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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual
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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for all your support, energy and understanding this term. I know it hasn't been a long one - but it has certainly been intense. The children have continued to make fabulous progress and deserve a well-earned rest over the Easter break - as do you!

We have what we hope will be a fun family challenge for you to take part in ... which is to take a photo of your child(ren) teaching you something new over the holidays. It's obviously not compulsory - but we thought this would kick start our summer term with all sorts of interesting discussions and conversations. We'll also get some more great displays up!

This week all the children have focussed on the Easter Story and its true meaning for Christians. They have explored this across all areas of the curriculum, Next term our broad topics will be: *Animals* for Reception and Year 1 and *Messing About on the River* for Year 2,

LADDERS AT HOME

As I explained at the sessions I led for parents over the past 2 weeks, we will be going live with our Ladders at Home portal after Easter. I will hold two meetings to give parents personal logins and demonstrate the process you'll need to follow to log in and access the site on Tuesday 12th April at 9am and 7.45pm in our Hall.

SCHOOL DINNERS FOR NEXT TERM - PARENTPAY UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to ParentPay and already made menu choices. It may not have been clear that there is *no requirement to pay for school lunches until your child enters Year 3*. The system has been set up now so we are ready for this change in September and to make the ordering of school lunches in general more flexible for parents. If you have any questions about this, please contact us using parentpay@theheightsprimary.co.uk.

DONATIONS FOR THE LIBRARY

A number of parents have expressed a wish to make donations but are uncertain about which books to choose. They have asked if they can instead make a donation of, say, £5 so school can purchase books for them. To facilitate this request we will set up a ParentPay account very soon.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Throughout the summer term we aim for the children to wear summer uniform, but if the weather continues this chilly we would be happy for the children to remain in their winter uniform for a little longer.

PARENT CLASS REPS MEETING

Thank you to all the Parent Reps for your time and support this term. Our meetings have been really useful. The minutes of our meeting on Tuesday will be passed on to you shortly.



BINGO

Thank you so much to the PTFA, all the parents and Liz Mackereth's cousin who helped organise and run the Bingo evening last Saturday. It was great fun and wonderful to see so many parents there.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

We are sending out a Parent Questionnaire with this Highlights which will ask your views about the school. I appreciate that many of you have already completed the online Parent View version, but this does not provide us with any comments and it is these that are particularly helpful in pinpointing further areas for development. Please return the questionnaire by email or hard copy to the office by 22nd April. Many thanks.

WELCOME

We extend our warm wishes to the family and welcome to baby Eliot, brother for Amelia in Year 1.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 23 rd March	9.30am 1.30pm	Celebration Assembly End of Term 4 - School closes for Easter holiday
Mon 11 th April	8.45am	Term 5 begins
Tue 12 th April	9.00am and 7.45pm	Ladders at Home: log in sessions for parents
Mon 18 th April	7.45pm	PTFA Summer Fayre Meeting at The Grosvenor
Sun 15 th May	9am	Green Park Mini Mile
Sat 21 st May		PTFA Race Night at St Andrews
Sat 25 th June		PTFA Summer Fayre

SPOTLIGHT: Our spotlight at assembly this morning fell on: Ben G, Joshie E, Darcey J, Rafi, Theo and Chloe for **swimming**. Well done everyone!

END OF TERM ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS: are shown below.



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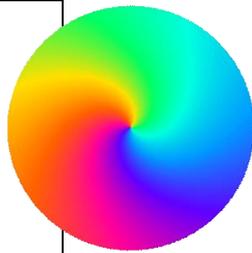


We have planted Sunflower seeds and painted daffodils this week.

OUR END OF TERM AWARDS CELEBRATE SPECIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS THIS TERM:

AMAZING ARTISTS

Ava - Reception NC
Laila - Reception SR
Lily - Year 1AE
Jenna - Year 1CPF
Anna - Year 2AM



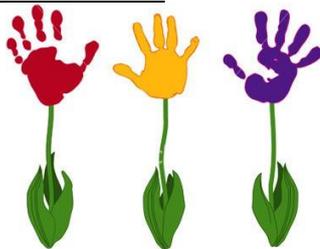
BRILLIANT BOOKWORMS

Tula - Reception NC
Annabel - Reception SR
Nathan - Year 1AE
Sophie - Year 1CPF
Kasim - Year 2AM



DARING DESIGNERS

Xavier - Reception NC
Reyaansh - Reception SR
Rafi - Year 1AE
Indi - Year 1CPF
Akshit - Year 2AM



FABULOUS FRIENDS

Ralph - Reception NC
Sofia - Reception SR
Zoya - Year 1AE
Fletcher - Year 1CPF
Jermaine - Year 2AM



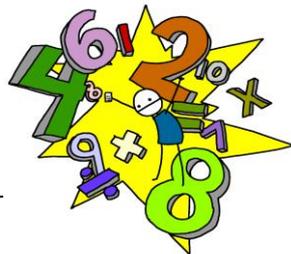
MAGICAL MUSIC MAKERS

Kacper - Reception NC
Elsa - Reception SR
Scarlett - Year 1AE
Amelia - Year 1CPF
Aoibh - Year 2AM



MARVELLOUS MATHEMATICIANS

Karim - Reception NC
Dylan - Reception SR
Ben G - Year 1AE
Aryan - Year 1CPF
Olivia - Year 2AM



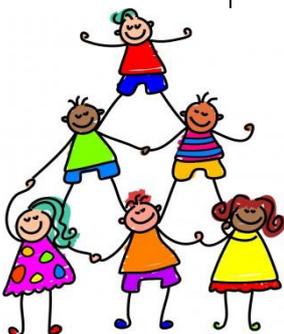
REMARKABLE WRITERS

Natalia - Reception NC
Lucy - Reception SR
Rhys - Year 1AE
Matilda - Year 1CPF
Vaala - Year 2AM



RESILIENT RISK TAKERS

Baylen - Reception NC
Sam D - Reception SR
Tara - Year 1AE
Daniel - Year 1CPF
Rishona - Year 2AM



SUPER SPORTSPEOPLE

Joshua - Reception NC
Elyon - Reception SR
Ruby - Year 1AE
Darcey J - Year 1CPF
Joe - Year 2AM



SPECTACULAR SCIENTISTS

Abigail - Reception NC
Finn - Reception SR
Thomas P - Year 1AE
Zachary - Year 1CPF
Finlay - Year 2AM



PTFA NEWS

THANK YOU!

Firstly, a huge thank you from the entire PTFA for all of your support this term, we really appreciate everyone's involvement and hope that you've enjoyed raising funds for our wonderful school! Do take a moment to read the attached PTFA newsletter. It has details of all we've been up to this term, all of the money you've raised, plus an advance peek at what we have planned for the new playground. As always if you have any ideas for events, fundraising opportunities or things we can fund to enhance our children's learning at The Heights, please get in touch. We will also be looking for new members to join the PTFA committee in time for the next school year, details available soon.

GREEN PARK MINI MILE - SUNDAY 15 MAY

There's still time to register for the Green Park Mini Mile, 'Berkshire's most colourful and family friendly running event', held this year on Sunday 15 May at 9am. Everyone had a super time last year and the children (and some of the grown ups!) were presented with their medals at the school's celebration assembly. Please register your child ASAP via <https://www.royalberkshire10k.com.canbook.me/minievents> to avoid little one's disappointment! Oh, and any grown ups who want to run the 10K for the school, please sign up too! This year we'll again be fundraising for outside causes, with donations split between the Heights PTFA, and the children's chosen local charities - Reading Family Aid, and Caversham Good Neighbours. The donation site has just been set up at <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/heightsminimile2016/295794> and all donations made via this site will be matched through Microsoft. Please share with your family and friends and anyone you know who may wish to sponsor your child.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

In addition to the Race Night (Saturday 21 May at St Andrew's) and the next PTFA meeting (Monday 18th April at the Grosvenor) you might like to pencil in the provisional date for our Summer Fayre on Saturday 25 June. Whilst this is not yet 100% confirmed, we thought you might appreciate an early heads up! We will, of course, let you know more details as soon as possible.

Enjoy the Easter break! See you in April for more PTFA fun fundraising!