

'Learning together, loving others, guided by God'

# Heene Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an exceptionally busy week at Heene, full of a really fabulous Activity Week for Year 6, a Reception Class Beach Trip, a wonderful visit by the Author Sophy Henn, the release of our OfSTED report on Wednesday and an absolutely superb Summer Fair last Saturday.

# **Our Ofsted Report:**

Thank you so much for the many kind and positive responses to the report, for the challenging questions which we have received and for the willingness of 30 parents (so far) to join us for the post-OfSTED meeting on Monday evening. Do please book your place to join us if you are able to. We really do want to see you there and for you to share your thoughts and questions. Some parents have reportedly said there is no point in attending but with 381 children at Heene, we want as many parents as possible to join us and there is every reason to attend.

The meeting will begin with refreshments at 6.15pm and the meeting will formally start at 6.30pm. We are anticipating that the meeting will finish by 8pm. We really would encourage you not to bring young children with you, unless this cannot be avoided. We are able to make some provision for children if your situation means you have to bring them with you but we would be grateful to know if this is needed before lunchtime on Monday please.

The meeting is going to be very interactive and we are going to be spending the time hearing from the Governors; from ourselves as Co-Heads; from the Local Authority and yourselves as parents. For those of you who are unable to attend the meeting, we will be sending out notes of the meeting so you hear our response to the questions asked. I am delighted also to say that many of our teachers and Governors will also be joining the meeting to support the discussions. We really do look forward to seeing you on Monday evening.

#### **Year 6: Activity Week**

This has been a fabulous, if exceptionally tiring success for our wonderful young people. They have taken part in a large number of activities, including a trip to Chessington on Wednesday. They have really behaved well, worked well together and have enjoyed the more informal time they have been able to spend together. I must particularly mention the Year 6 young people and their participation in the Year 6 Diocesan Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral on Tuesday. Our children's role in that service was to lead the singing as the choir for the service and I have to say they were amazing. They truly sung their hearts out and represented the school exceptionally well; I was a very proud Headteacher.

#### The Summer Fair

Last Saturday's Fair was just wonderful and it truly showed the wonderful potential that our school community has to become an outstanding place of education for all our children. Something which each of

















them fully deserves. Seeing so many parents and families at the Summer Fair was just a joy and a delight and I am so grateful for the Friends of Heene Primary School for putting on such a wonderful event and I am so grateful for the tremendous generosity of the parents who joined us last weekend. The amount raised by the event will be confirmed as soon as possible.

### Early Years trip to the Beach:

The children enjoyed an afternoon out of the classroom at the beach. Our visit enabled the children to explore our local area and to gain first-hand experience of what they have been learning in school. The children enjoyed seeing Michelle, the beach warden, who they had previously met in an assembly. They told her what they have been learning and their saying 'Three for the sea'- take home three pieces of rubbish you have collected from the beach to help protect our ocean sea-life. The children also created their own piece of art work from things they had collected.

### **Wrap Around Care**

We are really pleased to be able to confirm that from September, The Childcare Club Worthing will be providing a breakfast and afterschool club for our children. Further information from The Childcare Club will be available shortly. In the meantime you can get an idea of the services they provide at other local schools by visiting their website <a href="The Childcare Club">The Childcare Club</a> - Home (thechildcareclubworthing.co.uk)

#### **SEN Dates for Parent Discussions:**

Our SEND Lead, Mrs. Daisley is once again offering parents of children on the SEND register a termly telephone meeting. The dates and times are now 8<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30-12.30 and 12th July 9.30-12.30. Do please contact Mrs Daisley on <a href="mailto:sendco@heeneprimary.co.uk">sendco@heeneprimary.co.uk</a> to make an appointment.

## New Class Teacher news today:

As promised last week, we are writing to you separately today to let you know who your child's class teacher will be in September.

We are delighted to be able to welcome two new teachers to Heene from September, Mrs Murphy to Year 1 and Mrs Arnold to Year 4. Both teachers are experienced and have come to us from other local schools. Mrs Murphy has come from Jolesfield Primary School, where Mr Trahern is currently Headteacher, and Mrs Arnold from Summerlea Primary. We really do look forward to welcoming them to the Heene Team from September. We are also delighted to say that Ms Carnegie will continue to be with us in September and we are grateful for the difference she has already made to the children at Heene.

Whilst we are pleased to welcome new teachers to the school we are equally sad to let you know that we need to say farewell to Mrs Leney and Mr Lockett. Mr Lockett will be moving to a new school in Brighton, much closer to home and Mrs Leney is seeking a new challenge having been at Heene since 2019. We are so grateful to both of them for the time they have been with us at Heene and we wish them every success for their future careers.

#### **Pupils of the Week:**

This week we have asked the teachers to select two children to receive a **'WOW'** award. This is for children who have just made their teachers stand back this week and go 'wow' at something their nominated children have done. For that reason we have asked them to add the reasons to this week's awards list. Well done to all our award winners.

Gruffalo	Amelia – for working really hard at writing sentences independently.
	Damien – for trying his best in phonics lessons and using his best handwriting.
Elmer	Ellis- has blown me aware in phonics this week. She has been incredibly
	focused and has been writing independently. The best part is that her writing
	can now be easily read by others.
	Faith- For applying all she has learnt in her phonics lessons to her independent
	writing. She really has made me say 'WOW' this week.
Funnybones	Aiden – for unbelievable improvements in his handwriting.

	Lucy – joining in our PE lessons with great independence.
Paddington	Sasha – for her thoughtful contributions to all of our class discussions.
	Bryon – for the maturity he is showing towards his learning and behaviour.
Gravett	Heath – for all round hard work in Maths and making Mrs Cobb say 'wow'.
	Stanley – for always making a contribution to lessons.
Jeffers	Freddie and Dante for both being exceptionally kind and helpful this week and
	always trying their best.
Pichon	Dhun – for always listening to ways to make her work even better.
	Freya – for her kindness and thoughtfulness to everyone in the class.
Stanton	Miss Carnegie will give her awards next week as she is currently unwell.
Hardy	Hugo – for really fantastic learning this week.
	Jack C – for wonderful learning especially in History.
Rundell	Jack O – for making excellent improvements to both his attitude and the
	presentation of his work.
	Zak – for his developing maturity and willingness to be his best in all subjects.
Morpurgo	Lucy – For showing great effort with her learning and growing in confidence.
	Beau – for really focusing on his learning and sharing great answers in
	discussion.
Blackman	Bo – for some fantastic work in English using expanded noun phrases to
	describe an Ancient Greek house.
	Lily – for accepting a change of seating in class and for proving that she can
	focus and produce excellent work independently.
Horowitz	Whole class for AMAZING singing at the Cathedral Leaver's Service
	Sonny and Otis (2 WOW children).
Almond	Whole class for AMAZING singing at the Cathedral Leaver's Service
	Elliot and Thomas (2 WOW children).

### Another reminder about dogs please:

Please could we again ask that if you are bringing your dog with you on the school run, do not let the dog run free and thereby able to jump up at children waiting to come into school. Some children and parents do not respond at all well to this and if your dog's recall is not good this can become an issue. Please could I also remind you to clear up after your dog. Today we had three children arrive at school with dirty shoes as a result of owners not clearing up after their dogs so please could we ask you to be vigilant on this. Thank you so much.

### And finally

Please do use the email address of <a href="head@heeneprimary.co.uk">head@heeneprimary.co.uk</a> for any communication at all that you would like to bring to our attention – we are always keen to hear from you.

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