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Dear Parents and Carers.

Well, it serves me right for starting last week's newsletter with 'WOW! What a week...' because this week has topped it!

We began on Monday with our amazing Year 2 pupils sitting their Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar SATs papers and our Reception pupils launching into their Superhero Week. Then there were two announcements:

- 1. Hector had been kidnapped by a Super Villain
- 2. Ofsted Inspectors were visiting on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The children in our youngest classes were very quick to try and connect the two... Fortunately, the Inspectors were quick to reassure the children that they had nothing to do with the abduction and stayed to watch them transform themselves into Superheroes ready to rescue our special bear.

The children thought up names, designed their logo









and costume and have been very busy making capes, masks and gadget belts and taking part in Superhero Training. It clearly paid off because when they came into assembly as new Superheroes, Hector was delivered back to us safely!

Year 1

We've been really busy completing all sorts of assessments this week and have thoroughly enjoyed writing animal riddles. We've completed a lot of research on different animals which helped us write fact sheets on them. We can't wait to Visit Marwell Zoo after half-term and want to thank our Year 1 parents for holding an ice-lolly sale yesterday. We raised over £100 towards our trip!

I've got four furry legs. I'm a pet. I have sensitive whiskers. I've got a long tail. What am I?

Year 2

We have to admit that we're really tired after this week. We completed all our SATs but still found time to take part in fun pirate activities. We learnt different Sea Shanties which we loved performing in assembly. We're also going on an end of year trip as part of our topic and are holding a pirate fundraising event after school on Friday 9th June. It will be like a mini-Pirate Fair with lots of fun games for children to play. Do put the date in your diaries.

As well as completing assessments to check our learning and plan next steps, we've looked at different strategies for halving, doubling and a formal written method for multiplication. Mrs Edwards came in at the end of our Recorder lesson and could see that we were really buzzing from it - which is true!

Mini-Mile

It was wonderful to see so many children from Reception to year 3 as well as younger siblings and parents take part in the Mini-Mile last Sunday. Congratulations to everyone who took part and to the parents who took it a few steps further and competed in the 10K. A special mention must go to Indi who received a trophy for coming 3^{rd} out of all the girls who competed and Zak G and Zak D who came 6^{th} and 11^{th} respectively!





Thank You's

Thank you to Jamie White and Marcus Curtin for their immense efforts building a new storage unit for under our covered stairs earlier this week. They then had the mammoth task of putting all the sports equipment into it - which was no mean feat.

We have many thank you's we would like to make to various parents whose companies they work for support the school. We will be writing about this in more details after half-term.

Building Works

We have our building contractors in school over half-term. They will be working on the LRC and Miss Parker-Fraser's classroom re-developing the space to ensure we have two new Year 3 classrooms for September.

Our spotlight this week falls on...

Reception - Samuel (RSR) for getting his Purple Martial Arts Belt.

Year 1 - Xavier (1CPF) for learning to swim 30 metres.

Year 2 - Zachary (2HK) for winning a Judo trophy, Amelia for being invested in Brownies and Kacper for passing Youth Chinese Test Level 1.

Year 3 - Freya (35W) for learning to swim 50 metres.

A very well done to all our Mini-Milers - the turnout was huge this year with over 60 runners along with parents and other family members. To date we have raised £2,145 which doesn't yet include match-funding - what an amazing achievement! Finally, some of our girls will be appearing this weekend at Sadler Wells. Scarlett, Brooke and Amelie are dancing in a London show on Sunday as part of their dance troupe which should be an amazing experience for them. They are then doing 4 performances at the Wilde theatre in Bracknell over half term. Well done girls!

Congratulations to you all!

PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

Reception - Annam and Quinn (RSR), Angie and Tom (RAO)

Year 1 - Amelia and Oliver (1CPF), Jessica and Lily (1VH)

Year 2 - To the whole of Year 2 for your hard work, amazing effort and positive attitudes during Assessment Week. We are super proud of you all and you should be super proud of yourselves too!!

Year 3 - Freya and Lucy (35W)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 5 th June	INSET DAY - School CLOSED
Tuesday 6 th June	Start of Term 6
Thursday 8 th June	Year 1 Trip to Marwell Zoo
Saturday 10 th June	PTFA Race Night
Friday 16 th June	Reception Trip to Thatcham Nature Reserve
Saturday 17 th June	PTFA Summer Fair 12-3pm
Friday 30 th June	Sports Day
Monday 3 rd July	Year 2 Trip to Lepe Country Park
Thursday 13 th July	Early Move Up Day

Karen Edwards Headteacher

PTFA NEWS

Mini Mile

What an amazing morning and what a fantastic achievement for all the children who participated! Together we have raised an awesome £2,145 so far. This excludes match funding! A tremendous amount - we should all feel very proud!

Race Night

Saturday 10 June, 7.30pm- 11.30pm @ Hemdean House Buy your tickets online: http://theheightsprimary.yapsody.com £12/ ticket (incl meal)
Or pop cash / cheque into the PTFA box.

Summer Fayre

BBQ

Would anyone like to volunteer to take this on? We really need you!!!! Please email: ptfa@theheightsprimary.co.uk

TOMBOLA

June 8th DROP OFF

Donations of bottles, sweets & Donations & Donation

Best wishes for a great half term

The PTFA Team