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# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual  
Responsibility and Excellence

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Dear Parents and Carers

We've had a fabulous week and as usual have packed load into it! Thank you for all your support as we've trialled new systems dropping off and picking up the children.



The new Reception children have settled in really well. We are looking forward to them being with us for the whole day from next Monday. They have been finding out about all the different indoor and outdoor areas of the school and who's who. They've had fun playing with children from different classes at break and lunchtimes and looked super smart when they had their class photos taken on the Adventure Playground. Please note that these will be published in the Henley Standard on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September and copies of the paper will be available to buy for 90p from the school office from that day.

In the older years the children have impressed their written work and accounts of their summer holidays. They've been discussing what helps them learn and how they can have a growth mindset. Do ask Year 2s about 'Persevering Penguins'.



We've celebrated the literature of Roald Dahl on what would have been his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday earlier this week and the Year 3s printed some gorgeous Egyptian sunsets at the start of their topic 'Fantastic Pharaohs'. The overview of your child's curriculum and topic for this Autumn term will be sent to you via ParentMail and a hardcopy in book bags on Monday. There will also be a newsletter from their classteacher.



## Budding Cellists

We are really excited for our Year 3s who will have their first Cello lesson next Wednesday morning in school, taught by a Berkshire Maestro specialist.

## Jeans for Genes Day

It is Jeans for Genes day next Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September which is an annual fundraising event by a charity that funds and supports a range of initiatives that improve the quality of life of children affected by genetic disorders. Next Friday we are supporting the day by encouraging children and staff to wear denim trousers or skirts with their school uniform shirt and tie. The children do not have to take part if they don't wish to. All voluntary contributions of £1 will be sent directly to the charity.

## After School Clubs

As you will have noticed from the ParentMail sent out earlier this week, we are offering quite a range of different after school clubs. Most of these we are subsidising heavily with our Sport Premium and we will try our best to ensure that every child has the opportunity to attend at least one of their chosen clubs. Where this is not possible due to increasing numbers of pupils we will operate a waiting list. Children who have gained a place in Netball club have been notified by ParentMail. If your child has gained a place in any other sports club you have been sent a ParentPay notification which is your confirmation of a place and indication to pay.

## Spotlight

Year 1 - Sara, Elliot and Jack for completing the Big Friendly Read and also Sara for extraordinary bravery and physical fitness in tackling rope park challenges in Poland.

Year 2 - Rishwith, Nathan for completing the Big Friendly Read.

Year 3 - Imogen for completing the Big Friendly Read.

Congratulations to you all!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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



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### PTFA NEWS

PTFA AGM – MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER, 8-9pm

Another reminder that 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. We currently are without any nominees for the Deputy Chair, Treasurer, Bar Manager, Social Events Fundraiser (adults) and the Summer Fayre Fundraiser. 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!