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# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual  
Responsibility and Excellence

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Dear Parents and Carers

I just can't believe we're at the end of our second year. It has been another incredible 10 months and feel so proud of all we have continued to achieve.

We have attached the 'not so short' poem that I have written which light heartedly summarises some key events. You will note that I have taken the term 'poetic licence' almost to an extreme - ahem.

## And so to some 'thank you's':

To you as Parents and Grandparents, for your unwavering faith and support, both of your children and us as a team of staff. Your help building furniture, reading with children, supporting on trips, attending meetings and setting up for events makes such a difference. We are a very special Community and all our achievements are a result of wonderful partnerships.

To our Members of the Trust, who continue to work tirelessly behind the scenes to secure a Permanent Site.

To Nick Walden and all the Governors who, as critical friends work so hard to ensure everything we do secures the best possible outcomes for our pupils.



To our PTFA, brilliantly led by the two Liz's. The fundraising community events throughout the year have been so much fun and have raised a staggering £25,000. This has not only developed an invaluable outdoor adventure play area for the children but has helped us offer them a whole host of curriculum enriching experiences.

To St Anne's for continuing to generously share their field and facilities.

To all those who come into school and work with and for the children - Chris Ellison and his coaches, Energy Kidz, Crumbs, Angie and Helen our music teachers, Nathalie Brant, Tekkers and Michaela Clarke.

To our amazing team of staff for their passion, drive and care of the pupils. They are inspirational practitioners and always have the children's wellbeing at the heart of everything they do.



Finally, to the children who inspire me every day and are the reason I love every bit of my privileged role.

## Farewells

It's always sad to have to say goodbye - but with technology making our world so much smaller - perhaps we can just say 'adieu' to Rupert N-P and his family who are moving to New York, and Freya J and her family who are moving to Tilehurst. They take with them all our love and best wishes.

We also say farewell to Mr C who is off to teach in Malaysia with his girlfriend - what an adventure! He's been instrumental in helping the school develop since its inception and we will all dearly miss his cheeky humour for antics and caring nature. Good Luck Mr C and please keep in touch!

Finally to Lyn in the office, who came on board the Heights train (like Mr C) before even the temporary site existed. She's worked with no mains power or water in the early weeks and helped set up.....pretty much everything. She is a special, gentle person who will always remain in our Heights hearts and we wish her all the best for her retirement.

Good Luck Miss Popat - we'll be thinking of you when you get married in the holidays.

## Spotlight

Reception - Chloe and Amelia for Gymnastics, Jack, Rishi, Lucy, Amelia, Xavier and Sam for swimming.

Year 1 - Tom, Emily, Thom, Emma, Lily, Darcey and Zachary for swimming, Mira for playing the piano at a Charity Piano Recital, Matilda for getting a distinction in her Grade 1 violin exam and to Nathan for achievements at Beavers.

Year 2 - Imogen, Freya, Roshni and Rishona for swimming and Rishona and Roshni for playing the piano at a Charity Piano Recital.

Congratulations to you all!

## Reminders for September

When we return to school on 7<sup>th</sup> September, children in Years 1, 2 and 3 will start their day at 9.00am. Please ensure your child is in school and ready for registration on time. If the weather in September is unseasonably warm, children may continue to wear their summer uniform until October Half-Term if weather permits. If you would prefer to head straight into winter uniform, that is fine.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Start of term for children in Years 1, 2 and 3
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception children in school for a half day (am or pm)
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception children in school for mornings until 1.30pm

Wishing you all a wonderful summer and see you all in September.



Karen Edwards  
Headteacher



## PTFA NEWS

### THANK YOU, THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!

More than ever, at this particular time of year the PTFA is overflowing with thanks for all that have supported our efforts over the school year. There are way too many to name in person in one Highlights email, so please read the attached PTFA newsletter for a review of the past term and that all important fundraising total! It's pretty impressive!

### WINE & CRICKET!

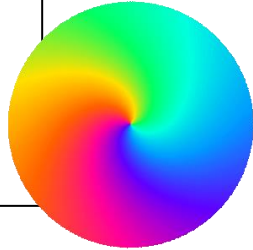
Our on-going summer fundraisers include Davina Buchanan's Decanter wine offer (don't forget to get your orders/cash to her by Fri 29 July) and the Ellison's Little Crickets sessions. These are now full, please remember to donate the session fee once your child has attended via the fundraising page: [www.mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/annieellison2](http://www.mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/annieellison2). This means the PTFA can receive giftaid too!

WISHING THE WHOLE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY A FABULOUS SUMMER HOLIDAY! SEE YOU ALL IN SEPTEMBER FOR MORE  
FUN & FUNDRAISING!

# OUR END OF TERM AWARDS CELEBRATE SPECIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS THIS TERM:

## AMAZING ARTISTS

Chloe Kniep - RNC  
Lily Reimer-Ballantyne - RSR  
Sienna Brock - 1VH  
Alyssia Kenny - 1CPF



## BRILLIANT BOOKWORMS

Dominic Henry - RNC  
Rishi Taylor - RSR  
Hannah Jones - 1CPF



## DARING DESIGNERS

Joe Aspin - RSR  
Mantra Vivek - 1VH



## FABULOUS FRIENDS

Freya Jones - RNC  
Lucy Mitchell - RSR  
Samuel Crisford - 1VH  
Holly Parr - 1CPF



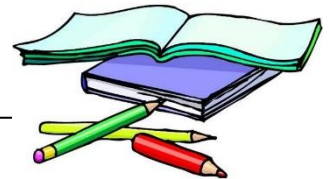
## MARVELLOUS MATHEMATICIANS

Zuhair Qadeer - RSR  
Alex Callagnah - 1VH  
Rishwith Vipperla - 1CPF



## REMARKABLE WRITERS

Misa Bozic - RNC



## RESILIENT RISK TAKERS

George Akwa-Likhachov - 1VH



## SUPER SPORTSPEOPLE

Jonah Fallon - 1VH



## SPECTACULAR SCIENTISTS

Theo Kniep - RNC  
Oliver Buchanan - RSR

