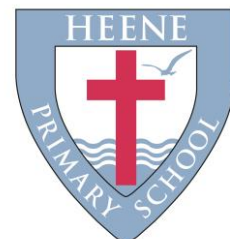
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Dear Parents / Carers,

It's unusual to be writing an April newsletter in the Spring Term. With so much to celebrate from events that have recently taken place and a busy Summer Term ahead we thought we'd update you now.

STAFFING - at the end of this week we say goodbye to Mr James Camp, Leopards class teacher. He is leaving us to explore pastures new, possibly even outside teaching. We thank him and wish him well for the future.

We welcome two new members of staff to our team. During March Miss Ashleigh Bullen joined the EYFS team as a Teaching Assistant and after Easter Mrs Helen Leney joins us from a Chichester School to take over Leopards class. We welcome them both to Heene.

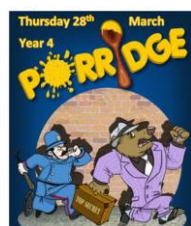
Many thanks for your contributions of food items as part of our '40 Acts of Kindness' for Lent. We will be taking these to **St Matthew's Church** for their project with **Turning Tides**. These will be made into gift hampers for those in need.



COMIC RELIEF - RED NOSE DAY - thank you so much for your generosity and donating to Comic Relief. We were able to bank and send off £450.21 for this good cause. The children had a fantastic time.



ATTENDANCE/ PUNCTUALITY — The School day starts at 8.50am, therefore the gates/doors will be opened at 8.40am and closed at 8.50am. 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.



PORRIDGE! Y4 PRODUCTION A big thank you to all the children, parents and staff for all their hard work and amazing costumes for their brilliant production last week. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed both performances including governors who said "Super performance - we both enjoyed the play, much more fun than wading through data, policies and other governor paperwork! The children did the school proud and I am sure benefit greatly from participating in such performances although they are obviously a huge amount of work for the staff." A special thank you to Mr Ambrose for his sound production!

School website

www.heenepprimary.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 club information.

Friends of Heene Primary School

EASTER CAFÉ

SERVING TEA, COFFEE, HOT CHOCOLATE
& A SELECTION OF CAKES & BISCUITS

&

EGG HUNT

Thursday 4th April
3.15 - 5 pm
Main Hall



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.





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.



HEALTHY FOOD IN SCHOOL **SNACK TIME**



Please can we remind you to only send in 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.**

Can we also remind you that 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.

SPARE CLOTHES DONATIONS if you have any good, clean underwear, socks, tights and pants spare to donate to school, please bring into the school office or give them to your child's class teacher. If your child has borrowed spare clothes from school, please return them (cleaned!) to school. Thank you.

SUMMER TERM CLUBS - All Summer Clubs begin on Monday 29th April. Letters regarding club allocations will be sent out during the first week back. On occasions there are meetings with our local group of schools on club days which result in some being cancelled if run by teachers. This is unavoidable as they are not organised by us. All clubs are run on a voluntary basis by the adults in school and are not to be viewed as free childcare.

If your child decides that they no longer wish to attend, please let the office know, as the place can be offered to another child. Any children who miss two consecutive weeks may lose their place to another child on the waiting list. Finally, if your child's behaviour gives cause for concern in school or at the club we will revoke their place (this includes external providers as they regularly communicate at the end of their sessions).

If for any reason your child is not able to attend a club session parents must notify the office in writing, and the office staff in turn can notify the club leader not to expect that child for that session. This means we avoid any potential safeguarding issues, particularly with those KS2 children who have authorisation to walk home alone.

WARMER WEATHER — A few reminders as we hopefully approach warmer weather. It is very important that your child has a sun hat, extra drinks and sun cream with them in hot weather. There are sun creams available that last all day. Sun cream should be applied at home before school and if you feel necessary brought to school clearly labelled with your child's name and class. The sun cream must be handed over to your child's class teacher where it will be kept in the classroom. Sun cream must not be kept in children's book bags or trays as it can leak. **PLEASE NOTE THAT STAFF ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ADMINISTER SUN CREAM - YOUR CHILD SHOULD BE ABLE TO APPLY IT THEMSELVES.** Also a general reminder to ensure all items of school uniform are named clearly as in warmer weather they are often discarded on the playground!

PE & JEWELLERY - Can we remind parents / carers that children are not permitted to wear any jewellery during PE lessons as per WSCC Health and Safety Policy. The only exceptions to these regulations might be the wearing of religious or cultural jewellery, in which case your child's teacher should be consulted. The only jewellery permitted in school is a wristwatch and one pair of stud like earrings. If your child has recently or during a school holiday had their ears pierced it is up to you to provide micropore type tape for them to put on for PE lessons. It is not the responsibility of the class teacher to remove the jewellery of individual pupils.


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.

We STILL need your help.....

We are looking for some green fingered volunteers to help maintain our garden at the front of school and in the playground area. If you are able to spare some time to come into school and help please contact the school office. We will also be asking for children in school to volunteer.

YEAR 6 LEAVER HOODIES

Don't forget, if you want to order a Year 6 Leavers Hoodie orders need to be made via Parentpay no later than Thursday 4th April. If you are having any problems using the online system, please contact the school office.



Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms
(Ages specified in terms as of 2014)

Platform	Age Restriction
Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, Google+, Tumblr, Reddit, Snapchat, Secret	13
LinkedIn	14
WhatsApp	16
Vine, Tinder	17
Path	18
YouTube, Keek, Foursquare, WeChat, Kik, Flickr	18 (13 with parents permission)

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?

Easy Fundraising

Raise donations for FoHPs when you shop online!

FoHPs has recently set up an easy fundraising account where friends and family can raise money for the school each time they shop online. It is fast, free and simple to set up, so please register at www.easyfundraising.org.uk.



Meet the Governors Welcome to a new section of our newsletter where each Governor will introduce themselves to you. This will include a short biography and their role on the Governing Body.



My name is Kate Cooper and I am Co-Chair of Governors, a role I have held since September 2018, although I have been a governor since 2013. I have 2 children at Heene and I am a languages teacher at Davison CE High School for Girls. I have lived in Worthing for the last 15 years and really enjoy living by the sea: I make good use of the prom when out running!

My name is Freda Wimble and I am Co-Chair of Governors. I have lived in central Worthing since 1981 when I moved to work at a local legal practice. I attend St Matthew's Church which provided my current link to the school where I have been a foundation governor since 2015, I am now Co-Chair with Kate Cooper having previously been Co-Chair with Peter Parish. My three sons attended Heene during the 1990s and I have fond memories of their years at the school. With grown up children I no longer have to juggle the demands of work and parenthood and it is a pleasure having time to be involved with the school again.



As a Governing Body, we are working hard to fulfil our remit to set the strategic direction of the school, hold the Headteacher to account and to oversee the financial performance of the school. These are challenging times for all schools, as budgets are stretched and we are forced to do more with less. It is both a responsibility and a privilege to serve on the Governing Body: we are committed to securing school improvement, while maintaining the caring nature of Heene Primary School, which is something that we all value.

If you would like to meet a Governor to discuss what we do or to make a suggestion, please come along to one of our monthly Governor Clinics, which generally take place in the library after reading together on a Friday. However, please note that the next clinic will be on Friday 3rd May, due to church services on 5th April.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jo MacGovern — Headteacher