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# HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope you all enjoyed a lovely, fun packed summer with your families. It was wonderful to welcome everyone back to school on Tuesday and be greeted with fabulous smiles and interesting anecdotes about adventures over the holidays. I'm not sure who were more excited on that first day - the children, staff or you as parents, after the 6 week break!

Despite the very sad news of the passing of The Queen yesterday, the children joined us in celebrating her incredible life and achievements today. They were thrilled to watch the famous clip of her chatting to Paddington Bear during her Platinum Jubilee Celebrations and the footage of what looked like The Queen parachuting into the Olympic Stadium with James Bond for the 2012 Opening Ceremony. What a great sport she was. We are looking forward to our second year on our permanent site, building on last year's experiences and further developing our relationships and links with different members and groups within our local community.



We're so pleased that you will be a strong part of that.

As well as welcoming all the Reception children this week. We also welcome some new families into the school and our new members of staff, Miss Feehely (Y4 Birch), Mrs Warren (Y4 Rowan) and Mr Griffiths (Y5 Maple). We know that you will join us all in helping them to quickly feel part of our strong and special school community.

## Reception

We were so excited when our teachers came to visit us at our homes this week. We were able to show them our favourite toys, our families and even our pets! Then we came into school and played in the classrooms and outside with our parents yesterday. We really enjoyed it and found it very funny at times, because our mums and dads were playing with all the toys and equipment with us, but couldn't really ride the yellow bikes like we could, with their long legs. We then came back into school again today and are really starting to get to know the school and feel part of it. Did you recognise us in our new uniforms? Mrs E said we looked sooooo grown up!

## Year 1

We have also felt grown up, moving into Year 1 and are looking forward to helping the new children in Reception to settle in, when we see them in school. Mrs Bucke and Mrs Loveday and the other staff in KS1, have made us feel so positive about this new year in school and we are looking forward to all the exciting experiences ahead of us, including our topic work and forest school sessions.

## Year 2

We were so excited to learn that our first topic this year is going to be 'Castles and Dragons'. We're really hoping that we may get the chance to visit a castle this term but aren't quite so hopeful about seeing any dragons! We will keep you posted.

### Year 3

It was such a chance for us to come into school and walk up the stairs to KS2 on Tuesday morning. We think we've just about got the hang of it now and are really enjoying being part of Key Stage 2. Our first topic this year is '**Fantastic Pharaohs**' and we're looking forward to reading our class book 'There's a Pharaoh in My Bath' and learning all about mummification.



### Year 4

We have tried to make Miss Feehely and Mrs Warren feel really welcome in their first week with us at The Heights and have enjoyed getting to know both of them and Mrs Aspinox. As well as our new topic 'Under the Canopy', we will also be visiting Longridge Activity Centre in a couple of weeks' time and can't wait to enjoy all the different outdoor adventure activities. We've reminded Mrs Edwards not to wear her mobile phone in a waterproof pouch around her neck so that it doesn't end up in the Thames!

### Year 5

We welcome Mr Griffiths to The Heights Year 5 team and are enjoying getting to know him and Mrs Thomas. Our exciting topic this term is 'Roman Invasion' and hope to have a visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace - we will send further details via our classteachers.

### Year 6

We can't believe we are now the most senior pupils in the school - but are pretty thrilled that we are. We actually wondered where all the Year 6s were and then realised that it is us!! We're really looking forward to actively taking on our Ambassador roles over the coming days and are already enjoying our World War 1 topic. Mr Cook and Ms Rogers are trying to organise a visit to the Imperial War Museum later this term. Wow! We also have our week long Residential at Skern Lodge from the 8<sup>th</sup> October. It's going to be an amazing term!

### Cross Country Dates

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September - Greys Court for Years 1-6 between 9am and 11am.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - Chiltern Edge for Years 1-6 between 10am and 11.30am.

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### Dates for the Diary

New Reception Parents Coffee Morning	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> September after dropoff
Nasal Flu Immunisations - Whole School	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September
Secondary Schools Information Fayre (School Hall)	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 7-8.30pm
Year 4 Trip to Longridge Outdoor Education Centre	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September
Poetry Week	Week commencing 3 <sup>rd</sup> October
PTFA Golf Day	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October
Year 6 Residential to Skern Lodge	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October

Mrs Edwards