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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an Art-tastic week which we've all enjoyed and hope you did too when you came to the whole school exhibition yesterday. From Reception to Year 3, the children have studied a variety of artists, genres and methods including Eric Carle, Giant Art Attack, Andy Goldsworthy, Kandinsky and Block Printing.



We had a very busy start to the week with Year 2 travelling to Lepe Country Park for the day on Monday and Year 3 visiting The Earth Trust. Both Year Groups had a fabulous time. Year 2 became 'expert' sea shore safari hunters and then developed their compass and map reading skills when they completed an Orienteering course in groups.



Year 3 had a 'team building' and survival skills day which took them back to their Iron Age and Stone Age topics. They discussed how people survived by making shelters from natural resources and were set a challenge to build some in small groups using only the foliage they found on the ground in the woods. They also learnt to make and build fires (and put them out) safely - again with only natural resources.



Thank you so much to all the staff who organised and led the trips and the parents who helped on the day.

Annual Governors Meeting for Parents

Further to the ParentMail we sent out we do hope you will be able to join us for this Annual meeting on Monday 10th July at 7.45pm in the school hall.

Summer Concert

Mrs Fallon, Mark Bassett (Berkshire Maestros) and the children have been working hard in preparation for our Summer Concert at 9.30am this coming Tuesday 11th July in the School Hall. We do hope you'll be able to join us to enjoy songs from the Choir and the whole school.

Early Move Up/Transition Day

This coming Thursday 13th July our new Reception children will be joining us in their new classes for a morning or afternoon session and the rest of the children will be with next year's teacher for the whole day. Please look out for a ParentMail on Monday which will explain our plans for the start and end of the day.

Welcome

We were delighted to welcome two new pupils this week into Year 3 - Tom Anderson and Rachel Blencowe. A big welcome also to their families.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 10 th July	Governors Annual General Meeting for Parents 7.45pm
Tuesday 11 th July	Summer Concert 9.30am - School Hall
Thursday 13 th July	Early Move Up Day New Reception children visit (am or pm)
Friday 14 th July	Dressing Up Day - Whole School
Thursday 20 th July	Water Day
Friday 21 st July	End of Year Assembly - 9.30am School closes 1.30pm.

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Headteacher

PTFA NEWS

Did you know that the PTFA has raised almost £20,000 this year so far! This has enabled us to fund many new resources for our school including new benches, quiet area and sandpit for the playground, a visit from Millers Ark animal farm, Lego we do kits, kinetic sand and who can forget the gorgeous chicks that hatched just before Easter. Plus, we were able to contribute towards the pantomime trip, the new music room and also fund the planting of new trees in the park. We always love to hear funding ideas from parents and children so please send any suggestions to us by email (ptfa@theheightsprimary.co.uk) or speak to any of the committee.

This amazing fundraising can only happen with a team of volunteers to run the PTFA and manage the events. At this point in the year we are looking to elect the committee for the 2017/2018 academic year. We always need lots of ad hoc help throughout the year but can only function if we get volunteers to fill the key roles:

- Chair or Co-Chairs
- Deputy Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Marketers
- Digital
- Social Events Fundraisers for Adults (e.g. race night, quiz night)
- Social Events Fundraisers for Children (e.g. children's disco)
- Craft/Product Fundraisers (e.g. Creating Tea towels, Christmas cards, bags, recipe book)
- Fayre Fundraisers (Christmas and Summer Fayres)
- Corporate / Trust Fundraisers
- Running Team Fundraisers (Henley & Oxford 10k, Green Park 10k etc)
- After school Cakes and Treats Fundraiser

If you are interested in taking on a role or would like more information about the roles available please speak to Bav Wood or Catherine Kiely or email ptfa@theheightsprimary.co.uk

Albert Road Fun Day

Many thanks to everyone who helped at and visit the Heights stall at the Albert Road Fun day last Sunday. It was lovely for our school to be part of this community event and we are looking forward to joining them again next year. The PTFA have decided to donate the money raised from our beat the buzzer game to the Supporters of Albert Road Park group for their defibrillator fundraising.