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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back after the summer break and to hear about all your fabulous experiences and adventures in your holidays. The children have been so animated when talking about all that they've done!

We've also been delighted to welcome all our new Reception children and their families to our Heights school community. The children have transitioned and settled so quickly and seamlessly and I had to stifle a giggle when one girl in Reception confidently tapped me on the shoulder at lunchtime in the playground and told me that I hadn't opened the gate that morning and asked where I'd been. I informed her that I'd been in a meeting, that another member of staff had unlocked the gate and that I'd be there to unlock it today. She looked me in the eye, nodded and said 'Hmmm'. I made sure I was there this morning!

As well as welcoming all the new Reception children and their families, we'd like to offer a warm welcome to Barney (Y4) and Uthvah (Y6) and their families, as well as our new staff - Mr Cook (Y6 Teacher), Mrs Fraser (Y6 Teaching Assistant), Miss Lawless (Y4 Teacher), Miss Wiggins (Y4 Teaching Assistant), Mrs Loveday (KS2 Teaching Assistant), Mrs Kingshott (Y3 Teacher), Mrs MacKenzie (KS2 Teaching Assistant), Mrs Morgan (Y1 Teaching Assistant), Miss Nash (Reception Teaching Assistant) and Mrs Gomez (Lunchtime Assistant).

Newsletters and Curriculum Maps

ParentMails were sent earlier this week containing year specific welcome letters and Curriculum Maps for the term to parents of children in Years 1-6. If you have any questions around any of the detail contained within them, please let your child's classteacher know.

'Meet the Team' & 'See Our Classroom' Sessions

We have arranged for some talks for parents from Key Stage Leaders to explain in more details what the focuses will be in each year group. We will also be inviting you to come and tour your child(ren's) classrooms. We do hope you will be able to attend these sessions - the dates are below.

Year 4 Residential Meeting

Thank you to everyone who came to the Year 4 Longridge meeting yesterday, it was good to see so many parents and children attending.



Year 6 Residential - Skern Lodge

Mr Cook and I will be holding a meeting for Year 6 parents next Thursday 19th September at 3.40pm in the Year 6 classroom to share information with you about the forthcoming residential in October. We hope you can join us.

School Council

Congratulations to the following children who have been elected by their peers onto the School and Eco Councils:

	Eco Council	School Council
1AP	Borna	Agatha
1CG	Indi	Noah
2HK	Max	Lily
2SH	Charlotte	Eva
3KH	Matthew	Varya
3SW	Harry	Lauren
4CL	Lillianna	Luke
4JG	Elliot	Xavier
5CT	Isaac /YingGe	Ben
5RR	Sophie	Joshie /Greti
6BC	Lucy	Bea /Tom

Climate Strike

We are planning to mark the Climate Strike on Friday 20th September by taking children from Key Stage 2 to Christchurch Meadows Park between 2.00-2.30pm and Key Stage 1 to the fenced off area in Westfield Park at the same time. The children will be making some posters and banners next week, and we will be joined by pupils from Thameside and St Anne's Primary Schools. Parents are welcome to join us.

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Jeans 4 Genes

We will be supporting this annual charity event next Wednesday 18th September. The children are welcome to come into school wearing jeans or a denim skirt with the top part of their school uniform. If they choose to do so, please could we ask that a voluntary contribution of £1 is given to the charity. Money can be passed to classteachers at registration or popped into the collection box outside the school office. We understand that some children may not wish to participate and that is absolutely fine.

Prospective Parent Tours

We will be starting our tours for prospective Reception parents (2020) every Tuesday from 24th September (9am and 10am) until Christmas. If you would like to book a tour, please contact the school office.

PTFA Annual General Meeting

The PTFA will be holding their AGM on Thursday 19th September at 7.30pm in the school hall and as per the ParentMail sent earlier this week are looking to recruit new members. Everyone is welcome to attend so if you are interested in joining the PTFA please come along and find out more.



Cross Country

The first Cross Country event of the season is taking place at 9am at Greys Court (Henley-on-Thames) for children in Years 1-6 tomorrow (Saturday 14th September). I'm afraid I am unable to be at the event on this occasion but will be at the next event at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge on Saturday 5th October. Future dates can be found in the diary dates below.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Cross Country (Y1-6) at Greys Court	Saturday 14 th September 9am
Come and See our Classroom - Years 1 & 2	Tuesday 17 th September 3.30-4.15pm
Jeans 4 Genes Fundraiser	Wednesday 18 th September
Skern Lodge Meeting for Parents	Thursday 19 th September 3.40pm
PTFA Annual General Meeting	Thursday 19 th September 7.30pm
Climate Strike	Friday 20 th September 2.00pm
Meet the Team - Years 1 & 2	Monday 23 rd September 6-7pm
Meet the Team - Reception	Monday 23 rd September 7-8pm
Come and See our Classroom - Years 5 & 6	Tuesday 24 th September 3.30-4.15pm
Come and See our Classroom - Reception	Wednesday 25 th September 3.30-4.15pm
Meet the Team - Years 3 & 4	Tuesday 1 st October 6-7pm
Meet the Team - Years 5 & 6	Tuesday 1 st October 7-8pm
Come and See our Classroom - Years 3 & 4	Thursday 3 rd October 3.30-4.15pm
Cross Country (Y1-6) at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge	Saturday 5 th October 10am
Parents' Evenings (Times to be confirmed)	Tuesday 5 th November Thursday 7 th November
Cross Country (Y1-6) at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge	Saturday 9 th November 10am
Nasal Flu Immunisations	Thursday 14 th November ** REVISED DATE **
Cross Country (Y1-6) at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge	Saturday 7 th December 10am

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