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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been Child Mental Health Week this week and we have been focussing on 'Spreading a little kindness' right through the school. *'A kind gesture can reach a wound that only compassion can heal'.*

We have been interviewing this week for our available teaching positions for the coming year and are really pleased to have appointed two fabulous teachers. We will update you with more information over the coming weeks.

Reception

This week we've been focussing on the 'Little Boat' story. We were inspired by this story and made some amazing junk model boats. We've also written our own 'Little Boat' story and been fabulously creative. We really enjoyed Sign2Sing and want to keep signing in our assemblies!



Year 1

Boy have we worked hard this week! We've completed lots of assessments and spent a lot of time finishing our Solar System Information Booklets. We're really proud of them. We are so excited about going to the Winchester Science Centre on 6th April! Did you know it was the largest standalone planetarium cinema in the UK? You should have received a letter via ParentMail this morning about the trip.

Year 2

We can't believe how much we've packed into this week! We've planned and written our 500 words or less stories and (if we say so ourselves) think they're pretty good and look forward to bringing them home. We linked our Maths and Science work investigating the effect of exercise on our hearts and were thrilled when Dr Jamnicky (Natalia's Mum) came in and showed us how to measure our heart beat and how to keep our hearts healthy. Thank you so much Dr Jamnicky! We're continuing to work hard on our Cracking Times Tables and loved learning and performing the Sign2Sing songs. It was great having parents join us yesterday afternoon to watch us work. We will be holding a meeting shortly after half-term for Year 2 parents to discuss the meaning and purpose of the SATS assessments that the children will be sitting in the Summer term.



Year 3

We were inspired by the sighting of the Woolly Mammoth last week and became journalists to write some reports about it. We've been really artistic this week and have made Stone Age Jewellery and loved creating Stonehenge Midwinter silhouettes with our parents when you came in yesterday.



Watch Us at Work

Thank you for joining us in Years 1-3 yesterday afternoon. The children always enjoy sharing what they've been learning with you.



Uniform - Working Party

Thank you for all the interest in joining a working party to review our uniform policy. We will be holding our first meeting after half-term.

Welcome

We offer a very warm welcome to the Almatars who have recently joined our school community. Khaled is in Mrs Rizvi's class and Reem is with Mrs Mullaney.

Sign2Sing

We have all really enjoyed learning to Sign and Sing over the past few weeks. Thank you so much for supporting us - we raised £120 for the charity for children and adults who are hearing impaired.



Cake Sale

Thank you to the PTFA for once again organising and running a very successful cake sale yesterday after school.

World Thinking Day

22nd February is World Thinking Day and an important date in the Girl Guiding movement and is a worldwide celebration of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world, where girls think about the other 10 million girls around the world who are part of this organisation. The date is also the joint birthday of the founders of the Boy Scout movement and the Girl Guide movement, so boys also celebrate it as Founders Day. In the past few years date has fallen during half term and therefore not celebrated in school time however, on this occasion Rainbows, Brownies and Guides as well as Beavers, Cubs, Sea Rangers and Scouts are welcome to wear their organisation uniform or even just their promise badges to school.

Our spotlight this week falls on...

Year 1 - Karim (1CPF) for Level 1 Swimming and for being a fully qualified Martian Weather Forecaster, Sofia (1VH) and Audrey (1CPF) for getting two Dance awards each (Ballet - Turquoise and Freestyle - Yellow).

Year 2 - Isla (2HK) for making her Brownie Promise this week, Matilda (2HK) for a Dance award, Fletcher (2HK) for being invested in Beavers, Hannah (2HK) for winning 3rd place on the vault at Gymnastics, and Ffion (2AM) for winning 3rd place on the trampette at Gymnastics,

Congratulations to you all!

PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

Reception - Samuel and Matthew (RSR) and Hanna and Alex (RAO)

Year 1 - Sam and Reyaansh (1CPF) and Ava and Ralph (1VH)

Year 2 - Reem and Mira (2AM) and Jenna and Holly (2HK)

Year 3 - Eva and Roshni (3SW)

Lost Bike Helmet

A sibling has lost a cycle helmet from the scooter shed on Thursday this week - has anyone seen it/picked it up by mistake?



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 13 th February to Friday 17 th February	Half-Term
Wednesday 22 nd February	World Thinking Day
Friday 24 th February	School Disco - arrangements to be confirmed. Reception - 4.00pm - 5.00pm Year 1 - 5.15pm - 6.15pm Year 2 & 3 - 6.30pm - 7.30pm
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

Another thought provoking quote:

'The only person you should try to be better than is the person you were yesterday.'



Karen Edwards
Headteacher

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

PTFA NEWS

Cake Sale

We raised nearly £90 despite the freezing conditions! Huge thanks to everyone who baked, helped and bought.

Bingo & Disco Night

SAVE THE DATE: March 25th, Hemdean House School

Help the organisers to create a Heights' Playlist - get thinking about your party anthems. More info will follow on how to get yours on the playlist.

Family First Aid Course

13th & 14th March, 6.45-9.45pm, School Hall, £25 / head

The course will be fun as well as informative and potentially life saving. Key elements will include:

- Dealing with an unconscious casualty
- Baby, Child & Adult Resuscitation
- Choking

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@theheightsprimary.co.uk

Collect Waitrose Green Tokens, February 2017

Our PTFA has one of the 3 charity collection boxes in Caversham Waitrose during February. Every token counts so spread the word and ask at every shop if you are not offered one!

Children's Disco

Friday 24th February, The School Hall, £4/ ticket

Timings are by year group:

4.00pm - 5.00pm - 50 places available (only Reception)

5.15pm - 6.15pm - 50 places available (only Year 1)

6.30pm - 7.30pm - 70 places available (only Year 2 and 3)

HELP! Parent volunteers are needed for years 1-3. Volunteers please email: elizabethjspall@gmail.com

TICKETS:

- Can be bought online: <https://theheightsprimary.yapsody.com>

- If you would prefer to pay by cheque (payable to: The Heights Primary PTFA) or cash, post your envelope in the PTFA postbox CLEARLY labelled with parent's name and child's name, class & year.

Best wishes

The PTFA Team