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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual Responsibility and Excellence

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Dear Parents/Carers

I'd like to start with a big thank you to Mr Crispin and all the staff for developing our new Mud Kitchen. The children have really enjoyed playing in it and have made some really imaginative dishes for their friends and the staff. My mud stew and mud muffin were out of this world! Thank you for all your generous contributions.



IN THE CLASSROOMS



Year 1 have been creating fireworks poetry using all five senses and have made firework pictures using the wax-resistant technique and a colour wash. We have been consolidating their addition and have introduced subtraction using a number line. This afternoon we have experimented with joining skills and have made split-pin Pudsey bears.

The Reception classes have been writing about their homes, designing and building homes and exploring 3D shapes. Everyone is progressing with their Guided Reading. Reading Records and reading books will be sent home with Reception children next week.

PARENT'S PHONICS AND READING SESSION

Thank you to everyone who attended the Phonics and Reading session led by Becky Townsend yesterday evening. We hope you found it really helpful and useful. We would be grateful if you would complete the short evaluation of the session being sent along with this newsletter.

We have copies of some of the handouts in the main office which you are more than welcome to collect if you were not able to attend and feel that this would be helpful.

MULTI-SKILLS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We will be starting this from Tuesday 18th November - to run for 5 sessions, finishing on Tuesday 16th December and costing £20 for the five sessions. Booking forms were sent home earlier this week so if your child would like to join please return these by Monday.

WATCH US AT WORK AND PLAY

Before Christmas we will be offering a number of dates to come and observe the children working and playing at school. The days and times will appear in next week's Highlights.

TEACHERS FOR 2015

On Monday and Thursday next week we will be interviewing applicants for teaching positions in Year 1 and Year 2 for the next academic year (September 2015).

SEPTEMBER 2015 ADMISSIONS

If you know of anyone choosing schools for Reception Class in September 2015 you might like to let them know that we are taking appointments for visits to the school. These are on Tuesday mornings, either 9.15 or 10.30, will take about half an hour and are led by Mrs Edwards. Spaces are available at 9.15 on 2nd December, 6th and 13th January, and at 10.30am on 2nd and 9th December and 6th and 13th January. Please phone the office to book a date and time.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you for helping us support Pudsey Bear and Children in Need today with your children wearing their own clothes. This national charity is one that is supported by many, many schools up and down the country and was established to help children with different needs in a range of different ways. At lunchtime today we had collected £54.70. Thank you everyone.



PTFA NEWS

November Cake Bake

Next Friday (21st Nov) is the final 'Cake Bake' of 2014 and is the turn of Mrs Rizvi's class together with the remaining year 1's to bake - Rishona, Roshni, Anna, Rose and Lucy.

We need volunteers please to help sell and to also arrive slightly early to set up (around 2.30pm) before Assembly starts, let Tracey (Ruby's mummy) know if you can help at all.

Please remember no nuts in your lovely cakes/ biscuits and to also bring along any empty vegetable cartons, etc for all your goodies ...just in case they make it home! Happy baking!

PTFA Christmas Fayre Sunday 7th December between 12-2pm.

Look for the Christmas Fayre posters in book bags today. Please see Jeni Carter if you can spare an hour to man a stall. Thank you to the Packers for their kind donation of a Christmas Tree. We would like all the children to play a part in decorating it by asking them to bring in one decoration each (not glass please). Please give these to your class teacher ready for 1st December.

NATIVITY MUSICAL

Please note the dates and times for our school Nativity Musical below. We are beginning to learn the songs for this now and will be sending tickets home a bit nearer the time.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 21 st November	3.30pm	PTFA Cake Sale - Mrs Rizvi's Class
Sunday 7 th December	12-2pm	PTFA Christmas Fayre - see above
Friday 12 th December	morning	Whole school visit to Hexagon Pantomime
Monday 15 th December	9.45am	Nativity Musical - Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 16 th December	9.45am	Nativity Musical - performance for Mrs Rizvi's class parents
Wednesday 17 th December	9.45am 2.30pm	Nativity Musical - performance for Mr Crispin's class parents Nativity Musical - performance for Mrs Edwards' class parents
Thursday 18 th December		School Christmas Lunch and afternoon parties
Friday 19 th December	1.30pm	School closes for Christmas holidays
Tuesday 6th January 2015	8.45am	First day of new term

SPOTLIGHT

Our spotlight falls on Olivia Mann for making her Rainbow promise this week and Ffion Jones for being brave in hospital. Well done girls.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS: Awards were handed to the following this afternoon: Alyssia Kenney and Rishwith Vippera (Mrs Rizvi's Class); Rhys Green and Abigail Mann (Mr Crispin's Class); Olivia Mann and Freya Carter (Year 1). Congratulations to all of them.

Handwritten signature of Mrs Edwards

Mrs Edwards
Headteacher