



Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year and welcome back. I hope you all had some fabulous festive fun with your families and a well-deserved rest. It has been wonderful to see everyone again and hear about the children's experiences over the holidays.

It may only be the first week back, but we have been really busy. The new theme for all the classes is 'Journeys' and you will be able to read about the plans for the term in the topic webs and newsletters you are being sent home in bookbags this afternoon. They will also be put on the class page area on the website.



Year 1

With the new whole school topic for Spring being Journeys, Year One have been looking at journeys on and over water. Our literacy focus is *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch*, and we have been looking at the settings of the story, imagining what it would be like to be Mrs Grinling looking out of the window of her little white cottage at Mr Grinling rowing across to the lighthouse. We have also made a big lighthouse collage to go on our classroom wall. In maths we have been working on word problems involving Mr Grinling's lunch and those pesky seagulls! In Topic time we have been finding out what an island is, and using Google Earth to investigate different sized islands.

Reception

Mrs Rizvi's class have also been Arctic explorers. They have learnt that polar bears and penguins are never in the same place. They have been exploring different ways of measuring and have learnt the story of 'Going on a Bear hunt'. They have developed the outdoor area to include the bear's cave. Mr Crispin's class were really excited about re-enacting the story in assembly this afternoon.



PARENT CLASS REPS MEETING

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 15th January at 9.15am in my office.

RECEPTION 2015

Just a reminder that the deadline for applications for Reception class places in September is next Thursday 15th January.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Unfortunately Relax Kids will not be running this term but our after-school club programme starts next week with Create'n'Make on Mondays (low numbers at present), Multi-Skills on Tuesdays (almost full) and our new Drama Club on Thursdays. Mrs Edwards will be continuing the Gymnastics Club for Year 1 pupils at St Anne's on a Tuesday afternoon. Please contact the office if you would like more information about any of these clubs.

ADMISSIONS POLICY CONSULTATION

The Governors and Trust Members have agreed the The Heights Primary Admissions Policy for 2016/17 which includes a change to the oversubscription criteria to incorporate a category for siblings of founder pupils. All changes to Admissions Policies need to undergo a consultation period before being finalised. To view the proposed Admissions Policy please click on the link which will be on our website next week. If you have any questions or would like to provide feedback relating to the Admissions Policy, please send all comments to the Clerk to the Governors (email aileen.moore@theheightsprimary.co.uk). All responses should be received by the end of the consultation period on 28th February 2015.

AWNINGS

Craig Dolby (Zachary's dad) has drawn up plans for the construction of awnings we would like around parts of the building. We are hoping to start erecting these the weekend of 1st and 2nd February and will need a group of about a dozen people to help out over that weekend. If you think you may be able to help with this project, please could you contact Craig directly on: craigdolby@gmail.com. I would like to thank Craig for all his help and support for this project.

CONGRATULATIONS

Miss Cann announced her engagement over the Christmas holiday. We send all good wishes to her and Matthew.

BAD WEATHER

In the event of extreme weather (e.g. a very large dump of snow) please check our website and your emails to learn if the school is able to remain open. Please note that we will do everything in our power to keep the school operational.

'STARLIGHT'

You will have received a link for downloading the video of our Christmas production 'Starlight' on the email with this issue of Highlights. For those who have ordered them DVDs will be available from the office later next week.

DATES TO NOTE

Tuesday 6 th Jan to Friday 13 th February	8.45am - 3.30pm	Term 3
Thursday 15 th January	9.15am	Parent Class Representative meeting

SPOTLIGHT

This week our spotlight falls on Roshni Taylor and Sophie Lowe for **gymnastics** and Ben Gibson, Jenna Dhadwal and Matilda White for **swimming**. Well done everyone.

PUPILS OF THE WEEK: Awards were handed to the following this afternoon: Sienna Brock and Alex Callaghan (Mrs Rizvi's Class); Ameya Para-Pampati, Betty Nowicki-Wallace and Ben Davis (Mr Crispin's Class); Rishona Sen and Eva McCarthy (Year 1). Congratulations to all of them.



Mrs Edwards
Headteacher

