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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I'd like to start by thanking you all for your support of the Year 2's entrepreneurial efforts last Friday at their Pirate Fayre. They designed, set up and ran some really fun, creative games and stalls after school and managed to raise £234 towards their trip to Lepe Country Park and Beach. Isn't that fantastic!

This week has been glorious and has really felt like Summer. The weather made a big difference to the different events and activities we had planned, particularly the Year 3 Rounders Fixture, the trip to see the Wind Turbine at Green Park and Reception's trip to the Nature Reserve Centre in Thatcham today.



Reception

This week in Reception we have been SO excited about bringing our teddies into school for our trip and Mrs Edwards said it was lovely to watch us coming in through the gates with them. It was like having an extra 50 furry children in the year. We thoroughly enjoyed the day, especially the Teddy Bear's picnic. Thank you so much to the FS staff and all the parents who helped during the trip. This week we've continued to learn about Pets and what kind of animal we might like to have. We've also been very clever making our own 'Lift the Flap' books inspired by 'Dear Zoo'. We've been very busy in our PE lessons practising for Sports Day and can't wait to show you all our skills.

Year 1

We are getting so good at researching - we've found out so much about particular animals and their habitats and can't wait to start making 3D habitats in Art. We'll show you them once they're finished when we have our display afternoon next month.

We've done lots of work across other subjects too, learning about the Human Body in Science, the different continents in Geography and Volume and Capacity in Maths.



Year 2

This week we've learnt a brilliant new story called 'Something Fishy' including actions to act it out. We're working hard to make our writing more exciting with exclamatory sentences and have really enjoyed planning our own cartoon strip story. Maths has been challenging as we've had to try and use mutual strategies to work out division problems - but we know we're getting better and better at this. As Mrs Edwards mentioned earlier, we loved making our games and stalls for our Fayre last week and were so proud that we raised so much money.

Year 3

We have had such an amazing week! Nine of us went to a Rounders Fixture at Cranford House and although we didn't win, we did really well, particularly as we were playing against Year 4's. Those of us that stayed behind were busy with the new LegoWeDo bought by the PTFA and then had an Athletics session with Mrs Edwards to help up practice for Sports Day. Then on Tuesday morning we visited the Wind Turbine at Green Park as part of our 'Super Structures' topic and learned about renewable energy. It was really interesting - Did you know that they are 120metres tall?!! Mrs Edwards



was really surprised when we told her! In English we've been looking at persuasive writing. We've started to study features of adverts and design our own advert for a Lego Superstructures Workshop.

Race Night

Thank you so much to Hannah Smith and Helen Morgan for organising such a fun evening and to everyone else who helped before and during the night and either sponsored races or 'bought' horses. Congratulations to the 6 finalists and Vanessa Mann for being crowned the winning Jockey for the second year running! Well done also to Michele Pattison who was the winning owner of 'Strong and Stable'.



Parent Class Reps

Many thanks to all the Parent Class Reps for their time and constructive feedback at our meeting yesterday. I know the minutes will be passed on to everyone over the coming days.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Kimberley and Brett, Grace's parents on the arrival of Otto last Friday evening. Mum and Otto are both doing really well.



Summer Fayre

Many thanks to Catherine Kiely and Bav Wood and loads of you for your huge efforts preparing for tomorrow's Fayre. It's going to be another scorcher - which is just as well, because I have a feeling I'll be getting rather wet on the 'Sponge Mrs Edwards' station! I can't wait to look forward to seeing many of you there.

A Special Mention..

A special mention today goes to Bea in Year 3 who raised over £90 selling squash to the public outside her house to raise funds for the families and victims of the Grenfell Tower tragedy this week. Well done Bea!

Our spotlight this week falls on...

Year 1 - Fletcher and Samuel for a successful sporting year with AFC Caversham

Year 2 - Scarlett for completing a UK Triathlon and Kacper for achieving Grade 1 Distinction in his Trinity Piano exam.

Year 3 - Anna for making her Brownie promise, Roshni for getting Level 1 at Reading Climbing Centre,

Congratulations to you all!!!

PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

Year 1 - Amelia and Finn (1CPF), Abigail and Megan (1VH)

Year 2 - Daisy and Sammy (2AM), Amelia and Dani (2HK)

Year 3 - Anna and Jermaine (3SW)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 17 th June	PTFA Summer Fair 12-3pm
Friday 30 th June	Sports Day 9.15am - 1.00pm
Monday 3 rd July	Year 2 Trip to Lepe Country Park Year 3 Trip to The Earth Trust
Thursday 13 th July	Early Move Up Day
Friday 20 th July	School closes 1.30pm.

Karen Edwards
Headteacher

PTFA NEWS

Race Night

Many thanks to everyone who came to race night and made it so successful. Congratulations to our race night winner Vanessa Mann! We will let you know the amount raised in next week's edition.

A huge thank you to Helen Morgan and Hannah Smith for all their fabulous organisation once again.

Summer Fayre – its tomorrow!

Grab your Hawaiian shirts and hula skirts, the summer fayre is tomorrow!! The weather is looking good so come along between 12-3 and join in the fun.

For the kids (big and small) we have 3 huge inflatables, including a slide and obstacle course, lots of fun games, a coconut shy and some hula dancing. There will even be a chance to splat the head teacher!

We have some amazing crafts made by our talented parents and the kids will have a chance to try their hand at their own crafts.

For lunch, we will have hot dogs, a huge variety of homemade treats in our world food stall, cakes and ice cream as well as drinks galore!

Plus, if you are feeling lucky we have bottle, chocolate and toy tombolas, the raffle and a chance to win tickets to Legoland!

Thank you to everyone who has helped to organise the fayre, we are so grateful for your support.

Kid crafts at the Fayre – DADS LOOK AWAY NOW!!

We have a fab & fun art activity organised for children at the fayre. They can take part in a guided activity to:

- 🌀 Create a personalised t-shirt / fathers gift for their dad / uncle / grandad / family friend
- 🌀 Design a card & be helped to wrap it all in a personalised gift bag

As it's a guided activity they will have plenty of help. All children taking part will also be able to do our Hawaiian flower craft activity free of charge.

All of the above (activities & Father's Day present) is £5.

We've had a number of pre-orders so do reserve your t-shirt in advance if you wish. There will be t-shirts available on the day too (first come first served).

Please email your preferred size (M, L or XL) and colour (sky blue or grey) to:

aalia.bhatti@gmail.com

Dates for your Diary

2nd July (Sunday): Albert Road fun day. The Heights will have a stall at this community fun day. More information to follow.

5th July (Wednesday): is the next PTFA meeting, 8pm @ Caversham Rose.