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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome to you all at the start of our third year. We have been so excited to see all the children come back after the summer. I can't believe how much they've grown!! Whatever they've been eating, can I have some please?!

It has been lovely to welcome our new Reception children and their parents to our special community. We're looking forward to getting to know you all over the coming weeks.

I'd also like to extend a special welcome to GeWei and his family who have joined us in Year 3 and Usher who started in Miss Parker-Fraser's Year 1 class.

It's going to be another wonderful, fun-packed year full of rich learning experiences and I mean that for the pupils, staff and hopefully you as parents too!



Please look out for an overview of your child's curriculum for this term and a newsletter from their class teacher next week. You will also receive a weekly overview via email every Monday. We hope that this will help keep you informed of what the children may be doing each week.

Celebration Assembly

We held our first celebration assembly of the year this afternoon. Our theme and focus this week has been 'Be the best version of you' and we've linked this to the Olympics and Paralympics. The children were enthralled when watching the 'We're Superhuman' trailer for the Paralympics. It's truly inspirational. If you haven't yet had the chance to see it you can find it on YouTube.

The new Reception children will join us in Celebration Assemblies for the first time from Friday 23rd September. As our numbers increase every year I'm afraid this means we won't have the space to welcome quite as many parents as we used to and all buggies will need to be left outside. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

Jeans for Genes Day

On Friday 23rd September we will be participating in Jeans for Genes Day, a charity which works to raise funds for a range of initiatives that improve the lives of children affected by a genetic disorder.

All children can come into school wearing denim jeans, shorts or a skirt alongside their normal school uniform shirt/blouse/tie. Participating in this is optional and children should not feel that they have to wear denim.

A voluntary contribution of £1.00 is suggested which will be sent directly to the charity.

Spotlight

Reception - Zayn for completing his Library summer challenge.

Year 1 - Hamish, Annabel, Rishi, Freddie, George and Kacper for completing the Library summer reading challenge. Finn for completing Level 3 in his swimming,

Year 2 - Fletcher, Rhys, YingGe, Rafael for completing the Library summer reading challenge.

Congratulations to Alyssia for being an 'Amazing Artist' during the last academic year.

Year 3 - Roshni for completing the Library summer reading challenge and climbing and conquering with The Great Big Tree Climbing Company!

Congratulations to you all!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 23 rd September	Jeans for Genes Day
Monday 26 th September	8pm - PTFA AGM at school
Sunday 9 th October	Henley 10K/Mapledurham Muddy Mayhem Races
Saturday 12 th November	PFTA Quiz Night
Saturday 10 th December	3pm - Christmas Fayre at school



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Please read on to the next page for an update from the PTFA

PTFA NEWS

PTFA AGM – MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER, 8-9pm

Welcome back one and all, and a really special welcome to all of our new Heights families! You are all invited to the Heights Primary PTFA AGM, held at the school on Mon 26 September. It promises to be a packed meeting, with a review of everything PTFA related that's been achieved over the last academic year and the all-important voting in of the new committee. 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) 3 positions organising all parent social evenings – 2 nominees, 1 vacancy

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

The AGM is also a good chance for you to find out more about your PTFA and put names to faces! We hope to see you there!

CHRISTMAS FAYRE PREPARATIONS

Now that the children are back at school and things like Strictly are back on the TV, thoughts inevitably turn to Christmas, and here at The Heights we are on the case! The ever-helpful Hepwards (Sue and Richard – parents of Scarlett Yr 2 and Amelie Reception) have volunteered to run the show this year and they need your help to support with planning, preparation and help on the day. Read your class rep emails for more details on how to get involved, or if you're on Facebook, updates will be posted via the Heights parents page: www.facebook.com/groups/1407222486224097/

SUMMER HOLIDAY FUNDRAISING – THANK YOU!!

Not content with putting their feet up over the summer break, our fantastic team continued the fundraising with two excellent money-raising ideas to benefit both children and adults! Chris and Annie Ellison (Performance Cricket) ran a series of really popular Little Cricketers summer sessions, exclusively for the Heights children, and raised £700 from donations for attendance. Hugely generous and much appreciated lovely Ellison family! Davina and Steve Buchanan raised an equally impressive £525 with their Decanter Wine club offer for Heights parents, and kept us all well-stocked with vino over the summer break. Again HUGELY appreciated! Thanks to all who supported them!

UPCOMING EVENTS

HENLEY 10K & MAPLEDURHAM MUDDY MAYHEM – SUNDAY 9th OCTOBER

It's become a bit of a Heights tradition to run the Henley 10K/Half marathon to raise money for the PTFA and this year they've added a 1 mile fun run for children/families. This is the same date as Muddy Mayhem 5K obstacle race at Mapledurham estate! Please join in the fun and sign up for one of these events, they promise to be great fun and a really good opportunity for new parents to get involved and meet others – all abilities welcome. To make fundraising a bit simpler, we will be creating a joint sponsorship webpage – watch this space for more info!

For the Henley Half/10K enter here: https://www.sportsentrysolutions.com/new_race_page.php?recordID=200120 (list the Heights Primary school PTFA as your charity to get discounted price)

Mapledurham Muddy Mayhem here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/muddy-mayhem-tickets-25313031960>

If you think your company may be able to support you and the Heights team by matching the funds raised, then please let us know asap!

CHARITY GOLF DAY AT MAPLEDURHAM GOLF CLUB – details TBC!

SAVE THE DATE! – PTFA QUIZ NIGHT - SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER – details TBC!