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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

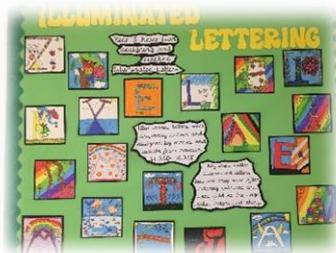
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Dear Parents and Carers,

After a truly glorious September, we've nudged into October already. The weeks really are racing by. The new Reception children have settled in so well that it feels like they've been here an awful lot longer than four weeks! I was sorry to have missed their first Celebration Assembly last Friday when I was at the Year 4 Residential but was delighted to welcome them to our first Whole School Assembly on Monday. Yes, we manage to fit everyone into the Hall - what a gathering!



Parent Governor Elections

I am very grateful to the parents who have put themselves forward as candidates for the Parent Governor positions we have available. On Monday next week you will receive full instructions on how to vote. You will receive a Ballot Paper and an Election Statement from each of the candidates via your child's bookbag. Please return your vote via the Parent Post Box outside the office window no later than 4pm on Monday 15th October.

Councillors

Congratulations to the following children who have been elected by their classmates to be School or Eco Councillors.

School Council: Alex P, Tom R, Elodie, Rishi T, Karim, Alex, Harry D, Jack W, Roshni and Joe G.

Eco Council: Rowan, Hanga, Dominic, Finn, Lara F, Sophie S, Ffion, Betsy, George S and Eva.

We held our first meeting this afternoon and are looking forward to meeting and discussing a possible joint project or activity with the School Council from Caversham Primary when they visit us on Thursday 15th October.

Year 4 Maths Challenge at Crosfields

Congratulations to YingGe, Mira, Jonah and Zoya who represented the school in the Crosfields Maths Challenge last Friday. They were fantastic ambassadors for The Heights and competed brilliantly, coming 8th and 20th out of 47 pairs in the competition. Well done to them all.



PTFA AGM

Many thanks to all the parents who attended the PTFA AGM on Monday evening and to Joyce Davis and Maggie Bruce for continuing in their roles as Co-Chairs and to Nicky James for her amazing support as Treasurer for the past two years. Thanks also to Carol Mould for taking on the role of Secretary and Mark Challis and Katie Freeman for the Treasurer role. I'm really looking forward to all the different events and activities the PTFA have already planned for the year.



Parent Class Reps

I held my first meeting with many of the Parent Class Reps on Monday. It was really helpful to have different constructive discussions and with them we have already actioned a number of the suggestions and requests. Thank you to all the Reps who have volunteered their time to take on the role.

Chiltern Edge Cross Country

Tomorrow is the first Cross Country Competition of the Chiltern Edge Winter Series. Boys and girls in Years 1-5 from local Primary Schools will be taking part from 10am. The distances range from just under 700m for the youngest competitors, to a mile for the Year 6's. It would be lovely to see as many Heights children taking part.



Year 5 Tag Festival

Good luck to all the Year 5's who will be participating in an inter-school Tag-Rugby festival at Queen Anne's School next Wednesday 10th October. Many thanks to Performance Sports for organising it.

Year 4 Football at Caversham Primary

Many thanks to Caversham Primary for inviting our Year 4 pupils to play some matches after school next Friday. We're really looking forward to joining them. Further details will be sent to parents on Monday.

PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

Year 3 - Oscar, Lilliana, Abigail and Lily (3FH), Jack, Sam, Ariana and Chloe (3SW)

Year 4 - Alex, Ruby, Lily and Thom (4CT), Hannah, Rishi, Sophie and Harry (4RR)

Year 5 - Freya, Olivia, Sebastian and Jayden (5JG)

Spotlight

Football

Finlay (5JG) for being Player of the Match for Caversham AFC U10s.

Amelia, Lucy and Tula (3SW) for representing Caversham AFC at a Reading FC Community Trust day and being flag bearers on the pitch for the First Team game against Hull FC on 22nd September.

Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to all the children who have completed the Summer Reading Challenge held by Reading Libraries.

Swimming

Joshua (4RR) for earning Level 4.

Ishan (3SW) for earning Level 5.

Karate

Kacper (3FH) for earning his 7th Kyu Certificate in Karate.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Cross Country at Chiltern Edge	Saturday 6 th October 10am
Last Day of Term	Friday 19 th October
Half Term	Monday 22 nd October to Friday 26 th October
Hallowe'en Disco Years 1-5	Friday 2nd November at St Andrews Church Hall
Hallowe'en Disco Reception	Friday 9 th November at school (New Hall)
Parent Consultations	6 th November and 8 th November - times to be confirmed
INSET Day - School Closed to Pupils	Friday 23 rd November
School Christmas Dinner	Wednesday 19 th December
Last Day of Term	Friday 21 st December, school finishes at 1.30pm

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