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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy week and are so proud of all our Year 6 children who sat their SATs this week and conducted themselves in the most admirable way throughout. As well as SATs, Dawn Rosser and her team have continued to lead some fabulous Learn to Ride sessions for some of our children in Years 4-6 and Level 1 Plus cycle training for Year 4 throughout the week. Many thanks to all the Year 6 team and staff, Dawn's team and Mrs Keetch for their support of the children completing these tests and sessions.



Reception

This week, we've continued to explore the story of 'Jack and The Beanstalk', by thinking about what Jack and the Giant might say and then writing that in a speech bubble. We had lots of fun, planting beans and discussing the purpose of flowers in the life cycle of a beanstalk. We've been singing a beanstalk song in our carousel sessions and have restarted our woodland adventures with Mrs Loveday. In Maths, we've been measuring the height of Jack's beanstalk, using cubes and we're really enjoying our Cricket lessons in PE!

Year 1

Following on from our storytelling work with 'The Lion and the Mouse', we started writing our own fables this week. We had great fun inventing our own characters and settings and mapping our own stories before writing them. In Maths, we've been focussing on addition, using what we know about number bonds and fact families in order to solve all the different types of problems. In Science, we've continued our topic work on 'Amazing Animals' and have learnt how to classify and sort different animals based on key features. And in PE, we've been learning how to throw the Javelin!

Year 2

This week, we've been continuing our work on setting descriptions, and created our own setting picture during Art. We then used this to plan and write a description of the setting in our picture independently. In Maths, we've been revising finding fractions of shapes and numbers and completing statistics work using tally charts, bar graphs and pictograms. We're really enjoying our Athletics and Cricket PE Lessons, and our Charanga Music lessons.

Year 3

This week, we've used the text 'Iggy Peck, Architect' to inspire our newspaper reporting. We began the week by creating a headline that included either a pun or alliteration. We then spent time writing the introduction, paragraphs and conclusion. In our Guided Reading sessions, we've been focussing on an information text about Tokyo and have found this really interesting! In Science, we've been learning about fantastic fossils and how they are formed and in our Topic, we've been locating different superstructures around the world, using a map and atlas. Google Earth really helped with this too.

Year 4

We have had a fabulous time learning all about newspapers, and to mark the auspicious occasion of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we've begun to write an article about this very special event based on our research and

investigations. In Maths, we've been looking at Time, including 24-hour clocks and investigating the difference between am and pm and in Science, we've been following instructions to set up and compare complete and incomplete circuits. In Topic, we've been comparing Caversham to towns both in Europe and South America. We were amazed by the similarities and differences between our cultures in comparable towns.

Year 5

In English, we've been exploring Greek Mythology. We've been researching Greek Gods and Goddesses and used our research to perform a Greek myth to our peers. Today, we used myth cubes to determine the character and settings for our own Greek myths. In Maths, we've been comparing and ordering decimal numbers. We then explored percentages and made links between percentages and our previous learning on fractions and decimals. In Art, we had a great time practising our clay skills ahead of making our vases next week.



Year 6

Yes, we've sat our SATs and we're really proud of our efforts. We've also explored the functionality of a range of software and been learning how to make simple input and equations and how to appropriately present data in a table. We've also used some of our portrait skills, to create paintings of the Queen.

Scarecrow Trail

Thank you again for your incredible support of the Scarecrow Trail. The Scarecrows are amazing! I had great fun completing the trail with one of my daughters and son last Sunday and look forward to seeing some again this Sunday.



Caversham AFC U9's

Good luck to all the children from Caversham AFC's U9's squad who are competing in the Cup Final tomorrow morning. What an achievement to get to the final! Of the 10 players forming the team, eight are from the Heights! If anyone would like to support the boys, the match is at Reading Town FC at Scours Lane with a 09.30 kick-off (1hr game). There is a £3 entry fee.

Walk to School Week

It's National Walk to School Week next week and we do hope you will continue to support our sustainable travel efforts and manage to walk, cycle or scoot to and from school as much as possible.

Year 3 & 4 Cross Country

I'm really looking forward to being with our Year 3 and 4 runners next Wednesday at Emmer Green Primary's Cross Country event. Good luck to them all!

Heights Appeal

Thank you once again for all your generous donations to-date for the Heights Appeal, which we launched recently- we've now raised 72% of our target and there is still time to donate if you can support us - the link is here: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/heights2022 Please feel free to share this link with family and friends.

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Dates for the Diary

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| Scarecrow Trail | Saturday 7 th - Sunday 15 th May |
| Dental Examinations (Reception & Year 1) | Monday 16 th May |
| Lily Jo Project - Mental Health Assemblies | Tuesday 17 th May |
| Year 3 & 4 Cross Country at Emmer Green | Wednesday 18 th May |
| Year 4 Geography Field Trip | Thursday 19 th May |
| I'm a Teacher Get Me Out of Here Fundraising Event | Friday 20 th May 2pm |
| Jubilee Celebration Day | Wednesday 25 th May |
| May Half Term | Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June |
| Additional INSET Day - School Closed (Queen's Platinum Jubilee) | Monday 6th June |
| Year 3 Superstructures Lego Workshops | Friday 10 th June |
| Bags2School Collection | Wednesday 15 th June |
| Year 5 Enterprise Day | Thursday 16 th June |
| INSET Day - School Closed | Friday 17th June |
| Year 3 River/Bridges Walk | Tuesday 31 st June |
| Year 5 Greek Day | Thursday 23 rd June |
| Sports Day - KS2 | Wednesday 29 th June (morning) |
| Summer Fayre | Saturday 2 nd July |
| Early Move Up Afternoon | Tuesday 5 th July (afternoon) |
| Year 2 to Lepe Country Park | Wednesday 6 th July (details to follow) |
| Reception Vision Screening | Thursday 7 th July (morning) |
| Early Move Up Afternoon | Thursday 7 th July |
| Bikeability Cycle Training (Year 6) | 27 th June - 8 th July |
| Sports Day - Reception & KS1 | Friday 8 th July (morning) |
| Year 6 Leavers Party | Friday 15 th July |
| Last Day of Term | Friday 22nd July (1.30pm finish) |

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.



Mrs Edwards