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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to welcome all our new Reception children into the school for our Early Move Up Day yesterday and for all the other children to spend the day with their next year's teacher. Everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves including all the staff, 'new' and 'old'.

Dressing Up Day

Back on June 8th, the children had their own ballot and decided that they would like a dressing up day. That day is today and we've had quite an amazing array of outfits (and that was just the staff!)



Reception

In Reception this week the children have thoroughly enjoyed continuing to learn about mini-beasts. They've been on mini-beast hunts, written fact files about them and watched mini-beast adventures with Jess. It has been wonderful being greeted at the gate in the morning with woodlice and spiders in jars that the children have found at home.

Year 1

This week we have completed our end of year assessments in English, Maths and Science and have been practising our handwriting skills. We've really enjoyed our Early Move Up Day yesterday and settling into our new classrooms.

Year 2

We've been busy doing all sorts of activities that are helping prepare us for our move into Year 3, including making 'All About Me' booklets and painting our own portraits. We're looking forward to leading an assembly next Tuesday morning (18th July) performing Pirate songs and playing our recorders.

Year 3

We've continued to make our own wind turbines using different materials and been exploring angles, turns and the properties of 3D shapes in maths. We've been practicing for our cricket tournament at Reading University next Wednesday and were so excited when Mrs Thomas, our teacher for next year told us that we're going on a residential in September.



Sports Day

Congratulations to all the children (and staff) in Simonds House for winning Sports Day two weeks ago. Here are the results!

Simonds	420
Cusden	390
Marshal	379
Cadogen	309

Water Day

We're all looking forward to our annual water day the afternoon of next Thursday 20th July. Please can you ensure the children bring a towel into school and have their PE Kit in school that day - we will get wet!!



LaunchPad

Representatives for the Reading LaunchPad charity are returning to our assembly on Monday to receive a cheque for £500 raised by our pupils who ran the Green Park Mini-Mile Challenge back in May.

Green Park Mini-Mile

Congratulations to Hannah and Ffion who raised an incredible **£980** for the Starlight Charity by running the Green Park Mini-Mile.

Summer Reading Challenge

Reading Libraries run a Summer Reading Challenge every year during the summer holidays. You can sign your child up at our local Caversham Library where they choose six books to read to complete the challenge.



PTFA

Many thanks to the PTFA for running a Beat the Buzzer stall on Albert Road Park Fun Day on 2nd July. It was a lovely community event to be part of and the £46.10 taken on the stall has been donated back to the supporters of Albert Road Park.

Reports

You will all have received a copy of your child's Annual Report which we hope you have found informative and enjoyed reading. If you haven't already done so, please could you complete the parent comment form to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.



Summer Concert

Well done to all the children and members of the Choir for entertaining us with their singing in our 'Summer Concert' on Tuesday morning. Many thanks to Mrs Fallon and Mr Bassett for all their commitment and efforts leading the Choir this year. We're thoroughly looking forward to expanding it and having a Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Choir from September,

Lost Property

All lost property will be available on the playground on the last day of term. Please do come and have a look to see if anything belongs to you - any items will be disposed of.

Thank you...

A massive thank you to David Blencowe, Peter Ferguson, Juli Reimer and Susan Jones for dropping everything to help unpack and transport the new storage units upstairs and into the Year 2 classrooms.

Our spotlight this week falls on...

Reception - Isaac and Sammy for getting Level 1 swimming and Miah, Harry T and Matthew for getting Level 2 swimming, Alice for swimming 5 metres, Quinn for receiving a Caversham Trents award, Lilly for getting a medal for reading alone, Forest for completing the Little Welly Obstacle course

Year 1 - Jack for completing the Little Welly Obstacle course and Xavier for receiving a Caversham Trents award.

Year 2 - Eddy for getting Level 7 swimming and also taking part in his first red ball tournament. Zachary and Matilda for completing the Little Welly Obstacle twice, Zachary for being awarded his Yellow Judo Stripe, Kacper for getting Level 4 Gymnastics, Matilda for completing a Triathlon Challenge, Rhys for receiving a Caversham Trents trophy and Chloe for performing as a snowflake and a sweetie in the Nutcracker at the Hexagon.

Year 3 - Jack for completing the Little Welly Obstacle course

Congratulations to you all - what a busy week!!

PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

Reception - Amelie, Miah, Elspeth, Aron, Kit, Daisy and Isaac (RSR) and Imogen, Lizzy, Krissh, Lilly, Jake and Hannah (RAO)

Year 1 - Xavier, Annabel, Joe, Karim and Victoria (1CPF) and Baylen, Natalia, Darcey and Elyon (1VH)

Year 2 - Sienna, Mira, Ben, Brooke, Shams, Ffion, Rafi (2AM), and Harry, Zachary, Fletcher, Darcey, Betty and Greti (2HK)

Year 3 - Rachel and Tom (3SW)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 18 th July	Year 2 Pirate Assembly - 9.30am
Wednesday 19 th July	Year 3 Cricket Tournament at Reading University 10-2pm
Thursday 20 th July	Water Day PTFA Ice-Cream Sale - after school
Friday 21 st July	End of Year Assembly - 9.30am School closes 1.30pm.



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PTFA NEWS

Ice Lolly Sale Thursday 20th July

We will be holding an ice lolly sale after school on Thursday 20th July. So bring your money and enjoy some icy treats!

Heights Summer Holiday Photo Challenge

With 6 weeks of summer holidays looming we are challenging you to spread the Heights love! So grab your Heights bags, notebooks and tea towels, take them wherever you are going over the holidays and takes lots of pictures. You can either add them to the parents facebook page or send to the PTFA email. We will print lots of them and put them up in the school entrance in September for everyone to have a look at. Who can take their heights gear to the most unusual place?

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-18

Term 1	Thursday 7th September <u>New Reception Children:</u> Home visits 6 th – 8 th September Monday 11 th Sep – Half Day (am or pm) Tue 12 th to Fri 15 th Sep – 8.45am to 1.30pm Mon 18 th Sep onwards – full days	To	Friday 20th October
INSET days	Tuesday 5 th September Wednesday 6 th September		
October Holiday	Monday 23 rd October	To	Friday 27 th October
Term 2	Monday 30th October	To	Tuesday 19th December School closes 1.30pm
INSET day	Friday 24 th November		
Christmas Holiday	Wednesday 20 th December	To	Tuesday 2 nd January
Term 3	Wednesday 3rd January	To	Friday 9th February
February Holiday	Monday 12 th February	To	Friday 16 th February
Term 4	Monday 19th February	To	Friday 23rd March School closes 1.30pm
Easter Holiday	Monday 26 th March	To	Friday 6 th April
Term 5	Monday 9th April	To	Friday 25th May
May Day	Monday 7 th May		
Late Spring Holiday	Monday 28 th May	To	Friday 1 st June
Term 6	Monday 4th June	To	Friday 20th July School closes 1.30pm
INSET days	Monday 23 rd July Tuesday 24 th July		