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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Now that the end of the school year is finally here, I'm not ready... to say goodbye to the children for 6 weeks. I know everyone needs a 'rest' over the summer, but I will miss them all so much!

We have had a truly amazing year, in terms of the children's achievements, decisions that are securing our permanent site and of course our Ofsted Inspection. Thank you all for your incredible belief in the school and support for all that we do. We really do understand and appreciate the challenges you face and compromises you have to make every day.

Our partnership with you as parents is one of our greatest strengths and I must also thank the members of The Trust, Ruth, Dan, Matt, Zoltan, Polly, Sean and Susan. They have worked tirelessly (and more often than not silently) behind the scenes, to secure the best possible 'everything' for the school and in particular the permanent site.

Thank you to our *Governors*, Our Chair Nick Walden, Matt, Linda, Esme, Barney, Winnie, Emma and Jane. It is a privilege to work with such a skilled and dedicated *Governing Body* who all care as passionately for the well-being and provision for every individual as we do as staff and parents.

Thank you to our own very special team of staff who were rightly commended by Ofsted. They all care so much for every individual child from the classteachers and Teaching assistants to the lunchtime staff and incredible team in the office.

The PTFA have continued to WOW us with the fabulous school events organised and the staggering amounts of money raised - I'm sure you'll agree, Catherine Kiely and Bav Mistry have been wonderful Co-Chairs this year.

Thank you to POTH and in particular Kerry Parr, Michele Bradbury, Gary Watts and Anna O'Regan for their tremendous hard work and careful planning for 'our future home'.

Thank you to Sue Jones and Liz Mackereth who are always ready to stand in, helping out in class or the lunch hall, Saadia Saadat for volunteering her afternoons in Key Stage 1, Fiona Barker for managing our Story Sacks and all our other parent volunteers who help on a regular basis reading with children, helping on trips, driving children to events or generally helping out in school.

Thank you to everyone at St Anne's Primary School who continue to be so generous and supportive of us and to all our local residents.

Finally, I'd like to thank all the children for their laughter, smiles and hard work. Every single one of them is an inspiration and it remains a privilege for me to be their Mrs H'Edwards.



Happy Holidays Everyone!

Our spotlight this week falls on...

Reception - Amelie for getting Level 2 Swimming and Betsy for Level 3 Swimming.

Year 1 - Chloe for getting Level 4 in Gymnastics, Ava for Level 2 Swimming and Annabel for running the Race for Life.

Year 2 - YingGe for coming top of his class at Chinese School, Jonah for learning to swim 50 metres, Emily for learning to swim 7.5 metres on her front and back, and Zachary for learning to swim 10 metres.

Congratulations to you all!



PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

Reception - Izyaan, Lauren, Khaled, Callen, and River (RSR) and Grace, Varya, George, Mia, Rebecca, Alex and Leon (RAO)

Year 1 - Chloe, Elliot, Oliver, Sam C and Sam D (1CPF) and Dylan, Lily, Ralph and Lillianna (1VH)

Year 2 - Lily, Tara, Thys, YingGe and Emily (2AM), and Aryan, Isla, Matilda, Tom and Iulianna (2HK)

Year 3 - All the incredible and very special children in Year 3!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Wednesday 6 th - Friday 8 th September | Home visits for new Reception children |
| Thursday 7 th September | Return to school - Term 1 (Years 1-4) |
| Monday 11 th September | Half Day for new Reception children (am or pm) |
| Tuesday 12 th - Friday 15 th September | Half Day plus lunch for new Reception children |
| Monday 23 rd October - Friday 27 th October | Half Term Holidays |
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Karen Edwards
Headteacher



Ode to The Heights - Year 3

September 2016
saw us grow to 168,
with 50 more reception children
knocking at the gate.

And of these fab new starters
13 were sib-il-ings.
A record we know so far
But check out what September brings!

We welcomed fab new staff,
Kennedy, Sanigar and O'Dell
And with them came
Miss Reynolds, Wells and Joshua Beth-el.

We've used all of our classrooms
And our wonderful LRC.
Used all the space in assemblies.
Or have we - wait and see!

Class topics were inspiring,
Full of Dragons, Space, Pharoahs,
Journeys, Animals & Chocolate,
Pirates, Fire and Superheroes.

We all supported Jeans for Genes
And celebrated Diwali;
Anti-bullying and Remembrance weeks
Followed by Nativities.

Many faced the Muddy Mayhem,
10k at Hen-e-ley,
All with the same great goal
Of raising funds for charity.

Another Quiz night at St Andrews
Saw so many teams take part
But when the rubber turkey was introduced
There was more carnage than 'real art'?

We went again to the Panto,
It was Snow White & her friends.
This time we happily shouted back
Knowing we could make amends.

December brought the welcome news
We're closer to a permanent home.
Plans might be considered
...with consultation ...no please don't groan

We had a late Christmas present
It was tarmac & space to play.
We loved learning about Chinese New Year
And dressing up for World Book Day

With spring came our little chicks
And National Science week
Which saw Professor Fallon
Taking children's excitement to a peak.

The Easter term it ended
With some challenges for a few.
Faces in porridge and flour
And feet in beans and glue.

May half term was a busy one.
We needed two more classes.
REDS10 Worked modular wonders
In three days grafting their

Ofsted came a calling,
"Supervillains!" Reception cried.
Twas no need for superhero training
As the inspectors were inspired,

By what they saw in school
It was Outstanding throughout
And left us all a-smiling
With outsiders in no doubt.

The summer fayre was truly fab
A special community day
With hulas, food and bouncy castles
And lovely Hawaiian leis.

Sports Day was amazing
Did you see them throw & vault,
Try out the Western roll
And sprint like Usain Bolt?

We 'tripped' again to Marwell
down to Thatcham & Lepe Park
to the Earth Trust with Yr 3
making shelters and some 'sparks'.

Once again to the Fat Boy Sevens?
A division higher - how did they fare?
This time they made the final
Such a proud Mama Bear.

Water Day was a wild one
Where do you find those guns?
I only had a tiny one!
John Carter, please, no puns!!

Once again we have farewells
To Rishona and three staff
Miss O'Dell, Longworth and Sparkle,
All following new paths.

Our school is ever changing
But our passion remains the same
And for every member of it
We continue to gain and gain.

Thank you everyone
In our special community
For another incredible year
Trying to fulfil our destiny.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-18

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| 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 | | |