



'Learning together, loving others, guided by God'

Heene Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Friday 22nd October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here is the video link to my message this week:

<https://youtu.be/tJ1MsfE5Mcg>

Welcome to the final Newsletter of this Half-Term, and what an incredibly hectic half term it has been. Mrs Sherlock and I have really enjoyed getting to know the school, the children, our parents and carers as well as our incredible band of teachers and support staff; it has really been a fabulous few weeks. Thank you so much to you for supporting all we are trying to achieve together; for being honest in your challenge with us to do better and improve things at Heene and to thank us warmly when you notice that things are slowly starting to get better. We will continue to seek your views, to ask your opinions, to invite you to help us as we continue this improvement journey together, as we continue to make Heene a place where each and every one of our children and young people is able to genuinely thrive. Thank you once again and after a well-deserved half term break, we will very much look forward to seeing you after the break on **Tuesday 2nd November at 8.40am**. Although the children will enjoy a break from school, do please make sure that you continue to read together and to ensure your children read to you, every day if possible. Reading is genuinely the key to all learning and it is the most powerful thing you can do to enable your children to catch up on their lost learning over the past 15 months. Many thanks to you all.

Staffing News: Unfortunately Mr. Lelliott continues to be unwell and will not be immediately returning to Funnybones Class after half term. We are grateful to Mrs McGinley for continuing to teach the class in Mr. Lelliott's absence.

After Half-Term, we look forward very much too welcoming **Mrs. Debi Daisley** as SEND Lead onto our staff permanently. We are so grateful for all that Mrs Daisley has done for us over the past few weeks since her appointment to the school and look forward very much to having her to lead our Inclusion Team with Miss Beer going forward.

Miss Lansbury will be leaving us on Monday 8th November, she has the opportunity to move onto a new role which she is really looking forward to and which we all know she will be amazing at. She will be working at a local nursery school, we wish her well and thank her for all her hard work here at Heene.

Online safety – a really important message for all parents and carers:

It has been brought to our attention that some children may be watching a programme on Netflix that is not appropriate for their age, involving a game called 'Red Light, Green light'. Although the series is based on a children's game, it is not suitable in any way for children because of the levels of violence and inappropriate language it contains.

It is certified **15**, so should not be watched by any children in a primary school.



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The advice external bodies would give would not be any different to advice we would give about any other TV or film not suitable for children: if your child is not of the age to meet the certification, then they shouldn't be watching that series/film.

We would like you to check what content your children can watch. Setting up a Netflix Kids experience profile means that children only have access to TV shows and movies which have been carefully selected for children. The look and feel of the app is simpler and children can't access any account settings.

Thank you for your support with this as we work together to keep our children safe.

More sporting achievements from Ms Moyle: Sports Events October 2021

A massive thank you to all the parents, staff and children for supporting and participating in the 2021 Worthing Schools Cross Country event on Saturday 16th October. I must say I was very impressed by the determination and perseverance of all the children who took part – everyone who attended completed their event in true sporting style. A fantastic return to running and representing our school showing our values of being their best and being brave! I am extremely proud of you all.

In total 12 schools took part and here is how our school did:

Year 3 Girls 6th



Year 3 Boys 9th



Year 4 Girls 6th



Year 4 Boys 7th



Year 5 Girls 9th



Year 5 Boys 9th



Year 6 Girls 10th



Year 6 Boys 7th



A special mention to those children who came in the top 35 in their Year groups:

Year 3 Girls – Amelia Holdstock 34th

Year 3 Boys - Albie Isted 8th, Flynn Dalton-Horner 25th

Year 4 Girls – Matilda Worricker 13th, Jamila Mukiibi 20th, Isla Singer 25th

Year 4 Boys – Dominik Mucha 16th

Year 5 Girls – Shamiso Kusotera 12th

Year 5 Boys – George Paoletti 18th

Year 6 Girls – Annie Page 31st

Year 6 Boys – Lucas Dart 10th, Leo Bultitude 12th

In the Year 5 and 6 events the individuals who came in the top 10 have been selected to represent the Worthing School Partnership – this year a very special congratulations to **Lucas Dart in Year 6** who has qualified for this special event – more details will follow when I have these!

Netball 19th October – I was pleased to take a team of, mainly first time, netball players from Years 5 and 6 to an event at Davison this week. The team showed real resilience and learnt lots in this festival which was about experiencing games play. We scored some goals and have now had the experience of what it is like to play against other schools. I look forward to taking the team out to play more competitively once we have had more practice and can see real potential in our team. Thank you to all those who took part (and the parents for their support) – once again showing our school values and representing our school in an excellent manner.



And so to our learning after Half-Term

Next half term in Year R:

Next half term we will be continuing our 'Marvellous Me' topic by moving onto 'Superhero Me.' We will be thinking about people who help us in our community and are looking forward to having some visitors in to explore this topic with us. We will be learning about how to look after our bodies and the importance of being healthy. Both Elmer and Gruffalo class will be preparing for their own Nativity performance, which they will be writing themselves and performing for their families.

After half term in Year 1:

After half term Year 1 continue with the topic 'The Great Outdoors'. We will be learning about our local area and continuing to observe the changing seasons. We start to get ready for Christmas, learning about the Christmas story, making a Christmas card with a moveable part and learning Christmas songs which we hope to perform to you. Our key text is the beautiful book, 'If all the world were...' by Joseph Coelho and Allison Colpoys.

Have a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 2nd November.

Our learning after the holiday in Year 2

In year 2 we are looking forward to an exciting second half to the Autumn term.

English: We will be continuing our journey relating to our topic 'Here we are'. Our key text for the beginning of the term is called 'An atlas of imaginary places' and we are very much looking forward to seeing what exciting adventures this book takes us on.

Maths: We will be consolidation our learning about adding 2 digits and 2 digit and will then move on to subtracting 2 digits and 1 digits.

Science: Our enquire question is 'What is a material'. We will be reviewing our prior learning about objects and the materials they are made from.

Computing: We will be beginning a new unit of work called 'We are collectors'. Over the next few weeks we will be learning how to safely use the internet to search for images. We will link our learning to our science and learn how to sort and group sets of images.

Year 3's learning following half term:

In Year 3 next half term we will be continuing our exciting learning about the Stone Age. On the Monday of week three we will visit Butser Farm, an ancient Stone Age village, where the children will go inside Stone Age houses, and try out activities such as making jewellery, clunching and being archaeologists.

In history we will learn about Stonehenge, how the Stone Age links to the Iron Age and the Bronze Age, as well as making links with Ancient Egypt.

In RE we are learning about the Trinity, and looking deeply into the Christmas story, and the importance of the Incarnation to Christians.

In science we continue to learn about forces. We continue learning about magnets and also look at how springs work. Thank you so much for all your support for us this half term. Have a fabulous break and we will see you on Tuesday 2nd November.

This is what we are learning in Year 4 after half term:

Next half term, we will continue learning all about the Romans and we have an exciting trip planned to Fishbourne Roman Palace where we will find out about Roman villas and the impact of the Roman invasion on our local area. In English, we will be applying all our writing skills we have learnt this term to some non-fiction pieces of writing and poetry. Alongside this, we will continue to read our key text 'A Gladiator Stole my Lunchbox' which all the children are really enjoying! In Science, we will be learning about the digestive system and in Maths our main focus will be on multiplication and division so PLEASE ensure your child is practising their times tables EVERY DAY! In DT, we will be designing and making our own Roman purses which will give us the opportunity to learn how to do a blanket stitch. If there is anyone who would be willing to come into school and help us during our sewing lessons, that would be much appreciated! In RE, we will be studying the concept of The Trinity and what it means for Christians in the build up to Christmas. Thank you to all the parents for your continued support this term. All the children have worked SO hard and certainly deserve a good break during half term!

Next half term in Year 5:

For the second half of the Autumn term **Year 5** will be learning all about refugees. We will be reading a fabulous book called 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Rauf in which one of the characters is a refugee. We will be trying to understand what it would be like to be forced from our own homes so we will be **reading** and **writing** poetry to help us empathise with emotions.

In **Maths** we will be continuing our work on graphs: reading data, plotting graphs and comparing information.

For our **RE** we will be learning about incarnation and asking 'was Jesus the Messiah?'

In **Science** our focus will be on forces. We will be investigating questions such as: What are forces? What is gravity and air resistance? What is water resistance?

Geography lessons will include Compare **climate zones** and discuss how these are dependent on their location on Earth.

In **Art** we will be looking into tapestries and how they tell stories. We will research famous tapestries to learn about their histories as well as the artists and crafts people who created them.

The children have worked really hard so far this term and we thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 2nd November.

Year 6 after half term. Here is our overview:

We will be finishing Goodnight Mr Tom (comparing the film to the book) and then looking at Malala and considering different rights. There will be opportunities for descriptive writing as well as balanced arguments and poetry. In our Maths we will be looking at factors, squares, primes before moving onto fractions – plenty to tackle here!

When it comes to science, we will be continuing to explore evolution and inheritance and in RE we are going to tackle the tough questions of 'was Jesus the Messiah?'

Our History focus will be on the impact WW2 had on Worthing, individuals and groups – we look forward to exploring various evidence types in order to see what life was really like during WW2.

Again, in our geography, our focus will be on the population and climates within Canada so that we can respond to the question 'Would you like to live in Canada?' in an informed manner.

Finally in DT, we will be designing, costing and creating savoury dishes whilst considering where food comes from, how much it is and how we need a balance of food groups to stay healthy.

The Parents' Consultation Appointments booking system will go live on Tuesday 2nd November. This is an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher and to peruse all the hard work going on in class within their school books.

We would also invite you to build in time to visit the school hall: Steyning Bookshop will have a stall - you will be able to browse books available by all the 'Class' authors, and perhaps identify books which you might purchase for Christmas, Chartwells will also set up and will have sample meals from the school menu for tasting, Friends of Heene Primary (FoHPs) will be providing refreshments and there will be second hand uniform for you to purchase. Chromebooks recently bought for school will also be on view. Representatives from the Governing Body and both Headteachers, Miss Waelend and Mrs Sherlock will be on hand and would like to encourage you take the opportunity to complete the School Questionnaire (in paper form on the evening) again that so many of you completed before the summer, this will give a snapshot of how you as parents think the school is doing and your comments will be greatly received. We look forward to seeing you there.

Wishing you all a very happy Half-Term break

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