



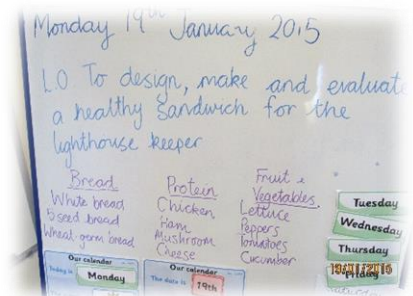
Dear Parents and Carers

Boy has it been chilly this week - with some beautiful frosty mornings! Still no snow though. Which is a shame as we would have so much fun in it at school. What have we been up to this week?

Year 1

This week, Year One have once again been very busy! We have welcomed another lovely addition to our class - Jayden is quickly settling in and making friends, and we are all excited to get to know him even better.

We have learned about nutrition and healthy eating, and used this knowledge to plan, create and evaluate a healthy lunch for The Lighthouse Keeper. We have begun looking at materials and sorting them according to their properties, as we will be investigating waterproof coverings over the next week or so. We have been exploring the life of Grace Darling through drama by 'living a day in the life of the Darlings' (in costume), and comparing her life to ours. We have also started our School Values



Superhero sculpture... watch this space for more news on that! In

maths we have been focussing on addition and subtraction, looking at number bonds for 6, 7, 8 and 9.

Please don't forget each Year 1 child will need a kitchen roll tube/Pringles tube/similar length cardboard tube for Monday!

Reception

Reception used their Mathematical skills and understanding when they completed a tally during a traffic survey earlier in the week. They

then made bar graphs showing their results. Many thanks to all the parents who helped supervise the children. They have also been writing about journeys.

Mrs Rizvi's class made their bird feeders this week and all the children have been thrilled to see robins, woodpigeons, magpies and blackbirds feeding from them.

BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH

Following on from the children's work on birds we are sending home an RSPB bird chart so the children can keep a record of what they see in the garden at the weekend.

WELCOME

We are happy to welcome Jayden Jemmott and his family to The Heights from Barbados. As reported by Year 1 above Jayden is settling in very well.

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.

A VISIT FROM A POLICEMAN

PCSO Chaston visited us on Wednesday afternoon to talk about the kind of work he does. All the children were fascinated by him and interested in what he had to tell them. He commented on how bright and polite the children are and was impressed by their intelligent questions.

READING SUPPORT SESSION

We hope those of you who attended our session on Wednesday found it useful. Our thanks go to Mrs Rizvi and Emma Fallon for running this. Many thanks also to the parents who have volunteered to make up some story sacks. Please contact Ruby Miller's mum or Emma Fallon if you would like to help develop this resource. And please don't forget the 'Share a Book' session next Wednesday.

GYM+FREE-RUNNING CLUB

We will be welcoming a free-runner to our assembly on Monday 2nd February at 10.15am. He will talk about his sport and may be able to offer a gym-based after-school club for the children. Parents are welcome to join our assembly if they would like to know more about this: there will also be a letter home with more information following the assembly.

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 is on our website. 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

Thank you to all who have signed up to volunteer with the awnings over the weekend. If anyone else would be able to assist please contact Craig Dolby at: craigdolby@gmail.com. We need a 10 or 12 strong team to help and this will save us over £10,000. If you can commit an hour or two it would be greatly appreciated.

STARLIGHT

DVDs of our Christmas production are now available from the office at £1 each.

DATES TO NOTE

Tues 6 th Jan-Fri 13 th Feb	8.45am-3.30pm	Term 3
Wed 28 th Jan	8.55-9.10am	Share a Book session for parents / grandparents/ carers
Sat/Sun 31 st /1 st		Awning construction - contact above
Mon 2 nd Feb	10.15am	Gym+Free-Running presentation in Assembly

SPOTLIGHT

This week our spotlight falls on Joshua Packer for **swimming**. Well done Joshua.

PUPILS OF THE WEEK: Awards were handed to the following this afternoon: Darcey Jones and Eddy Leach (Mrs Rizvi's Class); Fletcher Bramley and Scarlett Hepwood (Mr Crispin's Class); Jayden Jemmott and Anna Mahlberg (Year 1). Congratulations to all of them.



Mrs Edwards
Headteacher

