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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an amazing to welcome all the new Reception children this week. They have settled so well, coping brilliantly with so many new things. We have been particularly impressed with them at lunchtime where they have shown amazing independence, fab table manners and skills and wonderful appetites! It has been lovely watching them form friendships in their own classes and with other children in other years.



It's been such a busy week but we've had lots of fun and are really looking forward to the new academic year ahead of us. Topics for the term for each year are as follows:

Reception - All About Me

Year 1 - The Great Fire

Year 2 - Dragons

Year 3 - Fantastic Pharaohs

Year 4 - Guatemala

You should have all received newsletters and topic webs from the class teachers giving more detailed information and about the plans for the term ahead.

The children in **Year 1** seem so grown up and have risen to the challenge of moving to a new class with new class mates upstairs! They've been busy writing about their summer holidays and thinking of questions we'd like the answers to about The Great Fire.



Year 2 couldn't believe it when a dragon came into their classrooms this week and left a message asking them for their help to find it's eggs! We have also started our Cracking Times Tables and learned all about Growth Mindset.

In **Year 3** this week we have built on what we have learned about the Ancient Egyptians last week and understand a lot more about the geography of Egypt. We have been using our detective skills to deduce what the story of our new class book is all about.

In **Year 4** we have been reading biographies about Ed Sheeran and Roald Dahl and have started to plan and write out own autobiographies. We have been writing mathematical facts about ourselves and creating self-portraits in art.

Pobble

You will have received a ParentMail today about our new teacher founded website for publishing our pupils' writing online. We hope you can come to the information session next Thursday 21st September at 3.30pm in the School Hall where you can find out more details.

Henley Standard

The photographs of the Reception children that were taken this week will be published in the Henley Standard on Friday 22nd September. Copies of the newspaper will be available to purchase in school - for every paper we sell (90p) the Standard will donate 30p to the school.

Jeans for Genes

Next Friday 22nd September we will be supporting Jeans for Genes day. All children can come to school in jeans and their usual uniform shirts/jumpers. We will be collecting donations of £1 towards this charity. Please note, that there is no obligation to wear jeans.

PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

Year 1 - Khaled and Tom (1AP) and Hannah and Marnie (1VH).

Year 2 - Jack and Laiala (2HK) and Kacper and Lilliana in (2SB).

Year 3 - Harry and Holly (3AM) and Reem and Ben (3SW.)

Year 4 - Rachel and Sebastian (4CT).

Spotlight

Year 1 - Tom for achieving Level 3 Swimming.

Year 2 - Frances, Jack and Rishi for all receiving Gymnastics medals, Audrey and Misa for completing a Starmaker Summer School, Theo for achieving Level 2 Swimming and competing in 11 2K Park Runs - the equivalent of a half-marathon!

Year 3 - YingGe for doing really well in his Level 2 Chinese Exam and Scarlett for completing a Triathlon in Stoke-on-Trent.

Year 4 - Olivia for achieving Level 7 Swimming.

Finally, well done to all the children who completed the Animal Agents Summer Reading Challenge!

Congratulations to all of you!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 18 th September	Reception children start full days
Friday 22 nd September	Jeans for Genes Day - Wear something denim
Wednesday 27 th - Thursday 28 th September	Year 4 Residential to Longridge
Monday 23 rd October - Friday 27 th October	Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 31 st October	Year 2 Trip to Windsor Castle (Details to follow)



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Headteacher

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-18

Term 1	Thursday 7th September <u>New Reception Children:</u> Home visits 6 th – 8 th September Monday 11 th Sep – Half Day (am or pm) Tue 12 th to Fri 15 th Sep – 8.45am to 1.30pm Mon 18 th Sep onwards – full days	To	Friday 20th October
INSET days	Tuesday 5 th September Wednesday 6 th September		
October Holiday	Monday 23 rd October	To	Friday 27 th October
Term 2	Monday 30th October	To	Tuesday 19th December School closes 1.30pm
INSET day	Friday 24 th November		
Christmas Holiday	Wednesday 20 th December	To	Tuesday 2 nd January
Term 3	Wednesday 3rd January	To	Friday 9th February
February Holiday	Monday 12 th February	To	Friday 16 th February
Term 4	Monday 19th February	To	Friday 23rd March School closes 1.30pm
Easter Holiday	Monday 26 th March	To	Friday 6 th April
Term 5	Monday 9th April	To	Friday 25th May
May Day	Monday 7 th May		
Late Spring Holiday	Monday 28 th May	To	Friday 1 st June
Term 6	Monday 4th June	To	Friday 20th July School closes 1.30pm
INSET days	Monday 23 rd July Tuesday 24 th July		

PTFA NEWS

PTFA AGM will be held on the 25th September (Monday), 7.30pm at the school.

PTFA volunteers

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 a new 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 following 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

Thankyou to everyone who have already come forward but if anyone else is 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.

Heights heart photos

Thankyou to everyone for sending us your photos. The photos are now up in reception but due to the overwhelming response we were unable to put all of your photos on the wall but tried to get at least 1 per family.