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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have noticed at the top of this week's Highlights that this is our 100th edition which means the school has been 'open' for business for 100 school weeks! Some of you will remember building furniture, putting up display boards and that HUGE pile of flattened cardboard boxes in our first week! Boy has a lot happened since then!

World Thinking Day

We were delighted to help the children learn about and celebrate World Thinking Day this Wednesday. It was lovely to see a number of the children wearing their Brownie, Rainbow and Beaver uniforms, displaying some impressive and clearly hard earned badges.



Launchpad for Reading Homeless

The whole school attended a special assembly this week about homelessness in Reading, led by workers from the charity Launchpad. The children are keen to fundraise to support this charity and we will be discussing ideas of how they'd like to do this over the coming weeks.

Oxon Cross Country Championships

It is the Oxon Cross Country competition tomorrow morning at Chiltern Edge from 9.45am. I do hope many of the children from Years 1-3 will be keen to participate. I'm sorry that I won't be able to join you for the event this time but wish everyone the very best of luck!

Parent Consultations

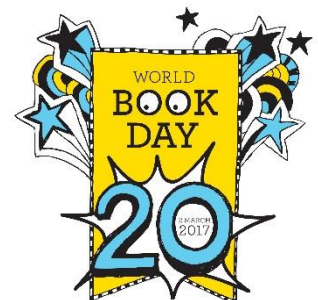
I know that many of you have already signed up for our Parent Consultation afternoon and evening on 7th and 9th March. The sign up sheets remain available outside the school office. If you are unable to pop in and sign up, please feel free to phone or email Mrs Keetch in the school office to book a time.

Disco

Many thanks to Liz Spall and all the parents who have worked hard to organise this afternoon's discos. The children are SO excited and I can't wait to see pictures and hear all about it.

World Book Day

We are really looking forward to celebrating World Book Day next Thursday 2nd March. The children are welcome to come dressed as one of their favourite book characters and bring in a copy of the book. As you may have gathered, I'm very fond of 'dressing up' to mark and support events like this. I'd love to hear your suggestions about who you think I should come dressed as...!



Year 2 Parents Meeting

All Year 2 parents are invited to attend a SATs information talk on Thursday 2nd March 2017. Miss Kennedy and Mrs Mullaney will be explaining the process of the Year 2 SATs and sharing ways that you can support your child at home. The talk will start at 7:30pm in the hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

Reception

In Reception this week we have been learning how to speak in role using props to act out the story of 'Mr Gumpy's Outing' and also writing speech bubbles. In Maths we have focussed on our numbers and 2D shapes and have also learned about healthy lifestyles and eating habits. In Art we have used various types of media to create river scenes.

Year 1

We introduced the children to a new book this week 'Here come the aliens!' and have used this to focus on describing aliens using adjectives and writing compound sentences. In Maths we have been dividing into two and four groups, writing simple number sentences and have solved division problems using the skills we learned. We had fun in Science making papier mache 3D planets and learned how to make an observational drawing of a plant.



Year 2

In Maths this week we have been learning about place value, how to count forwards and backwards in multiples, and different methods of partitioning. In our topic work this week we have located Mexico on the map and in relation to our Chocolate theme have identified where we can find cocoa trees. In Science we have learned about the effects of salt on ice and made our own ice-cream in class!

Year 3

In Year 3 this week we started recorder lessons and some children are continuing with their cello lessons with Berkshire Maestros. We had a very musical morning on Wednesday! We have been learning about time, revisiting how to read analogue and digital clocks and also learned about Skara Brae, a stone-built Neolithic settlement on the west coast of Mainland Scotland and the importance this had on our understanding of prehistoric times.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Tuesday 7 th March	Parent Consultations 3.45 - 5.45pm
Thursday 9 th March	Parent Consultations 6.00 - 8.00pm
Monday 13 th March	First Aid Course for parents (Part 1)
Tuesday 14 th March	First Aid Course for parents (Part 2)
Monday 20 th March	Living Eggs arrive
Thursday 6 th April	Year 1 Trip to Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium

'We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them'
Albert Einstein

Karen Edwards
Headteacher

Please read on to page 3 for an update from the PTFA.

PTFA NEWS

PTFA Meeting

Monday 6 March, The Pack Saddle, 8pm

Can you get more involved?

There are lots of events coming up during the Spring / Summer and we'll need a big team for the Summer Fayre.

We'd love to see some new faces so join us at the PTFA Meeting for a drink and to find out more!

Bingo & Boogie Night

Book the babysitter for another night of fun with Heights parents / carers /grandparents! Six varied rounds of bingo followed by a boogie!

25 March, Hemdean House

£8 / ticket (incl free drink)

Time: 7.30-11.30pm (bingo starts at 8pm)

****BAR MANAGER WANTED** - if you can help please comment on the Facebook event.

Help create a Heights Playlist, favourite anthems can be requested via the Facebook Bingo & Boogie Night Event Page. Ticket information will be available soon.

Waitrose Green Tokens

Until end Feb

There's less than a week left to collect tokens for the school. Every token means money for the school!

Family First Aid Course

13th & 14th March

6.45-9.45pm, School Hall, £25 / head

The course will be fun, informative and potentially life-saving.

The PTFA will receive between £5 to £10 / head depending on take up. Attendees will receive a certificate, a Paediatric First Aid Manual and hand-outs. Please register interest by

emailing: PTFA@theheighsprimary.co.uk

Mini Mile 21 May,

Green Park, Reading

This is a great opportunity to exercise, have fun with your child and raise money for the school. Sign up here: <http://www.royalberks10k.com/enter-2/>

Children's Disco

Friday 24th February

Our disco dancers are ready! Thank you to Liz Spall and Hilary Brailley for organising the event and to all our parent volunteers. Thank you to Joanna Wright for choreographing some great dances!

Best wishes

The PTFA Team