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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We finished last week with a fabulous Quiz Night at Hemdean House. Thanks so much to the PTFA for organising such a great evening. The food was delicious, the company brilliant and the quiz was great fun! It was wonderful have parents and staff across all year groups getting together and enjoying themselves. Particular thanks must go to Karen Roach, Catherine Roughan and Dan Clare who provided the most amazing food, Andy and Catherine Kiely who ran the bar, Matthew Harcourt for getting the PA system up and running, Alex Brown for washing up (a lot!) and to Hilary and Rupert Lovie, Barney and Hannah Smith for general setup and support. Final thanks goes to Mr Brown for being a great Quiz Master. What a team!

Choir

On Tuesday, members of the Senior Choir performed 'All The King's Men' at the Hexagon with other school choirs at Reading's Junior Music Festival. It was another fabulous celebration of musical enthusiasm and talent in our town. Huge thanks must go, not only to the children for their efforts, enthusiasm and performance, but to Mrs Bentley, Mr Bethel and the parents who helped support on the night. Thankyou also to Berkshire Maestros for helping co-ordinate the whole event.

Children in Need

Many thanks for your support of Children in Need last Friday. It was lovely to see the children sporting lots of spots and we managed to raise £237.53 for this wonderful cause. Thank you so much for your support.

Music

We are proud to announce that four Heights pupils have earned CBBC Blue Peter Music Badges and have been proudly wearing their badges this week. This new Blue Peter Music Badge was designed with Ed Sheehan earlier this year and is awarded to children who have shown commitment to learning an instrument and performing music. They also have to interview a parent, teacher or relative about their music interest. Well done everyone!



Christmas Fayre

It's the Final Countdown to the Christmas Fayre....Just One Week to Go!

Come down to school for some festive fun next Saturday (30th November 12.00 - 2.30 pm).

There will be fabulous crafts and present ideas, tombolas & games, choir performances, carol singing, mulled wine, delicious food and even a visit from the big man himself! As ever, this is a team event, so if you haven't already done so, please take a look at the link below and sign up to help on a stall - it is also a great way to meet other parents!

volunteersignup.org/7JJJB7

Parent Class Rep Meeting

Thank you to all the Parent Class Reps who met with me on Monday and raised some really interesting points. The minutes of the meeting will be issued shortly.

Reception

This week in Reception, our theme has been 'My Home'. We have been learning words to label a house and creating 3D models of houses using a selection of resources. We've been learning about the numerals 16-20 and are so excited to have started learning some of the songs for our first Nativity in school.

Year 1

We have been working hard this week to identify nouns, adjectives and verbs in different texts and use them effectively in our writing. We've really enjoyed learning about direction and position in Maths and using our knowledge to direct the Beebots to different targets. We've been identifying different clouds as part of our weather unit in Science and in DT we have loved using the saws to cut the wood we will need to make our Tudor houses.

Year 2

This week we have been making story maps for our castle report and learning actions so we become familiar with the text. We have looked at what material is the best material to make a castle roof by looking closely at different materials and their properties. We have also looked at the features of a castle and noted how castles were not only homes for a Lord and Lady, but were fortified for everyone inside.

Year 3

This week, we have been writing our non-fiction reports about Mummification to send to some Egyptologists. Mrs Edwards came into one of our lessons and said she was blown away by how well we were focussing on our work and organising it into paragraphs, then checking and improving it. We were really interested to learn about Tutankhamun's life and how Howard Carter discovered his tomb and in Science we explored and build on our knowledge of skeletons.

Year 4

This week, we started work on Roald Dahl's book 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. We are hoping to learn from Dahl's writing techniques and hone our inference skills. We'll also be writing and performing poetry and making medicine bottle labels. In Maths, we've continued to practise using common multiplication to solve a variety of problems and in Geography we found out about the ring of fire in the Pacific Ocean. We enjoyed making our Internet Safety presentations and are building up our confidence using practical language in our French lessons.

Year 5

We have really enjoyed looking at the features of a suspense and thriller text as we finished our story about King Arthur. We talked about the use of features such as clues to tantalise the reader, short shocking sentences and interesting synonyms. We reminded ourselves of the features of an engaging biography before writing one about King Arthur. In Maths we've continued our work on subtraction and in Science we've considered the key question 'How can we separate mixed materials using filtration, evaporation and sieving?'. We used salt and rice, salt and water and flour and raisins to help with this.

Year 6

In English this week, we've had a lot of fun writing non-chronological reports which describe the habitats, diets and behaviours of our own imaginary perfect pets. After learning about percentages, we have now moved on to Ratio and Proportion and will be using these to solve real life, practical problems. In our topic, we have been looking at the technological innovativeness of the tank in World War One, explaining the impact it had on the war and the usefulness of its various design features. Despite having to walk (or jog) to the tennis courts at Christchurch Meadows for our Hockey lesson on Wednesday, we really enjoyed it as we have so much more space to practice and use our skills.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Christmas Fayre	Saturday 30 th November 12-2.30pm
Cross Country (Y1-6) at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge	Saturday 7 th December 10am
Year 6 Christmas Songs at St Luke's	Tuesday 10 th December (am)
Key Stage 1 Production (Y1 & 2) at St Andrew's Church	Tuesday 10 th December 5-6pm
Key Stage 1 Production (Y 1 & 2) at St Andrew's Church	Wednesday 11 th December 5-6pm
Panto - Whole School Visit to see Cinderella at the Hexagon	Thursday 12 th December (morning)
Year 5 (5RR) Christmas Songs at St Luke's	Friday 13 th December (am)
Reception Nativity - Dress Rehearsal at school	Tuesday 17 th December 9.30am
Year 5 (5CT) Christmas Songs at St Luke's	Tuesday 17 th December (am)
Lower Key Stage 2 Christmas Singalong (Years 3 & 4) at St Andrew's Church	Tuesday 17 th December 6-7pm Wednesday 18 th December 6-7pm
Reception Nativity - For Key Stage 1 and Grandparents at school	Wednesday 18 th December 9.30am
Reception Nativity - For Parents at school	Thursday 19 th December 9.30am
Last Day of Term	Friday 20 th December School Finishes at 1.30pm



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