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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual Responsibility and Excellence

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Dear Parents/Carers
Happy St Andrew's day.

IN THE CLASSROOMS

Year One have been looking at the features of Instructions this week, in particular the importance of using 'bossy' words (verbs), and have made some helpful Hand-Washing Instruction posters for the Reception and Year One toilets.



In maths they have been practically partitioning and combining tens and units numbers, with some children even managing hundreds numbers!

They have also completed part two of their "Baked-Bean tin" assignment - which they have hopefully kept as a surprise for their parents - you will be in for a lovely treat after part three, later next week...

Reception

The Reception classes have been learning about symmetry and lines of symmetry in the world around us and looking at the jobs and work their parents do and what they might like to do in the future.

WATCH US AT WORK AND PLAY

Thank you for joining the children in their classes yesterday afternoon. They really enjoyed showing you the different activities they participate in both inside the classroom and outside. We will ensure there are more opportunities to watch them at work and play in the New Year.



REINSPIRED

Volunteers from a number of different churches joined us on Wednesday afternoon and this morning to run some practical activities with the children linked to the story of the Nativity. The story was read to the children, who discussed it and then had an opportunity to make a crown, an angel and a clay candle holder each. We would like to offer our sincere thanks to REInspired for their time and support.



PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

Thank you once again for completing the questionnaires last week. I hope you have all received and had a chance to read the analysis sent earlier this week. Many parents requested a support session in Maths which we are organising for next term.

OFSTED ADVISOR VISIT

As a new school we have a DfE (Department for Education) Ofsted Advisor linked to us. His remit is to support us and ensure that with close monitoring we achieve a rating of at least 'Good' when we have our first full inspection in Spring 2016. Our advisor spent the day with us on Tuesday, interviewing myself, staff, children and our Chair of Governors, Nick Walden. He scrutinised children's work, assessed their progress and observed lessons. He was very pleased with the outcomes.

MOVEMBER

Thank you to Mr Crispin for his support of Movember and for people's donations.

LUNCHTIME STAFF

Welcome to Attia Arif (mum of Zoya in Mrs Rizvi's class) who has joined us to assist with lunches every day.

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 6th and 13th January, and at 10.30am on 9th December and 6th and 13th January. Please phone the office to book a date and time.

PTFA NEWS

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

Organisation is well under way but 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.

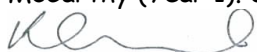
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 1 st Dec	2.30-3.30	Watch us at Work - Year 1
Sun 7 th Dec	12-2pm	PTFA Christmas Fayre - see above
Fri 12 th Dec	morning	Whole school visit to Hexagon Pantomime
Mon 15 th Dec	9.45am	Nativity Musical - Dress Rehearsal
Tues 16 th Dec	9.45am	Nativity Musical - performance for Mrs Rizvi's class parents
Wed 17 th Dec	9.45am 2.30pm	Nativity Musical - performance for Mr Crispin's class parents Nativity Musical - performance for Mrs Edwards' class parents
Thurs 18 th Dec		School Christmas Lunch and afternoon parties
Fri 19 th Dec	1.30pm	School closes for Christmas holidays
Tuesday 6th Jan 2015	8.45am	First day of new term

SPOTLIGHT

This week our spotlight falls on Rishwith Vipperla and Zachary Dolby for **swimming**.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS: Awards were handed to the following this afternoon: Lily Morgan and Aryan Padha (Mrs Rizvi's Class); Emma Wood and Jonah Fallon (Mr Crispin's Class); Anna Mahlberg and Eva McCarthy (Year 1). Congratulations to all of them.



Mrs Edwards, Headteacher

Community notices

Friends of Caversham Court Gardens

The choir of St Peter's church and the Salvation Army Band will lead the singing at an evening of traditional Christmas carols in Caversham Court on **Monday 15 December**, at 7.30pm. Gardens open from 6.15 pm with seasonal goodies on sale in the Tea Kiosk in aid of local charities. The church bells will ring out from 7.15pm. Wrap up warm, take a torch (to read the carol sheets!) and join in the festive season.

(St Peter's church if the weather is wet.) Contact: friends@fccg.org.uk

Caversham Christmas Shopping Festival

Late night shopping until 9pm on **Friday 12th December**. Many shops have special offers, see www.choosecaversham.co.uk/late_night_shopping_2014.php.

Caversham Traders Association's online Christmas Competition with prizes donated by Caversham traders closes at 12 noon

Wednesday 10th December - see www.choosecaversham.co.uk/competition/competition201412_prizes.php - only a few questions AND they

****NATIVITY MUSICAL****

If you are having difficulty arranging to get to your child's class performance, please see Mrs Edwards as we may be able to offer an alternative performance (within those listed above).