



Dear Parents and Carers

Reception

This week we have been investigating what makes a good friend and developing our own friendship soup recipes. We've been really busy in Literacy, writing reports about our farm visit and making non-fiction books about pets. We've worked really hard learning to count in 5s and designing and making junk model pets and pet homes.



Year 1

Chestnut the rabbit and Cupcake the guinea pig escaped after dark on Monday night and the great escapes were caught on camera! The children have been very busy writing a newspaper report, detailing the events! First they wrote a draft version and then improved it and have now completed an amazing report each.

In Maths we have been investigating capacity and the children have been estimating and solving practical, capacity problems and in RE we have been learning about Judaism and trying on a tallit and prayer shawl! We have also created some amazing aboriginal artwork.

Year 2

We have been amazing learners this week. We're close to finishing our Wind in the Willows stories and are proof-reading them ourselves. We've spent a lot of time on fractions and are now much more confident with our understanding of three quarters and thirds. We have thoroughly enjoyed creating 'wanted' posters for Toad of Toad Hall using Powerpoint in the Learning Resource Centre.



PARENT CLASS REPS

It was really good to meet with Parent Class Reps on Monday. We have agreed to hold a **Parent Forum** on Monday 23rd May at 7.45pm to give all parents the opportunity to discuss or raise questions about different aspects of the curriculum and school life. I do hope you will be able to join us. We will also discuss how we would like the Parent Forum to be run and how often.

LUNCHTIME VACANCIES

We have vacancies for lunch time staff to assist with serving school dinners. There are a couple of posters up around the school for more information or contact Caroline in the school office if you are interested.

AUTHOR VISIT

We are really looking forward to welcoming Giles Andreae, author of 'Giraffes Can't Dance' and the Purple Ronnie series, next Thursday 19th May. He will be leading two poetry writing workshops with our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils.

CONGRATULATIONS ... to the Tiplady family on the arrival of Lottie (attending her first Celebration Assembly this afternoon).

GOOD LUCK

We send good luck to all the children (and parents) who will be running in the Mini-mile at Green Park on Sunday.

And also to Imogen, Anna, Matilda, Jenna and Scarlett will be playing violin at the Children's Festival at Forbury Gardens at 3pm tomorrow (Saturday).

COMMUNITY DAY

Many thanks to John Winder and some of his colleagues who will be spending next Friday with Jerry helping us clear and prepare the area behind the fence and the small playhouse. Once cleared we will be able to move the fence and significantly open up our outside play area.

BEAT THE STREET

Our total distance this morning stood at 1033 miles and team total points 20720. Our average point score is 127 (with 163 participants), just above Caversham Primary now whose average is 123. Beat the Street finishes on 27th April.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 15 th May	9am	Green Park Mini Mile
Sat 21 st May	7.30pm	PTFA Race Night at St Andrew' Church Hall
25 th -27 th May		Travelling Book Fair at school
Sat 25 th June	2-5pm	PTFA Summer Fayre at school

SPOTLIGHT: Our spotlight at assembly today fell on: Indi for **ice skating** and Kacper for his **Forest Challenges** at Bracknell Forest. Well done everyone!

PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Awards were handed to the following this week: Year 2 - Akshit and Imogen; Year 1 - Emma, Joshua P, Shams and Ameya; Reception - Myka, Baylen, Amelia and Luke. Congratulations to you all.



Karen Edwards
Headteacher



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PTFA NEWS

GREEN PARK MINI MILE - THIS SUNDAY!!

We are getting very excited about the Mini Mile on Sunday! Everyone should have received their runner's pack by now, which includes all the info you need for the day plus a rather snazzy purple t-shirt for your child. We are very happy that we have just hit our sponsorship target (woo hoo!), so a huge thank you to everyone who has donated so far. If you haven't had a chance yet, don't panic, there's still time to sponsor our little (and big!) runners! Simply visit our mydonate page by clicking here:

<https://mydonate.bt.com/events/heightsminimile2016/295794>, before Sunday. Don't forget, every donation will be matched by Microsoft, so every penny pledged will go a long way for the PTFA and our two chosen charities - Reading Family Aid and Caversham Good Neighbours. Wishing the best of luck to all of our runners! We hope the weather is kind and everyone has a super fun time!

RACENIGHT - TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE!

Tickets are still available for our Race Night social, so please return your booking form asap if you'd like to join in the fun! If you're unsure what to expect on the night, last year's event was a brilliant way to get to know other parents, whilst being a bit silly, enjoying a yummy curry, and raising money for the school!

**Huge thanks to this year's race sponsors:
Carter Electrical (who have sponsored 2 races!)
Energy Kidz
Crumbs
Performance Cricket
Loddon Brewery
Hayden Fencing**

PTFA SUMMER FAYRE UPDATE

We are planning to run a second hand book and toy stall at the summer fair. So if anyone is having a clear out between now and then, any donations would be gratefully received! Please hang on to anything that might be suitable and we will organise a collection date nearer the time. Thank you.