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# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe it's the end of week 4 already?! It's really starting to feel autumnal now and the children were laughing at how excited I became throwing sycamore seeds in the air and watching them catch in the air and fall like 'helicopters'. They're all around the school site so do give it a try yourselves!!

## Reception

In Reception this week we've been learning about our bodies, what they can do and how we can move. We've made skeletons and labels for the different parts. We're continuing to learn different phonics sounds and we've been exploring 2D shapes. We've talked about what makes a good friend and did some friendship knitting on the playground.



## Year 1

We are loving our topic 'The Great Fire'. We've already learned so much about famous landmarks in London and writing lists of things we might have found in Thomas Farriner's Bakery. We've been busy designing our own Tudor Houses and used a mitre block and saw (yes, you read that correctly) to cut the wood we need for them. It's been a great week for an autumnal walk and we've already spotted so many changes that are happening in autumn.

## Year 2

Can you believe it?! We had a new dragon called Hamish the Hydra visit our classes. It's really helped us with the writing of our non-chronological reports on dragons. In Geography we've been learning about the different seas and continents and using atlases to locate suitable places for Hamish the Hydra to move to. In Maths we've been sequencing numbers in a pattern.



## Year 3

We have had so much fun exploring instruction writing this week. When we didn't specify that a knife needed to be used to spread butter and jam on a piece of bread to make a jam sandwich, Mrs Bareham used her finger - urch!! We learned a lot about being specific and explicit after that! Our topic is amazing and we've really enjoyed creating our own Egyptian portraits, exploring hieroglyphs and even making papyrus paper.

## Year 4

After our amazing trip to Longridge last week we've been building on the skills we developed. Our orienteering activity has helped us to use directional vocabulary to describe where things are and to use maps. We've used one to study the physical features of Guatemala. We've been exploring different types of persuasive writing and have created a persuasive advert for Longridge and wrote a letter persuading loggers against deforestation. We are really excited to welcome another pupil into our class, Bhavishya. The family have relocated to Reading from Sussex.

## Ladders@Home (Portal and Login)

The school uses Learning Ladders to help assess pupils' progress in Years 1-4. There is also a portal for parents called Ladders@Home. For all parents new to the school we will be sending out Login details and how you can use the site.

### Walk on Wednesdays

It is brilliant that so many of you walk, cycle or scoot all or part of the way to school. Thank you. It was part of our discussion during our first Eco Council meeting and we agreed we'd like to raise the profile of walking or cycling to school even further with a 'Walk (Cycle) on Wednesday' focus starting from next week. We'll be sending out a brief survey shortly about modes of transport to and from school and would be grateful if you could spare a few minutes to complete it.



### Curriculum Meetings

Thank you to all those parents who joined us last night at the KS1 and KS2 welcome talks. Both sessions were well attended and information from them will be sent on in due course.



### Prospective Parents - Reception 2018

We are holding group tours for parents of children who are looking for school places for September 2018. Tours are taking place on Wednesday mornings at 9am and 11am and will run until 10<sup>th</sup> January. If you are interested in a tour, or know someone who is, please contact the school office to book a place.

### Cross Country

The first of the Chiltern Edge Primary Cross Country Races is being held tomorrow (Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October) at Chiltern Edge School from 10am. The races are for girls and boys in Years 1-6 and it would be great to see lots of runners attending. Please check your ParentMail for further details.

### Heights Support Group Meeting

8pm, Weds 11<sup>th</sup> September - Caversham Rose

Please join us for the first Heights Support Group meeting of the new term, next Wednesday evening at 8pm in The Caversham Rose.

The Heights Support Group is a friendly, welcoming support network, made up of Heights families of children with SEND, educational, emotional, physical or behavioural additional needs. Indeed, anything that makes it a struggle for them to come to school.

Our group's aim to bring together these families for regular social meetings to chat, moan, laugh and cry! And help support them through their children's time at The Heights.

Please feel free to chat to any member of the group, or with Mrs Fallon/Mrs Mullaney, if you have any questions, however big or small. Or join our closed Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1005755776165450/>

**NB** Please be aware that during our meetings sensitive and personal information may be shared. It is important that we maintain confidentiality both in and out of our meetings, so that they remain safe places for people to talk and share their concerns. Thank you.

### And finally... Wedding Bells!!

Congratulations to Miss Perfors who is getting married to Gijs-Jan in London tomorrow. The children have been busy making special cards for the happy couple and staff held a mini Hen Party after school.



### PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

Reception - Lily and Lucas (RED), Edward and Rowan (RSR)  
Year 1 - Khaled and Rebecca (1AP), Freddie and Harry (1VH)  
Year 2 - Chloe and Karim (2HK), Natalia and Sofia (2SB)  
Year 3 - Aryan and Betty (3AM), Mira and YingGe (3SW)  
Year 4 - Bhavishya and Kasim (4CT)

### Spotlight

Year 2 - Baylen (2SB) for taking part in the Henley Rugby Festival at Abbey Rugby Club.  
Year 3 - Ben (3SW) for completing the Animal Agents Summer Reading Challenge.  
Congratulations to all of you!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	'Come and watch us learn' Years 1-4 2.30-3.10pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photos
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photos
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	PTFA Cake Sale After School
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	'Wear it Pink' for Breast Cancer
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October - Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 2 Trip to Windsor Castle
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Nasal Flu Immunisations in School (Reception to 4)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school Panto - Hexagon



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