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# THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week was full of Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night, this week we've been focussing on Remembrance Day and the importance of it not only here in this country but throughout the world. We marked it by holding 1 minute's silence at 11am today, a day early as we won't be in school tomorrow.

# Reception

We've been learning all about Harvest this week. We've re-told the Little Red Hen story and talked about where our fruit and veg come from. We made a Harvest Soup full of cabbage, mushrooms, sprouts and many more veg and thought it was really tasty. (Honestly!) Who knows, we may be ready for those sprouts at Christmas Dinner now...



# Year 1

We've continued to learning to re-tell the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff by heart and have really enjoyed writing captions next to pictures from the story. We've been having fraction picnics, using food to help us recognise half a quarter of a shape and quantity. In Geography we've started to learn to name the capital cities of the countries that make up the United Kingdom. Do test us over the weekend!

#### Year 2

We've had so much fun changing parts of the story of the Paper Bag Princess and inventing our own version of events. We can't wait to research and decide on the best material to use to make a shield for our Princess. In Maths we've been learning about the properties of 2D shapes and sorting them into groups.

# Year 3



Thanks for organising this, Mr Ellison!

We've been exploring division through sharing and grouping and have used bead lines to help us. We've started to research all sorts of interesting facts about Ancient Egypt and couldn't believe how the brain was hooked out throught the nose as part of the mummification process. YUK! We had loads of fun in our Egyptian Dance Workshop - thank you so much to the PTFA for funding this! We've been working hard in our Tag Rugby PE lessons and can't wait to take part in the Tag Festibal on St Anne's field with other schools next Friday morning.

# Year 4

Our Mighty Mayan Day was a great way to start the week. We learnt a Mayan song and have had so much fun creating characters for our version of the 'Chocolate Tree' and writing descriptions of them. Maths is getting more challenging for some of us as we try to master formal written methods of subtraction, but we're getting the hang of it and Mrs Thomas says we'll be moving on to subtracting money with decimals and finding missing numbers.

#### **Cross Country**

Congratulations to River (Y1), Sam C, Sam D, Xavier, Rishi, Joe, Oscar and Jack (Y2), Ishan, YingGe, Jonah, Isla and Lily (Y3), Bea, Roshni, Finlay, Zak and Jermaine (Y4) for participating in the second of the winter series Cross Country events. It was wet and cold but they showed real guts, determination and resilience and some even smiled whilst running round! I was SO proud of them all. The next competition is on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and it would be wonderful to see even more children taking part and supporting each other and the school.

# Parent Class Reps

Our next meeting is now this coming Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 9am.

#### Flu Immunisations

Flu immunisations will be taking place next Friday morning for the whole school. If you haven't yet returned your child's consent form, please do so as soon as possible.

# Year 3 Tag Rugby Festival

We have been invited to take part in a Tag Festival with other local schools at St Anne's next Friday morning. The Year 3 children will enjoy a mixture of coached and league matches on the field – we're really looking forward to it.

# UK Parliament and Anti-Bullying Week

It's UK Parliament and Anti-Bullying Week next week and we are looking forward to spending time learning and talking about the Parliamentary system and promoting the difference and equality in schools with the tag-line 'All Different, All Equal'.

# PTFA Quiz Night

Just a reminder that the PTFA Pizza and Quiz Night is approaching fast - Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30-11.30pm. If you are planning to come please could you purchase your tickets asap to allow us to gauge numbers for catering purposes. Tickets are £12.50pp which includes pizza. It promises to be lots of fun and a great chance to socialise with other parents and carers throughout the school. You can organise teams of up to 8 members in advance or simply join a table on the night. The link for purchasing tickets is: <a href="https://www.pta-events.co.uk/theheights/">https://www.pta-events.co.uk/theheights/</a>

# PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

Reception - Anna, Sophia and Luca (RED), Keira and George (RSR) Year 1 - Betsy and Amelie (1AP), Annam and Kit (1VH) Year 2 - Audrey and Lucy (2HK), Elyon and Lily J (2SB) Year 3 - Sophie and Eddy (3AM), Alex and Shams (3SW) Year 4 - Eva and Jermaine (4CT)

#### Spotlight

Year 1 - Isaac (1VH) for being 'Dancer of the Week' in Street Dance Year 2 - Jack (2HK) for earning a Green Blue Peter Badge, Karim (2hk) for Gaining Level 2 in Swimming Year 3 - Darcey (3AM) for being featured in the University of Oxford 'Blueprint' Magazine. Sam (3SW) for gaining a Purple Blue Peter Badge for writing a review on a Blue Peter episode. Year 4 - Bea (4CT) for earning a Green Blue Peter Badge for writing a lovely letter about seeing Voles! Congratulations to you all - well done!



# Anti-Bullying Week

13-17th November 2017

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Nasal Flu Immunisations in School (Reception to 4)
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	PTFA Quiz Night 7.30-11.30pm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	KS1 and KS2 Road Safety Talk
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	KS2 Choir Performance at The Hexagon
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Cross Country at Chiltern Edge
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	PTFA Christmas Fair 11am-2pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school Panto - Hexagon

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