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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers

We had had such a fun week! It was wonderful to welcome so many of you to our Exhibition afternoon on Tuesday and for you to tour all of our classes. The children are rightly incredibly proud of their work and learning environment.



Early Move Up Day

Yesterday we welcomed our new children into Reception for a morning or afternoon and it was fabulous to see such happy faces! Everyone seemed to have a lovely time meeting their new teachers and teaching assistants, exploring their new classrooms and making new friends. At the same time, the whole school moved up a year into their new classrooms and worked with their new teachers for the day. All the children had a great day.

End of Year Assembly

We will be holding our last assembly of the school year next Friday morning at 9.30am. Please do come along - everyone is welcome!

Charity Fundraising

We were delighted to hand over a cheque to Caversham Good Neighbours this week; some of our children and their siblings raised money by running the Green Park Mini-Mile. We will also be handing over another cheque for £500 to Reading Family Aid on Monday next week.

School Reports

Please can I remind you to return the acknowledgement slip and comments for your child's report issued earlier this week if you haven't already done so.

Clubs

All clubs have now finished for the term and clubs for September are in the process of being finalised. A letter will be issued soon with more details and how to sign your child up for these. A huge thank you to Chris and Guy from Performance Cricket, Tekkers, Michaela Clarke and Nathalie Brant for running such wonderful clubs for our children.

Reception

We've had a really busy week! In literacy we have been writing in role-play using frames provided and have written a story based on 'Handa's Surprise'. We have been looking at word problems in maths and working out whether we need to use addition or subtraction to solve them. Our artwork this week has focused on wild animals and skin patterns and camouflage. The artwork has linked beautifully with understanding the different habitats and environments of animals and why they camouflage themselves.

Year 1

We've had a busy week and were thrilled to see so many parents upstairs to see our fabulous exhibition and we have continued with our fact files on our chosen animals and have learned about the six animal groups ready for our trip to Marwell Zoo today - we've had a brilliant day! If you have any plastic bottles in your recycling please can you send them in on Monday (with the lids), as we would like to use them for some capacity lessons.



Year 2

This week we welcomed parents and families into school to see our boat building work, our River Thames artwork and our Wind in the Willows adventure stories. We did lots of PSHE work on how change is good in readiness for our Early Move Up Day and we all had a great time in our new Year 3 class. In maths we worked on word problem solving using number facts and place value to help us. In literacy we have been writing our own river poems and learning them off by heart to perform to the rest of the class.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 19 th July	Thatcham Nature Discovery Centre trip - Reception Classes
Wednesday 20 th July	Water Fun Day - Whole school
Friday 22 nd July	Last Day of Term End of Year Assembly at 9.30am
Wednesday 7 th September	Start of term for children in Years 1-3
Friday 9 th September	Start of term for children in Reception

Karen Edwards
Headteacher

'Please read on to p3 for an update from the PTFA'

PTFA NEWS

ONLINE SHOPPING CODES

Just a reminder that if you're planning to do any online uniform shopping in the next few weeks, you could earn cash back for the school with your purchases. Simply register with The Giving Machine, select 'The Heights Primary' as your preference and we will receive commission for every purchase made via the site. The Giving Machine is supported by most major retailers including Marks & Spencer, Amazon, John Lewis and eBay. Please visit www.thegivingmachine.co.uk and register today.

And if you need some name labels for September, we have a code for you to use with any purchase from www.mynametags.com. Simply use our school ID 1860 at the checkout to earn 20% back for the school.

We also have a code for you to use with any purchase from www.micro-scooters.co.uk. Enter 139972 when prompted at checkout and the school will receive cashback for every order.

AWARD ENTRY WINE FOR £5 PER BOTTLE!

If you enjoy amazing quality wine at an equally amazing price (with a small commission going to the PTFA), then I'm sure you'll be very interested in the following... Decanter magazine run the world's largest wine tasting awards - The Decanter World Wine Awards (<http://www.decanter.com/decanter-awards/>). Each entrant (over 18,000 this year) is required to send a 12 bottle case in for the judging process, from which bottles are used as the wines pass through the various potential stages of judging. At the end of this process, there is a vast quantity of wine remaining and Decanter magazine are selling this raising money for the charity, WaterAid.

We have the opportunity to offer this wine to parents for £60 per case of 12 bottles, the equivalent of £5 per bottle!!

There are of course some T&C's:

- We can only accept orders for complete, 12 bottle, cases
- The nature of the sale sees each case of 12 bottles purchased being a lucky dip from the wines sent in for awards (it is not possible to request a specific style of type of wine) and are non-refundable.
- The bottles purchased through this sale will have multiple stickers and barcodes and some wine labels may be unfinished as some bottles are pre-production for the awards
- If you receive a corked, oxidised or otherwise faulty bottle of wine in one of your lucky dip cases, this will not be refunded or replaced by Decanter with a new bottle due to it being a charity sale.

There is no restriction on the number of cases you may purchase from this offer.

To make it worthwhile we will need to order in bulk and will therefore need to collect payment from everyone in advance. This would need to be received by the 23rd July and we would then inform you when your case(s) have been delivered and are ready for collection.

If you think this may be of interest to you, please get in touch with the PTFA (ptfa@theheightsprimary.co.uk). We need to have an idea of how many cases you would like, so we can see whether it would be worth proceeding with this offer.

PTFA COMMITTEE 2016/2017

Thanks to all parents, old and new, who joined us for our final PTFA meeting of the school year. We are really pleased that so many parents have shown an interest in joining the committee for the next school year (especially so many new faces!) and look forward to handing over at the PTFA AGM on Mon 26 September. At this meeting all the nominees will be presented for the roles and votes cast.

Here's the list of nominees and vacancies as it currently stands:

- Chair or Co-Chairs – 2 nominees
- Deputy Chair – vacant
- Treasurer (2 positions) – 1 nominee, 1 vacancy
- Secretary – 1 nominee
- Marketing – 2 nominees
- Digital – 2 nominees
- Bar Manager - vacant
- Social Events Fundraiser (Adults) 2 positions organising all parent social evenings – 2 nominees
- Social Events Fundraiser (Children) - Organising a fun event x 3 (school disco, mini mile, movie night) – 2 nominees
- Craft/Product Fundraiser - Tea towels, Christmas cards, bags, recipe book – 2 nominees
- Christmas Fayre Fundraiser – 2 nominees
- Summer Fayre Fundraiser - vacant
- Corporate / Trust Fundraiser (2 positions) - 2 nominees
- Running Team Fundraiser - Henley & Oxford 10k, Green Park 10k, any other run - 1 nominee
- Cakes and Treats Fundraiser - Thursday before each half term cake sales – 1 nominee