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# HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy 1<sup>st</sup> April and Happy Easter!

We've all made it through this term. Thank you so much for all your support and understanding. It's certainly not been an easy one for anyone! Can you believe that next term we will finally be moving to our permanent site!! We can't wait!

Thank you to the PTFA for all the lovely Easter Egg gifts that you provided, courtesy of Tesco. What a treat!

## Reception

We've really enjoyed our focus on Jack and the Beanstalk over the past few weeks. We had lots of fun performing the story and Mrs Edwards said she loved watching it. We were really proud of our writing when we re-wrote it by ourselves and we liked wearing green trops today to help us to try to create a Beanstalk effect. Look at us!

We've also focused on eggs this week in the build up

to Easter. We've painted eggs and drawn patterns and made collages on them. It's been wonderful being back at school, but we're definitely looking forward to having a bit of a rest over the Easter holidays.



## Year 1

Our herb plants have really grown and we can't wait to bring them home so that we can continue to look after them over the Easter break. Mrs Abraham, Mrs Powell and Mrs Quinn have even suggested that we use some of them in a recipe. Here's a photo of some young Basil, Chives and Parsley seeds. Yum!

We loved our surprise Easter Egg Hunt - how did you manage to keep that from us? We completed some different assessments this week, including Reading Comprehension, Maths and Science and are really proud of all our achievements and progress this term, both at home and in school. Mrs Edwards has also told us that she loves being on break duty with us, because we play virtual 'Tag' with her.



## Year 2

We've had such a choca-licious week! We loved our Chocolate Workshop on Monday and learned so much about how chocolate is made and which types of chocolate is healthier for us. We enjoyed making our chocolate lollies and 'cakes'. Thanks so much to Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Kingshott for organising the day. We also loved watching Charlie



and the Chocolate Factory - what a film, although we wouldn't have wanted to be in the shoes of the children who weren't as kind and caring as Charlie.

### **Year 3**

We've been completing some assessments this week and our teachers have said how proud they are of our positive attitudes to learning. We're looking forward to bringing our clay pots that we made home this afternoon and can't wait to finally start learning to play the Violin after Easter!

### **Year 4**

What did you think of our outfits for our Roman Day on Monday? Grace, what an impression you made with that wig! We had so much fun, pretending to be in character and managed to contain ourselves with our swords. We learned a lot about life as a Roman in the Workshop and many thanks to the Year 4 team for organising it.

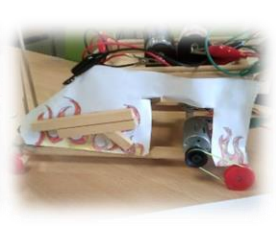
We were inspired by the Census to look at and analyse different data in our Maths lessons and loved investigating renewable energy using EcoStyle science

kits loaned to us by Mrs Brett. We learned how solar and photovoltaic energy is renewable, and experimented with different outputs using voltmeters to measure the electricity generated. We had a lovely sunny day with no wind - I'm sure you can guess which source of energy was most successful: solar panels vs wind turbine...!



### **Year 5**

We've had a busy week of assessments across all our different subjects this week but have also managed to design and make moving models of a Lunar Buggy - look at these!



### **Year 6**

As well as completing some assessments this week, 6MR had a chance to complete and showcase their adverts to the class (6BC did theirs last week). We had a real giggle completing an Easter Egg Hunt inside the Year 6 classrooms - boy did Mr Cook and Ms Rogers find some challenging hiding places!

### **Site Manager**

We were delighted to recruit and appoint Stuart Guntzenbach to the school's new post of Site Manager from the end of May. Stuart is well known to the school as the parent of one of our Year 6 pupils last year (and always one of the parents cooking the BBQ's during our Christmas and Summer Fayres!). Stuart is going to be a very welcome and wonderful addition to our Heights staff team and school community. I can't believe that after 14 years of Leadership I can finally relinquish the job of gritting on freezing winter mornings - Yippee!

### **Uniform Review**

After Easter, we will be consulting with parents (and pupils) on our school uniform. We will pass on a survey which we would be grateful if you could complete.

### **Parent Survey**

We will also be passing on a general survey for you to complete which will help us gain your views of different aspects of the school and how it is run. Thank you in advance, for completing this as your feedback helps us reflect on and evaluate our policies and practice as we strive to offer the children the very best learning and life opportunities and experiences.

## Dates for the diary

<b>End of Term</b>	<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April (no early finish)</b>
<b>Easter Holidays</b>	<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>
Start of Term 5	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April
World Book Day/Pyjama Day (Dress Up)	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 6 Bikeability	Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> June to Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> April and Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> June to Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 5 Greek Dressing Up Day	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April
Class Photos	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Last Day of Term</b>	<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Extra Ordinary INSET DAYS</b>	<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June &amp; Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Start of Term 6 - NEW SITE</b>	<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>
Whole School Photo (new site)	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> June
Year 5 Bikeability (details TBC)	Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> June to Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> June and Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> June - Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> July
Year 6 to Skern Lodge (Covid permitting)	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July

Wishing you all a happy, safe and restful Easter.

Mrs Edwards