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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual
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“Make your laughter matter”

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Red Nose Day! It's nearly 30 years since Comic Relief was first established and over £1 billion has been raised. Thank you for helping us support it today by buying Red Noses and finding something red for the children to wear (thank heavens for our ties ey?!)



Uniform Working Party

Man thanks to Joyce (Y3), Esme (Reception and Y2) and Jenny (Reception and Y2) for their time and input at our first uniform working party meeting on Wednesday. We had some really good discussions based on parents' feedback and have drafted a non-gender specific uniform policy which we will shortly be passing on to you.

Living Eggs

We are so eggsited (sorry, couldn't resist it) about the eggs that are being delivered with the incubator on Monday. We will set up a camera with a link to the website so that we can all share in the joy of watching them hatch and develop over the last two weeks of term.

If you would like to house two of the chicks at the end of term, please do come and see me. Please be assured that any unhoused chicks will return to the farm and will be well cared for.



School Council

I met with the School Council this week who fed back some excellent suggestions and ideas for resources and equipment they'd like for both indoors and outdoors. These include a buddy bench and more outside magnetic Polydron, Kinetic Sand and more reference books. I then met with Catherine Kiely to discuss how the PTFA would like to support by buying some of these resources. Thank you so much!

Reception

It was wonderful to have a group of reception children rush up to me in the corridor and tell me that 'no-one predicted which ramp surface the car would travel fastest on!'. We have continued with our topic 'Journeys' this week looking at road safety and in Maths handling data using tally's to count our mode of travel to school. In Art we have painted and made collages of vehicles and in Literacy we have written non-fiction books about vehicles.



Year 1

It has been a bit of 'Pants' week for us in Year 1! We've laughed out loud at the 'Aliens in Underpants Save the World' and used it to make our own rhyming Alien Pants Poem. We've loved our practical sessions on volume and capacity and are getting better and better at using mathematical vocabulary to explain how to solve problems and complete tasks. Look at what's happened to some of our seeds that we planted a few weeks ago!



Year 2

We have planned and written some amazing setting descriptions about our school environment. We can't wait to tweet some of them to you. We've been developing our knowledge of fractions and how to measure capacity throughout the week and really enjoyed role playing the parable 'The Prodigal Son'.

Year 3

We have continued with our amazing problem solving using fractions. Mrs Edwards said she thoroughly enjoyed our impromptu chat about our Maths when we ate lunch with her on Wednesday. 'Stig of the Dump' is a great book and our re-enacting of the story has helped us rewrite a chapter. When we've finished them we'll tweet them to you.



Spotlight falls this week on...

Year 1 - Victoria (1CPF) for Stage 1 Swimming,

Year 2 - Emily (2AM) for Swimming, Scarlett (2AM) for Level 7 Gymnastics, Zac (2HK) for Preliminary Safety Skills in Swimming and Indi (2HK) for Conquering 'Go Ape!'

Congratulations to you all!

PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

Reception - Annie and Quinn (RSR), Rebecca and Oliver (RAO)

Year 1 - Chloe and Xavier (1CPF), Baylen and Theo (1VH)

Year 2 - Daisy, Thom and YingGe (2AM), Iulianna and Joshie (2HK)

Year 3 - Aiobh and Joe (3SW)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 31 st March	Heights, Weights and Hearing Checks (Reception) I'm a Headteacher, Get Me Out of Here! Fundraising Event
Thursday 6 th April	Winchester Science Centre Trip (Year 1)
Friday 7 th April	Last Day of Term (1.30pm finish) PTFA Cake Sale after school
Monday 10 th April - Friday 21 st April	Easter Holidays
Start of Term 5	Return to school on Monday 24 th April
Monday 1 st May	May Day - School Closed
Monday 8 th May - Friday 12 th May	SATS Week

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Karen Edwards'.

Karen Edwards
Headteacher

PTFA NEWS

Bingo & Boogie Night – POSTPONED

This Saturday's BB night is being re-scheduled for a later date. Many people wanted to come but couldn't make the date due to other commitments, including Mother's Day.

Those who purchased tickets can transfer them or have a refund if they can't make the new date.

Cake Sale

Friday 7th April, After School

Year 1 hosting / baking

This term's cake sale will be after school on Friday 7th April. If you can help on the day or bake, please get in touch with Sally (Vaala's Mum, Year 3), email: szkochak@gmail.com

Summer Fayre Planning Meeting

5th April, 8pm, Alto Lounge, Caversham

WANTED!

Organisers for all elements of the Heights Summer Fayre 2017! Get involved, find out what roles need to be filled and share your ideas. Whether you'd like to coordinate this event, or just a small part of it, we would love to hear from you!

The Heights Easter Egg Competition

Calling all eggsperts! We are hosting an Easter egg competition for the children to decorate a hard boiled or papier mache egg (supplied by parent).

All entries will be judged at assembly on 7th April by The Easter Bunny (or one of his friends).

Entry Rules:

- 50p per entry
- Only one egg entry per pupil to be handed in on 7th April before 9.15am
- The egg can be decorated in any way (felt, glitter, paint etc) but must be able to sit/balance on an egg box

Mini Mile

21 May, Green Park, Reading

Join your children for the Green Park Mini Mile & raise money for our school

Sign up here : <http://www.royalberks10k.com/enter-2/>

Sponsorship link here: <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/suehepwood1>

Kids' Disco

Many thanks again to Liz Spall and Hilary Brailey , Miss Joanna of Wright School of Dance and all the children who came to the disco.

Together, we have raised £590 for the school!

Thanks and best wishes,

The Heights PTFA Team