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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

WOW! We've finally made it to the end of our 4th school year and what a year it's been! Fun packed but also full of challenges. We continue to develop and grow as a Community and when I 'step back' and look at what we've achieved this year alone my jaw drops. As well as building on events, experiences and achievements from our previous 3 years this school has started swimming sessions for our KS2 children, run Bikeability sessions and developed a fantastic Bike Bus (thanks to Dawn Rosser). We've gained our ModeShift Stars Bronze Award and been nominated for a Pride of Reading Award as a result of our local charitable efforts. Our Junior and Senior Choirs led by Mrs Fallon, Mrs Bassett, Mrs Bentley and Mr Bethel have really blossomed this year and it has been fantastic to watch them perform Noye's Fludde with children from other schools in Reading at different events including the Hexagon.



Our first whole school Music Concert last week was a tremendous celebration of the wide range of musical talent across all our year groups. We were entertained by instrumental pieces played on the piano, violin, guitar and ukulele and children singing solos, duets and as groups. It was wonderful to watch every one of them confidently introduce themselves using the microphone and explain what they were going to perform. Many thanks to Mrs Fallon for all her efforts in organising what will now be an annual event.

The Summer Fayre last weekend built on all the previous Fayres and was a huge success, packed full of fun activities and entertainment for all ages to enjoy. Well done to Hannah, Tam and Helen for organising it and to everyone who helped make it such a fun 'Fest'. Matt Harcourt - what a voice!!!



The children have had the opportunity to participate in so many Inter-School Sports Events and Festivals. Children in Years 2, 3 and 4 have participated in Football, Tag Rugby, Cricket and Hockey Festivals thanks to Chris Ellison and his team from Performance Sports. We've also taken part in the 5th Oxon Winter Series Cross Country races, the Caversham Inter-School Cross Country Competition, and were hugely successful in the Green Park Mini Mile winning many individual and team trophies. We've been delighted to develop our relationships with other schools and play fixtures in Football, Tag Rugby, Rounders and Cricket against The Hill, Cranford House and Caversham Prep.

We've continued to develop and enrich the curriculum for the children with a wide range of trips to different places and workshops and talks from visitors. These have included our first Residential experience to Longridge by our Year 4's, visits to Marwell Zoo, Lepe Country Park, Beach Field Trip, Winchester Science Centre, The Earth Trust, Thatcham Discovery Centre and Vicon. We've also held workshops on Chocolate, Egyptian Dancing, Lego Superstructures, Bollywood Dancing and many more.



Thank you to all the staff for their amazing hard work and continued commitment to helping every child in the school achieve and thrive. I could not ask for a more incredible team of staff.

Thank you also to all the Trust Members for their support and tireless efforts to help us achieve our ultimate target of a permanent site. We are nearly there!

Thank you to all the Governors, led so strongly by our Chair, Nick Walden. Their work behind the scenes (as with the Trust) is immense and they have ensured the school continues to operate and achieve at the highest levels despite the extreme challenges we have faced throughout the year.

Thank you to you, as Parents for your faith, trust and support in every way. For the children, staff and myself personally. Your help in and out of school, listening to the children read, helping on trips, bike buses, in the lunch hall, on the playground or ferrying children to different activities and events is nothing short of amazing. The children, and we as staff, are lucky to have you!

Thank you to the PTFA, co-chaired brilliantly by Joyce and Maggie and supported by so many. The events organised have been wonderful Community celebrations and once again a tremendous amount of money has been raised to support both the school and different local and national charities.

Thank you to St Anne's School for their continued support, generosity and understanding and St Anne's Church for their generous offer of 10 parking spaces for our staff to use from September - that will be a real help.

I mustn't forget to thank the children, whose enthusiasm, determination, achievements and kindness take my breath away every single day.

Finally, huge thanks must go to the local community for their continued patience and understanding of our situation and circumstances whilst we remain on our temporary site. We are looking forward to finding different ways we can work with and support local groups and make the most of the remainder of our time in lower Caversham.

We're Hiring!

We are still looking to appoint the following:

- **Teaching Assistant Apprentice**, aged 16-21. If you know someone who may be interested in this role, please contact Caroline Hoyle, our Business Manager via the school office for further details or by emailing finance@theheightsprimary.co.uk.
- **Lunchtime Staff** to start in September.

Please check the school website for further details or contact the school office if you are interested.



PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

Reception - Aoife and Lucas (RED), Dominic and Ivy (RSR)

Year 1 - Harry, Robbie, Matthew and Betsy (1AP), Samuel, Oliver and Hannah (1VH)

Year 2 - Oliver, Sam, Arianna, Victoria, Usher and Lucy (2HK), Zuhair and Sofia (2SB)

Year 3 - Zachary, Darcey and Tom (3KF), Emily, Rhys and Rafi (3SW)

Year 4 - Bhavishya and Roshni (4CT)

Congratulations to you all!

Spotlight

Football

Luca (RED) for participating in Caversham Trents for the 2017-18 Season.

Swimming

Charlotte (RED) for completing Level 1.

Ellie (RED) for completing Level 2.

Sophie (RED) and Lauren (1VH) for completing Level 3.

Amelia (2HK) for completing Level 5.

Sofia (2SB) and Lily (3SW) for completing Level 6.

Emily (3SW) for completing Level 1, and swimming 10 and 15 metres.

Jonah (3SW) for swimming 300 metres.

Cycling

Harry (1VH) for completing the 'Race of Your Pace' challenge.

Hockey

All of Year 4 for participating in the Reading University Hockey Festival run by Performance Sports.

Cricket

Half of Year 3 for participating in the Reading University Cricket Festival run by Performance Sports.

Beavers

Rishi (2SB) for being invested as a Beaver Scout.

Ballet

Chloe (2HK) and Ava (2SB) for participating in the 35th Anniversary Showcase of Mo's Dance School at The Hexagon Theatre recently. They both appeared in the Mary Poppins ballet dance.

Street Dance

Ava (2SB) for being Street Dancer of the Week.

Congratulations to you all!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Return to School	Wednesday 5 th September
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May I wish you all a lovely summer break with your families and I look forward to seeing you again in September.



Karen Edwards
Headteacher