



NO PARKING AT ST ANNE'S CHURCH CAR PARK: MONDAY 13TH TO FRIDAY 17TH JUNE

Dear Parents and Carers

It was so exciting to see the children's (and your) responses to the change we have made to the playground and our new adventure area. Both are going to make such a difference to the children's playtime experiences.

Thank you so much once again, to John Winder and his colleagues, and Jerry for helping with the clearing and development of the area.

Thanks also to the PTFA, particularly Liz and Liz, and both Marks from IMTEX for the amazing natural adventure area. It is unquestionably a work of art.

The children will be taken a class at a time next week to play on and in it and we will then have a rota for use at break and lunchtime for each class.



Reception

This week we have been studying the work of Andy Goldsworthy and created our own transient art pictures using natural resources. We have been learning lots of facts about animals that live in the British countryside and completing informative writing about them. In Maths we are learning to use money and pay for things using different coins. Perhaps the children could practice paying for things you might buy over the weekend?



Year 1

We have been busy working on our number bonds and times tables in Maths. We have also been problem solving to find out who has the biggest feet in our class! In English we have been working on the prefix 'un' and suffixes 's' 'es' 'er' 'est' - tricky stuff. We have been learning about Sir David Attenborough in topic and have been thinking about questions we would like to ask him. We also really like this quote of his, "There are some four million different kinds of animals and plants in the world - four million different solutions to the problems of staying alive".

Year 2

We've had a fabulous week learning about riverbank animals using the iPads to research and learn about different life cycles. We are really looking forward to travelling on the bus to the River and Rowing Museum next Tuesday to find out even more about their habitat. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Caversham Library yesterday and have brought back some great ideas about how we can organise our own library. We have been exploring number in all sorts of different ways and can now partition 2, 3 and even 4 digit numbers. Yes, it's OK, you can test us about it over the weekend!



WELCOME

As mentioned in a ParentMail to you all earlier this week, we offer a really warm welcome to Cath Keetch who has joined our Admin team and will be working alongside Lyn for the rest of this term before fully assuming the role of School Secretary in September. We would also like to welcome Joe Aspin and his family. Joe has recently joined us in Year 1.

INSECT INSET DAY

Child: Mummy, there is a bugs day at school soon

Mum: (fearing not another dressing up day I need to prep for) - really? What does that mean?

Child: My friends have been discussing it - apparently we have an insect day next week.....

Sigh of relief when I realised she meant the inset day on Monday 13th ...

Don't forget: no school for the children on Monday



NEW TEACHING AND LUNCHTIME STAFF

We have been busy recruiting over the past term and are delighted to have appointed four fabulous teachers - Miss O'Dell, Miss Kennedy, Mrs Sanigar and Mrs Wells for September. They will all be joining us for our early move up day on Thursday 14th July. Miss Justice, Miss Ahmed and Mrs Jones are our new lunchtime helpers and have quickly settled in to the Heights Team.

PARENT FORUM

Thank you to all the parents who came to the meeting earlier this week to discuss the possibility of a Parent Forum which will be run for parents by parents. The Forum was agreed in principle and a separate ParentMail will be winging its way to you early next week with suggestions for its structure and a date for the first formal meeting.

LADDERS AT HOME

Staff have updated pupil's profiles in our Learning Ladders system. Please do log in, if you haven't already, to see the progress your child/ren have made over the past term. Please feel free to contact the school office if you have any problems with access.

STORY SACKS

Don't forget to sign up to signing out one of our story sacks. Details can be found from the school office.

The Heights Support Group

The Heights Support Group is a friendly, welcoming support network, made up of Heights families with children with SEN, educational, emotional, physical or behavioural additional needs. Indeed anything that makes it a struggle for them to come to school. Our group's aim to bring together these families for regular social meetings (with coffee and cakes!) to chat, moan, laugh and cry! And help support them through their children's time at The Heights. We plan to meet every term at the school, as well as regular meet ups at the Alto Lounge coffee shop in Caversham. We will post details of these events on our Facebook group (please join us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1005755776165450/>), and via the school's Heights Highlights newsletter. Please feel free to chat to any member of the group, or with Mrs Fallon, if you have any questions, however big or small.

BEAT THE STREET

We have been given five goody bags by 'Beat the Street' and will be drawing names out of a hat. A child from each class will receive one this afternoon in assembly.

ENERGY KIDZ

Summer Holiday Clubs and Early Bird offer leaflet is being sent with this Highlights. Further information can also be found online at www.energy-kidz.co.uk/holiday-club/ but if you would like any additional details then please do not hesitate to contact me.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 13 th June	INSET DAY: No school for the children	
Tues 14 th June	All day	Year 2 visit River & Rowing Museum, Henley
Sat 25 th June	2-5pm	PTFA Summer Fayre at school

SPOTLIGHT: Our spotlight at assembly today fell on:
Well done everyone!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Rishi and his parents on the new arrival of his baby brother over half term.

PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Awards were handed to the following this week: Year 2 - Anna and Finlay; Year 1 - Abigail, Amelia, Rafi and Samuel C; Reception - Darcey, Joe, Megan and Ralph. Congratulations to you all.



Karen Edwards
Headteacher



PTFA NEWS

THE HEIGHTS SUMMER FAYRE - SATURDAY 25 JUNE

We are all about the Summer Fayre at the moment! Please ensure the date is in your diary!

RAFFLE - you should have all received a book of Summer Fayre Raffle tickets home via book bags before half term. The prizes are (as usual) pretty blooming good! They include a £100 John Lewis voucher and a champagne evening at The Forbury's Cerise Bar. The latest new addition is a My Little Pony Castle, with more tbc! Please do sell as many tickets as possible to friends and family and return the stubs and cash by Weds 22 June via the PTFA postbox. There are lots more tickets available so if you would like more than the book of 10 provided, just ask Liz Spall or any PTFA committee member.

SECOND HAND TOYS/BOOKS AND UNIFORM COLLECTION & WORLD FOOD STALL - We are collecting second hand toys and children's books (see Helen Morgan or Rebecca Mulcahy) and second hand school uniform items (see Lisa Bramley) for stalls at the Fayre - all donations are greatly appreciated! Please let Salome Zk know if you would like to contribute anything to the world food stall. This stall has been a real highlight at recent Fayres so it would be fab to continue this tradition.

DAD'S BAKE OFF - The ever-popular Dad's Bake Off will make a reappearance at this year's Fayre. It will be the only cake sale at the Fayre, plus we need a good number of entries to make the competition worthwhile, so please let Davina Taylor know ASAP if you are considering entering. The idea is for Dads to provide a 'Best of British' themed bake for our panel of judges who will be sampling and judging the cakes at the beginning of the fayre. We will then sell off the cakes so everyone gets a chance to taste the competition! The judges will be awarding the top cakes based on their Look, Taste, Originality/Wow factor and Interpretation of the theme 'Best of British'.

Dad's bake off guidelines:

Please ensure you label any bakes which contain NUTS.

- Both savoury and sweet 'bakes' can be entered
- The entries will judged on: Look, Taste, Originality/Wow factor, Theme
- No partner assistance please
- No purchased bakes please (!)
- All entries should be at the cake stand by 2pm (the start of the fayre)
- 'Mary' and 'Paul' will judge at 2.30pm on the day of the fete and the winner then awarded with his prestigious prize.

The main thing is to have fun!!! (And knock Tom Spall from his reigning position...!). Children are allowed to help Dad's make the cakes, the cakes must be homemade, no help from Mums though I'm afraid!

NEXT PARENT REP EMAIL - please read this carefully as we have allocated each class responsibility for manning a number of stalls, and we will need parents to sign up to ensure they are covered on the day! Thanks ALL!

TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR - THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who supported the Travelling Book Fair before half term. Thanks to your purchases we made a fantastic £209 of commission for books for the library. Also big thanks to the Fergusons and the Whites for gifting an additional 7 books to the school!