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# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual  
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Dear Parents and Carers

In **Reception** classes this week we have been learning about Harvest and investigating different fruits and vegetables. We are enjoying our role play areas inside and outside and we are planning a third role play area. We have learnt and can re-tell 'The Little Red Hen' and have made a scarecrow and christened him 'Mr Dingle'.



Measuring a tree with children!

This week **Year 1** have been busy with all things Autumnal. We have been learning our Harvest Song "Cauliflowers are Fluffy" and decorating harvest bags. We created animal riddles and made animal information books, and started exploring odds and evens in maths.

**Year 2** have been innovating the 'Magic Box' poem, looking at adverbs, adjectives, similes and alliteration to improve our descriptions. We have been writing our own poems to put in the Magic Boxes the children have made. We have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes using the language of shapes and using properties to sort them. Our artwork has been inspired by Guiseppe Arcimboldo and everything harvest and autumnal.



## DfE MONITORING VISIT

We had our third visit from Jeff Hart, our DfE Monitoring Advisor, who last visited us in June. He observed lessons, looked at pupils work and displays, chatted to staff, pupils and our Chair of Governors and was extremely positive about his visit. He will be back to visit us again in the summer, before our Full Ofsted Inspection some time from September 2016.

## PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Thank you to all the nominees for your interest and support and to all the parents for taking the time to vote in our recent Parent Governor Election. As many of you will have seen on our new Facebook page (see below) we are very happy to welcome Barney Smith to our Governing Body.

## FACEBOOK PAGE

The school has a new Facebook Page! Our old public group 'The Heights Primary School, Caversham' will be closed on Mon 2 November. Our new page is for the families and carers of children at the school, and for those in the wider Caversham community with an interest in our latest news and activities. Please 'like' our page to keep up to date! You can find it at [www.facebook.com/theheightsprimary](http://www.facebook.com/theheightsprimary). Don't forget to check out our school website [www.theheightsprimary.co.uk](http://www.theheightsprimary.co.uk) for information on term dates, uniform, school meals, in fact anything and everything to do with our school!

**WELCOME:** We extend a warm welcome to Jermaine and his family who have joined us in Year 2.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC PRIVACY

You will be receiving a letter and form about photographic privacy. Please could you take the time to read this and return the form to the school office as soon as possible. Many thanks.

## MULTI-SKILLS SPORTS FESTIVAL - Year 2

The rain on Wednesday meant our joint festival with St Anne's and Caversham Primary had to be cancelled. We hope to hold this on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Unfortunately it is not possible to accommodate parents but we will let you all know how we get on in Highlights later that week.

### PTFA QUIZ NIGHT

Many thanks to the PTFA for organising such an amazing night. Khayyam Aslam was once again fabulous as the Quizmaster: some of the rounds and challenges were hilarious and the food was delicious. It was great fun.

### HARVEST

Thank you for all your generous donations of non-perishables. The children have decorated the bags donated by the Standard Tandoori and filled them with your 'goodies'. After consulting with the Methodist Church that we use for our assemblies, we have agreed to take the bags to the Food Bank for them to distribute.

### PARENT CONSULTATIONS and INFORMATION

If you have not already done so, please could you sign up for a Consultation meeting with your child's classteacher. 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 to sign up. You will be able to discuss how well your children have settled into their new class and what key steps they are making. We would prefer that the children and siblings are not at the meetings which will need to be held in the classrooms due to a lack of indoor space. This will enable yourselves and the classteacher to make the most of the 10 minute consultation.

Please note that we will be hosting more information meetings about different areas of the Foundation Stage and Year 1 and 2 curriculum after half term and a separate letter will follow about how you can access many helpful resources and information from a site called School Explained.

### DATES TO NOTE

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	8.45	Return to school
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	3.45-5.45	Parent Consultations
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	6-8pm	Parent Consultations
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS</b> as staff move classrooms upstairs	

### SPOTLIGHT

Our spotlight this week falls on: Thom P for gaining his second belt at **Capoeira** and George AL for **swimming**. Well done to both of them.

### PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Our pupils of this week are: Imogen (Year 2); Sienna, YingGe, Sophie and Indi (Year 1); Baylen, Megan, Lilly and Zuhair (Reception Classes). Congratulations to all of them!



Karen Edwards  
Headteacher

### PTFA NEWS

#### HUGE WEEK FOR FUNDRAISING

We are thrilled to report that last week's Cake Bake was a real success, raising £188.72 over two days. Watch this space for details of the next one! We can also report that the PTFA Curry and Quiz night made a profit of £763.27, and that the current total from the Henley Half, 10K and Oxford 10K race sponsorship is £2260.63, including £406.13 from gift aid. Phew! What an achievement! Well done to everyone involved in baking, buying, eating, drinking, quizzing and running!

#### WE NEED YOU!!!

Manpower (with DIY skills) needed to install one further awning at the school. Please contact the PTFA via [pfta@theheightsprimary.co.uk](mailto:pfta@theheightsprimary.co.uk) if you're able to volunteer.

**THE HEIGHTS CHRISTMAS FAYRE** – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 12 – 2.30pm at the school! If you would like to get involved in the Christmas Fayre in any way then please contact the PTFA.

