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Dear Parents and Carers,

So we're finally here at the end of our 5th year, as a Heights School Community! It has been a fabulous year in so many ways, made possible by all the support and help from you as parents, the staff, pupils, Governors, Members of the Trust, Performance Sport, PTFA and members of our local community. I would like to thank all of you for your support and belief in the school, because without it we would not continue to achieve all that we do.

This past week has been a lovely celebration of so much! We started with our Reception and Key Stage 1 Water 'Challenges' on Monday and we had such a laugh! Boy did I regret not adding one particular item of dry clothing to my bag that morning before I left for work...!

On Tuesday, over 50 of our children performed in our Music Concert, singing, dancing and playing the piano, guitar and violin. They were outstanding! We also had our Key Stage 2 Water 'Fights' yesterday and thankfully I was so much better prepared! As the Year 4 and 5 pupils decided to line up to squirt each other... I snuck round the back of them and...yes, caught them unawares...! Once again, it was loads of fun and such a laugh!

The results are in for Sports Day:

1st - Cusden

2nd - Simons

3rd - Marshal

Well done everyone!

I'm hoping that my Ode to Year 5 gives everyone a greater flavour and feeling about this past year - clearly I wrote it BEFORE the 'I'm a Headteacher, Get Me Out of Here' experience... And what an experience... worms, crickets and gunge galore! Thank you SO much to Hannah Smith, Helen Morgan, Tom Crisford (MC) and everyone else who helped plan and organise and clear away this amazing event. Thank you also to all the staff who were brave enough to participate in it...!



Finally, I hope you all enjoy a relaxing break with your families and I look forward to welcoming you back to school early September.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Return to School - Term 1 (Years 1-6)	Thursday 5 th September 2019
Reception Children Start (half day)	Monday 9 th September

Karen Edwards
Headteacher

Ode to The Heights - Year 5

I can't believe it's time
For my 5th Ode just yet.
It passes all so quickly
Even more so next year I'll bet.

This year oh it beguneth,
With a bit more lovely space.
It was a busy summer
Shifting furniture from place to place.

But what a fabulous New Block
And Artificial Turf
And don't forget the fencing
In the 'Park', who on earth ...

Would believe so many
Could object to such a plan?
Ah..don't worry, I won't go there..
But I know a few who can.

Instead I'll wax lyrical
About Year number 5,
Because when I look back
It's with immense pride.

The young reception children
Bounded in so happy
As did all our new staff
Including Gillick and Giacomelli.

Where do I start with all
The experiences this year?
Trips to Castles, Zoos and Beaches
And the Residential, I hear ...

The Year 4s shout from the back
We loved all Longridge's activities
And watching Mrs Edwards
Fall in the river with water past her knees.

We've played so many matches
And tournaments in different places,
Netball, Football, Tag and Cricket,
Even Basketball despite the space.

It's testament to the efforts
Of all the children, parents and staff
And Performance Sport in particular
Who never cease to graft

To ensure the opportunities,
Are really there for all
To participate in sport

Either with or without a ball.

The choirs they are thriving
Thanks to Bassett and Bentley,
Mr Bethel & Mrs Fallon
And all their work on harmony.

There were performances at the Hexagon,
The Fayres and Albert Hall.
Next Year we're taking part in One Voice
At the O2 - what a ball!

The PTFA have been busy
All Year with Fayres and fun
Draising events that have helped
buy resources for everyone!

Twas lovely to have Xmas
Productions at St Andrews.
Thanks to Rev Jones and all the
Families who completely filled the pews.

The Scarecrow trail was awesome,
Who could forget the BFG
Minions, Dumbo, Moana & Ghostbuster
And the impressive Black Beauty.

Not 1 but 2 Sports Days
This year on St Anne's field
Pupils' skill & efforts amazed us all
But Parents didn't yield

When asked if they'd participate
In races just for them,
They powered down the track
Past the line into bramble stems.

We loved the mini mile
And Katie's Triathlon,
With a couple of hundred taking part
All having so much fun!

Thanks everyone for your support,
To be more sustainable.
We were thrilled with our Silver Award
You can see it on the wall.

What - no word yet about Jon Carter?
I hear some mutterings around...
Fear not, he always features
In my Odes and this year was renowned

For celebrating a special birthday
In his hero Tom Brady's kit

And snapping his little pinkie
Which rendered him unfit..

For the Fat Blokes seven matches
To be played by dad's tomorrow.
John, we all hope your absence
Won't result in Milvus, Milvus sorrow.

We're sad to say farewell
To some truly amazing staff
Ms Alfano, Toccock and Castillo
& Mrs Rizvi, she aint 'alf

An incredible practitioner
And founding Heights staff member
Thank you doesn't say enough
For everything you've tendered.

So we'll finish having a laugh
Shortly with 'I'm a Head..'
You'll never know how much
Certain staff really dread

The thought of eating odd things
And being gunged and slimed
But they're all really amazing
And incredibly kind

To be prepared to do it
To help raise extra cash
And don't worry all of you
It'll be over in a flash.

Thank you everyone
From the bottom of my heart
For everything this year
You have all played a part

In helping us remain
An incredible community
That keeps the children at the core
And is where I still love to be.

Karen Edwards - July 2019