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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed a lovely Easter break with your families and are as excited as we all are about the term ahead. I know it hasn't felt very 'summery' with very chilly mornings this week but next week promises to be warmer.

We sent this term's Curriculum topic web and newsletter from the classteachers via ParentMail earlier in the week and you can see that we have lots of wonderful activities and learning planned. The children are already enthused about their topics of Amazing Animals (Reception and Year 1), Pirates (Year 2) and Super Structures (Year 3). You may also have received notes from your Parent Class Reps following our meeting yesterday when we discussed dates for some whole school events such as Sports Day, Arts Week and Early Move Up Day as well as feedback from our Uniform Working Party.

So what have the children been doing in their first week back?

Reception

In Reception we have been retelling and acting out the story of the 3 Little Pigs. We also wanted to test out the theory of the strength of each of the houses and made our own out of straws and sticks and Lego. We then used a 'wolf' disguised as a hairdryer to try and blow them down. We had fun showing what happened in the video in assembly. We've also made some clay pigs and tackled some tricky maths problems involving halving.



Year 1

We didn't think any topic would be as exciting as Space but Amazing Animals is going to rival it. We've already been talking about animals that camouflage themselves and are looking forward to creating some fabulous aboriginal art of our chosen animal.



Year 2

We kick started our Pirates topic by reading a funny book called 'Pirates Love Underpants'. This has inspired us to answer some tricky comprehension questions and to think of some clever designs for our own set of Pirate Underpants (it's not as simple as you may think as Pirates need specially designed undergarments!!). We've also been recapping how to tell the time and testing our understanding by solving problems.

Year 3

Our new topic Super Structures is awesome! We've already been looking at some Super Structures across the world and have enjoyed sharing our own experiences about some we've visited ourselves. We are really looking forward to visiting some of Reading and Caversham's buildings and bridges learning about the history and design of them.

Farewell

We wish the Ball family a very fond farewell as they move to Singapore to begin an exciting new adventure!

I'M A HEADTEACHER... GET ME OUT OF HERE!

Just a reminder that the donation page for the 'I'm a Headteacher' fundraiser will close on Sunday. If you'd like to support our messy efforts and haven't had a chance to yet, please visit <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/adrianpattison1> before the 30th. Huge thanks to all who have supported us so far, our current total (including Gift Aid) stands at £1,942.19! Amazing!

Cake Sale

Year 3 will be holding a cake sale in the playground after school next Thursday 4th May to raise funds for their forthcoming 'Master Builders' Lego Workshop which supports their 'Super Structures' topic this term.

We would really appreciate any donations of cakes or biscuits and also volunteers (children and parents) who can support Mrs Sanigar with running the stall. The Year 3 children will be creating posters and thinking about pricing ahead of the sale next week. Please can all donations be brought into the classroom on Thursday morning.



Our spotlight this week falls on...

Reception - Varya for achieving level 1 swimming.

Year 1 - Myka for being a Champion Dune Buggy Driver, Abigail for achieving level 4 swimming.

Year 2 - Zachary for passing his ski exams in Val d'Isere and Kacper for gaining his 10m swimming badge.

Congratulations to you all!

PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

Reception - Freddie and Marnie (RSR) and Betsy and Zayn (RAO)

Year 1 - Laila and Tula (ICPF) and Lucy and Joshua (1VH)

Year 2 - Samuel and Scarlett (2AM) and Abigail and Joshie (2HK)

Year 3 - Bea, Eva and Zak (3SW)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 1 st May	May Day - School Closed
Week beginning 22 nd May	SATS Week - Year 2
Monday 5 th June	INSET DAY - School CLOSED
Friday 16 th June	Reception Trip to Thatcham Nature Reserve
Saturday 17 th June	PTFA Summer Fair
Friday 30 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 13 th July	Early Move Up Day

Quote of the week

"Mrs Edwards had to have a new metal knee because she ate too much chocolate!"

Ha! I love it!!

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

Karen Edwards
Headteacher

PTFA NEWS

PTFA Meeting

Weds 3rd May, 8pm, Caversham Rose

Join us to discuss this term's events including the Summer Fayre, Race Night and Mini Mile.

It's great to see fresh faces & get suggestions & ideas so please come if you can.

Mini Mile

Sunday 21 May, Green Park

Less than a month to go until the Mini Mile!

We've raised £90 to date, so a good start. There's a long way to go to raise our £1,000 target.

Help us by doing a big shout out to your family and friends to raise sponsorship.

You can share the link below to your networks today or the new meme on the Facebook page!

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/suehepwood1>

Summer Fayre

Saturday 17 June, 12-3pm

Oloha!

This year's summer Fayre has a Hawaiian theme!

If you can do a slot, man a stand, set-up or clear-up or help in another way please let us know.

Highlights include: Coconut shy, Squirt the boat, Beat the buzzer, Hook a duck, Beat the goalie, Animal skittles, Photo booth, Ice cream stall and much more.

We would love your offers of help: ptfa@theheightsprimary.co.uk

Best wishes for the bank holiday weekend,

The PTFA Team