

# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS



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Dear Parents and Carers

It was wonderful to welcome 9 new youngsters to our lovely school community this week. We were eggstatic when the chicks hatched and the children and staff have been fascinated by their daily development and antics. Thank you to those of you who have offered to home them at the end of next week.

## Reception

We have been learning about local journeys and have drawn maps of our journey to school and used time words to sequence what we have seen: first, next etc. In Maths we did our road traffic survey on types of vehicle and most common car and we have learnt how to make tally charts and turn them into block graphs and pictograms. We also talked about road safety. In Science we investigated ramps this week. Like everyone else we have been very excited about the chicks.

## Year 1

This week we have been learning about the Easter story and focussing on commas, exclamation marks and question marks in our writing. We have been telling the time and measuring different things using a variety of implements.

## Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have been reading and responding to riddles. We have worked in groups and in pairs to write riddles describing our favourite animals. We have also learnt about using apostrophes correctly for contractions and for singular possession. In Maths, we have been dividing to find fractions of numbers. We know that to find a fraction of a number we need to share. We have been using resources or drawing the maths story to help us to do this. We have even tried to solve tricky 'would you rather' fraction questions. For example, would you rather  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 20p or  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 32p? Tricky stuff! In Topic, we have continued to use Scratch Jr to present more about what we have learnt about habitats. We have also worked in teams to make dioramas of our favourite habitat.

## LITTER PICKING

Earlier this week the whole school went out into St Anne's field and the local parks to help pick up litter as suggested by Rose in Year 2 at our recent School Council. The children were surprised at how much litter they found and were pleased to be helping the local community.

## SPORT RELIEF

For Sport Relief day next Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March children will be able to come to school wearing their PE kit or favourite sports attire (please remember to send a suitable coat as well as the weather remains wintery).

We are planning to hold a sponsored run around the park/St Anne's Field and are hopeful that we may be supported with a visit from an Olympic rower. If you would like to make a donation to Sport Relief or sponsor your child's run you will be able to do this with your account in ParentPay.



## STAFF FOR SEPTEMBER

We were delighted to make an appointment yesterday of a teacher for Reception from September. We are holding further interviews next week for Years 2 and 3 and will keep you informed.

## DONATIONS FOR THE LIBRARY

Further to my announcement last week please note the following categories of reference books that we would like to build up our supply in our new library - this is not an exhaustive list!

Animals	Transport	Countries of the World	Vehicles
Castles	Rainforests	Habitats	Mountains
The Mayans	Rivers	Volcanoes	Space
The Environment	Kings and Queens	People who help us	Sport
Rocks and Soils	History		

## LEARNING LADDERS

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7.45pm I will be running a session for parent which introduces our Ladders at Home programme. This system will enable you to log in and view the progress your child is making across the seven areas of learning in the Foundation Stage and Reading, Writing and Maths in Years 1 and 2.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	3.45-5.45pm 7.00-7.45pm 7.45-8.30pm	Parent Consultations - Mr Crispin held over from last week Maths Awareness for Year 1 and 2 parents Learning Ladders Assessment introduction for <i>all</i> parents
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30-9am	EFA presentation on our new home - parents and families of children at The Heights only
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March		Sport Relief
Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>1.30pm</b>	End of Term 4 - School closes for Easter holiday
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	8.45am	Term 5 begins

**SPOTLIGHT:** Our spotlight this week falls on Akshit for achieving his 9<sup>th</sup> Kyu in **Karate**. Well done!

**PUPILS OF THE WEEK:** At assembly this afternoon Pupil of the Week awards were presented to: Rose and Imogen in Year 2; Rhys, Zoya, Abigail and Matilda in Year 1; Frances, Misa, Oscar and Elyon in Reception. Congratulations to them all.



Karen Edwards  
Headteacher



## PTFA NEWS

### **PTFA CAKE BAKE THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

Just one more Cake Bake before the end of term, and this time we ask the Reception families to be our star bakers please! The sale will start once the children have been collected from classes and goodies can be bought/homemade/sweet/savoury/large/small/or even Easter or St Patrick's Day themed! Anything left-over will be sold following Friday's assembly. Please bring your treats on the day either at drop off or just before school pick up; the room next to Mr Crispin's classroom will be open in the morning to store any cakes until the sale. We need a minimum of 4 volunteers from Reception classes to help sell (please arrive early to help set up and then stay for 10/15 mins after the sale to help clear up). Could you let Tracey Miller or your respective class rep know if you can help. Finally, a reminder for NO NUTS PLEASE in your baking and to also bring along any empty vegetable cartons, etc. for all your goodies... Thank you and happy baking!

### **THE HEIGHTS COOKBOOK - AVAILABLE NOW!**

The first official Heights Cookbook is now available from your PTFA! Priced at just £5 each, they make a perfect gift for all the (extended) family. If you missed last Friday's afterschool playground sale, don't worry we have lots still available. Email the PTFA on [ptfa@theheightsprimary.co.uk](mailto:ptfa@theheightsprimary.co.uk) to reserve your copy.

### **PTFA BINGO NIGHT - SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 8 - 11pm**

Another reminder that tickets are on sale for our very first Bingo night! Come join us for some bingo fun at St Andrews Hall Caversham from 8 - 11pm on Saturday 19 March. Tickets are just £5 and include your bingo cards for the evening and nibbles, and there will of course be a cash bar! There are some fabulous prizes to be won, including a wine tasting course for 2 worth £50, a £50 Boden voucher and a £25 book voucher. To book your tickets simply put your payment (cash or cheque made payable to 'The Heights Primary PTFA') in an envelope marked 'PTFA BINGO NIGHT'. Please clearly write your names and the number of tickets you require on the envelope too and leave in the PTFA postbox outside the school office. We know we have some talented chefs and bakers amongst our parents, and so we don't over indulge on crisps and nuts, if anyone would like to contribute some homemade nibbles to the evening it would be hugely appreciated - samosas, pakoras, mini quiche, sweet treats, anything at all would be amazing. Thank you!

### **PTFA MARCH MEETING - MONDAY 14 MARCH, 7.45pm**

Last week's PTFA meeting was cancelled due to illness, so please join us next Monday night at the Grosvenor to chat all things PTFA! We will have an update on the playground, plus plans to show you. Everyone welcome!