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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for your support of our 'I'm a Headteacher/Teacher - Get Me Out of Here!' fundraising event on Friday. Wasn't it fun?!!

The challenges were so cleverly thought out, planned and executed and the staff were tremendous sports! Mrs Fallon and I were standing on the stage, looking out on our school community, turned to each other saying almost simultaneously, "Wow! Look at our amazing school!". It was an incredible feeling!



Well done and thank you to everyone involved, we have raised nearly \pounds 2000 to date to fund our Speech and Language Therapist and have been told that donations continue to be 'pledged'.

Many thanks in particular to: Sue Jones, Hannah Smith, Helen Morgan, Anna O'Regan, Davina Buchanan, Niki Bird, Liz & Simon Mackereth, Tracey Miller, Vanessa Mann, Karen Roach, Natalia Gomez Fontao, Lisa Bramley, Nicole Aherne-Conroy, Patrycja Scully, Jenny Salisbury, Rachel Crisford, Andy & Alison Ray, Joyce Davis, Alice McCarthy, Khayyam & Lisa Aslam.

Living Eggs

Eight of our ten eggs hatched and we have five female and 3 male chicks! They are all very healthy and have spent the weekend being pampered at Miss Reynolds' (1CPF) house. We can't believe how much they have changed and matured already - look at their wing feathers!!

Please contact Mrs Edwards asap if you are considering offering to 'home' two or more chicks from this Friday 7th April. Please feel reassured that any chicks not rehome will be returned to the farm they came from and will live a happy 'free range' life.



Reception

We have been focussing on all things Spring! We've talked about changes associated with spring and observed and written about the chicks hatching and developing. We have been drawing and painting spring inspired pictures and Easter cards.

Year 1

We hope that many of you saw our performances of our 'Pants Poems' on Twitter on the Class Page on our website. We've had **so** much fun writing

these! In Maths we've been continuing to learn about time and timed ourselves telling the time for o'clock, half and quarter past the hour. We can't wait to go on our trip to the Winchester Science Museum later this week!

Year 2

Last week we went book mad and spent time in and explored our school library. We chose books to read for pleasure and have been examining and learning about book reviews. We're looking forward to writing book reviews for our school library to guide other children's reading choices. In Maths we've continued to explore measure and have been estimating length, numbers of objects, money and volume.

Year 3

We have loved reading "Stig of the Dump" and planned and wrote our own chapters for our class book. Mrs Edwards was so impressed with our writing that she came into our class, read **every** one of our chapters and gave us all one of her special stickers.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 6 th April	Winchester Science Centre Trip (Year 1)
Friday 7 th April	Last Day of Term (1.30pm finish)
	Reception - Heights & Weights Measurements
	PTFA Cake Sale after school
	PTFA - Lost Property Available for Collection
Monday 10 th April – Friday 21 st April	Easter Holidays
Start of Term 5	Return to school on Monday 24 th April
Monday 1 st May	May Day - School Closed
Week beginning 22 nd May	SATS Week - Year 2
Monday 5 th June	INSET DAY - School CLOSED
Friday 16 th June	Reception Trip to Thatcham Nature Reserve
Friday 30 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 13 th July	Early Move Up Day

Karen Edwards Headteacher

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





PTFA NEWS

Summer Fayre Planning Meeting

5th April, 8pm, Alto Lounge, Caversham

All are welcome at The Summer Fayre Planning Meeting!

We need help to make this event a success. Please get involved, regardless of how much you can help all help is great. Share your ideas at the meeting.

If you are coming, please RSVP:

ptfa@theheightsprimary.co.uk or email if you'd like to help but can't make the meeting.

Cake Sale, Year 1 hosting / baking

Friday 7th April, After School (at the earlier time of 1.30)

Celebrate the last day of the spring term with cake! If you are in Year 1 and can help on the day or bake, please get in touch with Sally (Vaala's Mum, Year 3), email: szkochak@gmail.com

The Heights Easter Egg Competition

April 7th, hand in by 9.15am

All children are invited to enter our Easter Egg competition to decorate a hard boiled or papier mache egg (supplied by parent).

Entry Rules:

- 50p per entry
- Only one egg entry per pupil to be handed in to your child's teacher on 7th April before 9.15am
- The egg can be decorated in any way (felt, glitter, paint etc) but must be able to sit / balance on an egg box

Lost Property

Email deadline 5th April re missing items (uniform and other)

We are clearing as much lost property as possible. Identifiable items are being returned via class teachers. A huge thank you to Carli Jordan and Karen Roach for helping to sort through it.

If you have missing items please email <u>carlibethjordan@gmail.com</u> by Wednesday 5th April. Please use subject LOST PROPERTY and specify what the items are with as much detail as possible e.g. Item make, colour, size etc. Finally please include your child's name and class.

Photos of easy to identify items have been put on the Parents Facebook page and sent via Parentmail.

We will have a table in the playground with unclaimed Lost Property items at the end of the school day on Friday 7th April. Any unclaimed items after this time will be given to charity / will become The Heights spare clothes.

Mini Mile

21 May, Green Park, Reading Join your children for the Green Park Mini Mile & raise money for our school Sign up here: <u>http://www.royalberks10k.com/enter-2/</u> Sponsorship link here: <u>https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/suehepwood1</u>

Best wishes The Heights PTFA Team