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# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers

What a glorious autumnal week it has been! The children have been delighting in all the seasonal changes, catching and collecting fallen leaves, competing with the squirrels for conker collections and learning some lovely Harvest songs. We can't wait to share these with you at our Harvest Assembly next week.

Thank you for all your donations to date for our Harvest Goody Bags. If you haven't yet had the chance to drop your contribution in to school, please could you do so before next Wednesday as we will be preparing the bags and passing these on to some of our local residents before half term.



So how busy have we been this week?

The focus in **Reception** has been on the Grand Opening of the two role play areas: 'The Little Heights School' and 'Builders Yard'. These areas are motivating the children to write in role, they have also continued to practice 'sound talk' and blending letters. The children have been comparing heights and capacity and have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the signs of Autumn, and making autumnal creations (wait and see what they have made ... we'll show you in next week's assembly).

This week **Year 1** have continued to explore and identify the features of information texts. We have begun practising the long ladder family in handwriting and have created some awesome Autumn artwork. We have been learning our number bonds in Maths and measuring using cm and metres.

**Year 2** have continued to work on Maths problems linked to commutative law and writing the most wonderful poem. They have been drawing things that could go into the 'magic box' and have discussed and explored in Science why we need clothes made out of different materials so that they are 'fit for purpose'.



## HENLEY 10K AND HALF MARATHON

Congratulations to the Parent runners at the Henley 10K and Half Marathon last Sunday. It was a fabulous turn out with brilliant support. You all helped raise an amazing £2150.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL REPS

Congratulations to: Joe and Rishona (Year 2), Umar, Matilda, Jonah and Ruby (Year 1), Xavier, Lily, Amelia and Freddie (Reception who have been elected as our School Council Representatives. We had our first meeting this morning and they came up with some

excellent suggestions for the outside adventure area we would like to develop and voted democratically on the colour of school council badges they would like. They have chosen red.

## PARENT CLASS REPS

Our next Parent Class Rep meeting will be next Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October after drop-off in the morning.

## PARENT CONSULTATIONS

We are holding a Parent Consultation Afternoon and Evening immediately after half term when you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's classteacher and discuss their progress to date. Ten-minute appointments can be booked between 3.45 and 5.45 on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, or between 6 and 8pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Please email or phone the school office from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October to sign up.

## OFSTED ADVISOR VISIT

We are welcoming our DfE Ofsted Advisor, Jeff Hart, back to the school next Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. He will be with us all day and will be observing lessons, scrutinising pupils' work, interviewing pupils, staff and governors and looking at the progress we have made in all areas since his last visit in June.

## UNIFORM REMINDERS

Please could we remind you that long hair should be tied back during school time and nail varnish should not be worn in school. If your child has pierced ears, for reasons of safety, only small stud earrings are suitable.

## SEN

You may be interested to know we have posted an SEN Information Report, along with our Policy and the Local Offer, on a new section of our website. It can be found under Parent Information/Special Educational Needs.

## FLU VACCINATIONS

Thank you everyone in Years 1 and 2 who have returned their flu vaccination permission forms. Please may we have the rest by next Friday to send on to the school nurses. Thank you.

## DATES TO NOTE

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7.45pm	PTFA meeting re Christmas Fayre - see above
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	All day	Ofsted Advisor visit
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Drop-off	Parent Class Reps meeting Announcement of new Parent Governor

## SPOTLIGHT

Our spotlight this week falls on: Sophie S and Zak G for **cross country**; Scarlett for **swimming**; YingGe for sending a question to the BBC and receiving a reply and Emily M for making her **Rainbow Promise** this week. Well done everyone.

## PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Our pupils of this week are: Jayden and Aoibh (Year 2); Isla, Umar, Brooke and Samuel C (Year 1); Dominic, Freya, Lily J and Oliver (Reception Classes). Congratulations to all of them!



Karen Edwards  
Headteacher

## PTFA NEWS

### CHRISTMAS FAYRE MEETING – MON 19 OCTOBER, 7.45pm

Please join us at the Grosvenor next Monday night to help plan this year's Christmas Fayre. Last year's Fayre was a fantastic fundraiser for the school and the children had a magical time. Any offers of help would be greatly appreciated. The date for the Fayre is Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December, noon to 2.30pm at the school.

### RAFFLE PRIZES

We are looking for prizes for this year's Christmas raffle. If anyone can help us by sourcing prizes from their place of work then please contact Sue Hepwood on [shepwood@outlook.com](mailto:shepwood@outlook.com).

### TEAM HEIGHTS!

Big pat on the back for all of the runners in Team Heights! Last Sunday they tackled the Oxford and Henley 10K races and the Henley Half and managed to raise £2150 towards new playground equipment for the school. Well done everyone - especially Mrs Edwards for running dressed as a red kite!

