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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been our penultimate week of this academic year and, on top of everything else, we've managed to fit in three year group trips, to Bucklebury Farm, The Lookout Discovery Centre and Highdown, a visit and workshops from Simon Murray, the author & illustrator of Icky Doo Dah, four Yr 6 performances of Oliver and a Shelter Practice. We've also got the Year 6 Leavers' Party this evening. Next week, we're looking forward to Year 1's trip to Beale Park on Monday, our rearranged KS2 Sports Day on Tuesday, our Folk Festival and then final assemblies on Friday, where we hope the Year 6 parents will be able to join us. What an end to an amazing year!

Reception

We had so much fun at Bucklebury Farm yesterday, even though we got rained on sooo many times! Thank you so much to Mrs Bentley for organising it and to all the Reception staff and parents who helped too. As well as the trip, we've been busy practising for our performance of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' to you next Wednesday and are really looking forward to having a Teddy Bear's Picnic with you afterwards.

Year 1

This week, we have been creating non-chronological posters about our invented animals and are really proud of them. In Maths we've been looking at trelling the time to an hour and half past the hour and we really enjoyed Simon Murray's workshop - he is soooo talented ! We are super excited about our trip to Beale Park on Monday.







Year 2

We have been budding engineers this week, designing our inventions that we think and hope will help save the environment. We have also started to create adverts to help persuade people to invest in our inventions. We really enjoyed our trip to The Lookout Discovery Centre on Tuesday and want to thank our teachers for organising and leading it and all the staff and parents who helped on the day.











Year 3

We've had all sorts of fun in Maths this week. We've been converting volume, using both litres and millilitres and have also been comparing volume and capacity. Then on Wednesday, we practised reading and writing Roman Numerals. In Topic, we've been creating our class skyline of superstructures made out of 3D nets and in Science, we have been learning about the life cycle of a flowering plant.



Year 4

We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Oxford last Friday, which included us visiting the Story Museum and have a walk in the City. Many thanks to Mrs Aspinox and Miss Feehley for organising it and to all the staff and parents who came with us.

This week, we have been writing and editing adventure stories in our English lessons. In Maths, we having been comparing angles, learning about types of triangles and quadrilaterals and exploring symmetry within shapes. Our Science lesson saw us learning about Thomas Edison and exploring items in the classroom that use electricity. We also learnt about the Water Cycle and have been considering why we need to conserve water.

Year 5

We have really enjoyed completing and presenting our homework projects to our classmates, teachers and TAs. A number of us made all sorts of Greek food, which went down a treat! We've also enjoyed designing our own Greek Vases and are looking forward to making and painting them before the end of term.

We had a fun 'taster' day at Highdown on Wednesday. Many thanks to all the Highdown teachers and staff for teaching us and making us feel so welcome and to Mr Griffiths and Mrs Brown for supporting us whilst we were there. We watched Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', this week and have been planning some fun activities around it.





Year 6

We absolutely loved performing Oliver to parents, staff, children and other friends and relatives this week. It was so much fun and as Zalan said, 'I'd like to do 6 more!' Mrs Edwards said that she loved watching them all and was so proud, not only of how we performed, but of the way we all supported each other. We'd like to thank Ms Rogers, Mr Cook, Mrs Howell, Mrs Bareham and Mrs Nicholls, for giving us the opportunity to perform and have different roles in the production and for helping us with the staging, choreography, props and costumes.

After our performances on Monday and Tuesday, we had a 'Tech day' on Wednesday which was also lots of fun and we have started to draft letters to the Year 5s, describing all the highs, lows and expectations for year 6. We were disappointed that Sports Day has had to be postponed until next Tuesday, but still have our Leavers' Party to look forward to at school this evening.

End of Year Reports

You should receive your child's end of year report attached to an email today. They have been written by your child's class teacher(s) and we hope that you find them informative and a good summary of their progress and achievements throughout this past year. We would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of them. Thank you.

The Heights Summer Fayre

What a fabulous afternoon! Thank you so much to everyone who helped before, during and after the 'event', particularly Millay Vann, Tiffany Fisher, Year 4 parents and Stuart. It was lots of fun and really well attended and we raised a whopping £6,211.6!!

KS2 Sports Day

We are looking forward to our KS2 Sports Day next Tuesday.

Thank you to those who volunteered to help today. Now that we've had to change the date, please can you let us know if you are still able to volunteer in some way.

Thank you so much!

Parent volunteer <u>https://forms.gle/p2TAv9XDws9oReVeA</u> Loan of items <u>https://forms.gle/p6pb5Aw1viLHwJyD7</u>

Lost Property

We would like to say a huge thank you to **Sophie Lau** for all her hard work in sorting out the massive collection of lost property. All the named items have been returned to the children. Unnamed items will be on display next week so please do check to see if any items belong to your child.

Please ensure all of your child's items are named for the next academic year.

School Uniform Recycling Day

If you have lots of uniform which needs rehoming we are organising a uniform recycling stall on Friday 21st July at 1.30pm. Please drop off old and washed uniform into our recycling box in reception! Donations will go towards the PTFA! Any queries please email me on <u>annie@performance-sports.org.uk</u> Many thanks! Annie

Thank you

We would like to extend our thanks to Mrs Moore for her 9 years of hard work and dedication to her role as the Clerk to the Governors. You will be missed and we wish you all the best.

Autumn Term Clubs

Please find below a link to a Google drive which contains information and flyers for **some** of our Summer Term Clubs. The remaining clubs will follow with next week's Highlights.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1nPM33IwhcKCvTaYHYoROKFxt024lkEsG?usp=drive_link

All club providers are managing their own bookings so if you have any questions, please email them using the email address provided in the flyers.

Twitter

Please follow **@AtHeadteacher** for updates! Please follow **@TheHeightsArts** for updates

Dates for the Diary

Year 1 Trip to Beale Park	17 th July
KS2 Sports Day	18 th July
Folk Festival	20 th July
KS2 & Year 6 Leavers Assembly	21 st July – 9am – Yr 6 Parents welcome
Start of Autumn Term	4 th September

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

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Mrs Edwards