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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all enjoyed a lovely Easter break. We certainly couldn't have asked for better weather. It has been wonderful welcoming all the children back after their holiday and hearing about all the exciting things they have done. Thank you so much for your efforts with their 'Extreme Reading' challenge - the photos are fabulous! We will be displaying them on different boards throughout the school.

We have had an amazing week. This term's overarching theme is 'Animals'.

Reception

In Reception the children have focused on the story of the 'Three Little Pigs' and used this in many different ways across the various areas of learning. They have used different materials to build houses and tested them in windy conditions and have made some amazing clay pigs. The children have also used the iPads to re-tell the story using the app Stop Motion.



We have planted the peas they have grown from seeds in our 'back garden' and have been watering our strawberry plants, potatoes, radishes, herbs and wild flowers. In Literacy we have been looking at lists and speech bubbles and in Maths we are practising doubling.

Year 1

This week Year 1 have been investigating continents, oceans and the animals contained within these. Our book has been 'Dear Greenpeace', and we have been writing letters to Greenpeace about finding a dolphin in our pond! In Maths we have been looking at halves and quarters of objects, shapes and quantities. In honour of St George's Day, we worked as a team to create some fabulous stop-start moving imagery to re-create the story using iPads. The story that we worked from can be found here:

<http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/short-stories/george-and-the-dragon>

Please can we remind Year 1 parents that teaching starts at **9am** with half an hour of Guided Reading and related activities. In order to benefit from this teaching, children should be in the classroom, ready to learn, by 9am. If this presents any difficulties please do contact Mrs K Edwards. Both Mrs A Edwards and Mrs Bareham will be available to parents at **non-teaching-time** from 8.45am - 9am and then after school.

SUMMER UNIFORM

It is lovely to see the children in summer uniform. We hope the sunshine will continue so please can we remind you to apply sun screen before arriving at school: the sort which lasts up to 12 hours is ideal. Please also send in a (named) sun hat for your child to wear when outside and, as the air is still quite cold, a coat. They also need a leakproof bottle of water to drink as we encourage the children to drink water regularly and bottles can be refilled.

NEW STAFF FOR SEPTEMBER



We are delighted to announce our appointment of our new Year 1 and Year 2 teachers for September. Christine Parker-Fraser (right) (Year 1) and Annalisa Mullaney (left) (Year 2) are both outstanding practitioners and we are looking forward to them joining us. Both yourselves and the children will have the opportunity to meet them on our Early Move-up day on 9th July. We have advertised for Teaching Assistants to join the staff team in September and will be holding interviews in the next couple of weeks.



BEAT THE STREET

We will be sending home cards and information packs about 'Beat the Street' on Monday ready to be used as soon as the project opens on Wednesday morning - so watch out for 'Beat Boxes'!

From The Heights PTFA

The Heights Summer Fayre – Save the date!

The Heights Summer Fayre will be held on **Saturday 20th June 2015** from **2:00pm-4:30pm** at The Heights. Please feel free to bring friends and relatives along with you. Over the next few weeks, more details will be coming out about what's on at the Fayre. If anyone wants to be involved in the organising ahead of the event please let us know in person, or by emailing ptfa@theheightsprimary.co.uk, or at <http://www.facebook.com/theheightsprimarypfta>. Any offers of help on the stalls on the day (half hour slots!) will also be gratefully received.

In the meantime, please save the date! We look forward to seeing you all there.

DATES TO NOTE

Monday 20th April - Friday 22nd May	Term 5
Tuesday 28 th April	Eye tests for Reception classes
Wednesday 29 th April	Visit from a Fire Engine
Monday 4th May	May Day Bank Holiday
Saturday 9 th May	PTFA Race Night

SPOTLIGHT

This week our spotlight falls on Roshni Taylor who won a **drawing** competition; Anna Mahlberg who did some excellent **skiing** during her Easter holiday and Rafael Aslam for **swimming**. Well done everyone.

PUPILS OF THE WEEK

This afternoon Pupil of the Week awards were handed to Rishona Sen and Georgiy Rhatushnyak (Y1); Amelia Moore and Sammy Smyth-Bird (Mr Rizvi's Class); Matilda White and Nathan Salisbury (Mr Crispin's Class). Congratulations to them all.

Mrs Edwards
Headteacher