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# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wet and muddy, yet wonderful week and we have so much to share with you.

## Reception

In Reception this week, the theme has been 'Autumn'. We have learned how to write an autumn poem, finding words we'd like to use from a word mat, and writing them on a line. We're also learning to recognise, write and say the last phonemes in Phase 2, l, ll and ss and also numerals 11-15. We had great fun creating 3D trees from paper and decorating them with our own choice of leaves and were very proud when we sang our 'Fireworks' song in Friday's assembly.



## Year 1

This week in Year 1, we've been learning about nouns and adjectives and how to use them effectively to create sentences. We had a really enjoyable walk to a local Methodist Church on Wednesday including discovering artefacts in it and enjoyed writing up a recount of our trip, using time conjunctions. In Science, we have explored the weather and became weather reporters. We're really excited about observing and recording the weather each afternoon and comparing and discussing how the weather has changed over the week.

## Year 2

This week we have continued to work on our non-chronological reports on Castles, including labelling features of a report. This has been aided by our recount of our trip to Windsor Castle where we recounted the facts we learnt from it. We have also looked closely at the structure of castles in Science, have started to look at different materials and think about what materials would make a good 'roof' for a castle. We've started to play Tag Rugby in PE and have been looking at money and coin recognition, as well as odd and even numbers in Maths.



## Year 3

In English this week, we've been reading information texts and unpicking the key features. We also planned our own information text about mummification and have started to write the opening. Our topic work this week has been awesomely gruesome, as we've learned all the details about mummification. We really enjoyed taking on the role of mummy and embalmer, to re-enact the process. In Maths, we've started to learn about fractions and using our skills of finding fractions of a number to help answer fraction word problems.

## Year 4

This week we finished off our writing competition entries and have set them all off. We are SO excited about hearing back from the judges! We have found our writing skills lessons really useful in helping us with our sentence structures, fronted adverbials and punctuating speech. In Geography, we've been looking at and comparing the different continents of the World in a variety of ways. In Science, we've been learning about the different states of matter and in French we've been learning how to describe the ways we travel to school.

## Year 5

This week, we focussed on Remembrance Day and considered those who died. We looked at the poetry of Wilfred Owens and Lawrence Binyon. We completed a Big Write on Wednesday and have been looking at the column method in addition. We have continued our work on changing materials, by looking at soluble solutions and have been considering how the English Kings protected themselves from a Viking attack.



## Year 6

This week, we looked at wartime poets for inspiration and used these to create our own poems that described the reality of the War. Mrs Edwards was with us when we wrote and edited our poems and she said she was blown away by them. In Maths, we have learned how to find percentages of quantities as well as converting percentages into decimals and fractions. In our topic work, we've started to look at Conscientious Objectors, who chose to stand against what they considered an unjust and unfair war. In PE, we're focussing on Hockey and Tag Rugby and we're really enjoying our Guitar lessons.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Junior Music Festival at the Hexagon - Choir                              | Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November  |
| Christmas Fayre   | Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 12-2.30pm   |
| Cross Country (Y1-6) at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge                       | Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 10am   |
| Year 6 Christmas Songs at St Luke's                                       | Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December (am)   |
| Key Stage 1 Production (Y1 & 2) at St Andrew's Church                     | Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 5-6pm  |
| Key Stage 1 Production (Y 1 & 2) at St Andrew's Church                    | Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 5-6pm  |
| Panto - Whole School Visit to see Cinderella at the Hexagon               | Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December (morning)   |
| Year 5 (5RR) Christmas Songs at St Luke's                                 | Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December (am)  |
| Reception Nativity - Dress Rehearsal at school                            | Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am   |
| Year 5 (5CT) Christmas Songs at St Luke's                                 | Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December (am)   |
| Lower Key Stage 2 Christmas Singalong (Years 3 & 4) at St Andrew's Church | Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 6-7pm<br>** Hopefully another date for a second performance will be confirmed ** |
| Reception Nativity - For Key Stage 1 and Grandparents at school           | Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am   |
| Reception Nativity - For Parents at school                                | Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am  |
| Last Day of Term  | Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December<br>School Finishes at 1.30pm  |

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