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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a week of Autumnal and inclement weather - but we haven't let that stop us in school. We've got too much to do and enjoy before the end of this Autumn term!

Thank you for your time and support at the first of our two Parent Consultation evenings yesterday. We hope that you found them useful and informative.

Extreme Reading Challenge

As part of our aim and focus to foster a love of reading in the children, we would like to set everyone a fun challenge over the next few weeks. We would like to ask you to take a photo of your child or children reading in

an unusual and possibly funny, (but safe) place and send it to us in school. We will then make displays of them in the library and other areas of the school for the children to see. We're calling it the 'Extreme Reading Challenge' and, as you can see, staff are going to be taking part too. I can't wait to see the photos!



Reception

We know how much you enjoyed watching our performance of *The Little Red Hen*, so we're now learning the story and actions of the *Gingerbread Man*. It's going to form part of our end of term Christmas performance which will include some songs and dances too. We are really excited about performing to you again! As well as our daily Maths and Phonics work, this week we've decorated and painted a gingerbread man and practised parts of the body in Spanish. We enjoyed learning about Children in Need and dressing up in support of it today.

Year 1

As well as reading Emily Gravett's lovely book *'Meerkat Mail'* together in our classes, we have been trying to use descriptive language to describe a setting, with exclamation marks, the word 'but' and by writing sentences with split diagraphs. In Science we have been sorting objects based on their properties and in History we have been learning about the differences between past and present modes of transport, household items and toys. We've started to design and create our own sewn Christmas decorations and have been learning the songs and actions for our Christmas performance.

Year 2

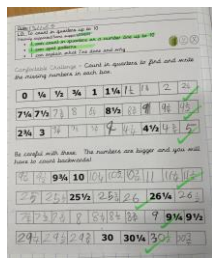
This week we have been planning and writing an introduction for our castle leaflets, considering the audience and purpose for our writing and using our knowledge of the different parts of the castle. We have really enjoyed the story *'The Paper Bag Princess'* and it is linked to our Science topic this term, as we're going to be

investigating the properties of Everyday materials. We are really enjoying rehearsing and preparing for our nativity play and can't wait to perform it to you!

Year 3

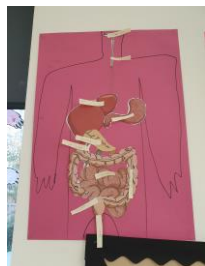
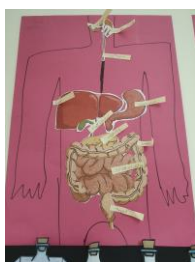
After learning the gruesome details about mummification last week, we have used this information to begin writing an explanation text about the process. We have also learnt about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb, by Howard Carter and have started to design a death mask which we're really looking forward to making over the coming weeks.

In Maths we have continued learning about fractions and started our weekly Cracking Times Tables paper tests and in Science we have been revising the human skeleton and its function. We've been looking at and retelling the story of Christmas in RE and revising how to count to 30 in French.



Year 4

This week we've been writing our non-chronological information reports about a rainforest animal of our choice. We wrote the introduction, main body paragraphs and fact boxes/diagrams and then made edits and improvements. In Maths we have been comparing the area of different shapes and in Science, we have been learning about the different parts of the human digestive system, as seen in the photos below. In our Topic work, we have been learning about the Maya number system and in Gymnastics we are working hard and practising the skills and moves that we'll be showing you on the 6th December.



Year 5

We have had great fun learning about the Legend of King Arthur and in response to an advertisement, we have been writing a persuasive letter of application for the role of a knight. We had to give clear reasons why we should be chosen for the job and our letters had to have a formal tone and include persuasive vocabulary. In our Topic work, we have focused on how life in Viking Britain differed from the life of the Saxons, who came before them. We used what we've learnt, to create pictures, posters and information booklets detailing a chosen aspect of Viking life. We really enjoyed our Computing lesson as we had the chance to apply all the Scratch skills that we have learnt so far, to develop our own game, animation or quiz.

Year 6

This week we have completed a number of different practice SATs papers, in SPaG, Reading and Maths. In our Topic work, we looked at the contributions of animals to the war effort, exploring the role played by pigeons, dogs, horses and even one baboon!

In Art, we have been focusing on art history and have been developing our Oracy skills in reading and interpreting paintings, in this case, the work of WW1 artists e.g the brothers John and Paul Nash. In Science we have had fun learning how to identify different species by their various distinctions and in RE, we've been discussing the core values of humanists and how they are similar and different to other religions.

Children in Need

Thank you for helping us support Children in Need day. It was lovely to see the children dressed in yellow and spots in celebration of it. Many thanks for all your donations to date. If you haven't already donated, but would like to, you can do it through our school's JustGiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/the-heights-cin-1694024271642>

Lunchtime vacancies

We are currently recruiting for a playground assistant and a lunch hall assistant to join our friendly lunchtime team. Please feel free to mention these vacancies to anyone you know who enjoys working with children and is looking for part time work. Anyone interested should contact the school office for more information or to arrange a trial.

<https://www.theheightsprimary.co.uk/lunchtime-playground-assistant>

<https://www.theheightsprimary.co.uk/canteen-assistant>

Spring Term Clubs

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

https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1dFKbqavIoVDR-ur6D_tKRnFhb3Fy0NVs

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.

Please note that Cookery Club with Mrs Edwards is fully booked for the Spring Term.

Office Chair

We have an urgent requirement for an office chair. If you have one that is in good working order and would be willing to donate this to the school, please could you email the school office with a photo on

info@theheightsprimary.co.uk - thank you.

Scholastic Book Fair

The PTFA will be holding a Scholastics Book Fair on Friday 1st December 2:00-4:30pm at Mapledurham Pavillion, where every purchase earns rewards to spend on free books to stock our library and classrooms. Books start at just £2.99 so there's something for everyone - perfect in time for Christmas. The PTFA look forward to seeing you there!

KOOSA Kids

KOOSA Kids are pleased to confirm the dates for their Christmas Holiday Club at The Heights Primary School (2nd to 5th January). Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Parking on Woodcote Way

A local resident has asked that if parents have to park on Woodcote Way, please can they be mindful that they **park in a considerate way** and leave enough room for a bus to go through. There have been an incident where a bus has had to wait for the parent to return from dropping off their child, to move their car that has been inconsiderately parked, in order for the bus to safely navigate through the other parked cars on the road.

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Dates for the Diary

Parent/Teacher consultation meetings - in person	21 st November - 4:45pm and 7:25pm
Year 3 Egyptian Day	21 st November
Governors Meeting for Parents	23 rd November
EYFS & KS1 Panto - <i>Jack & the Beanstalk</i>	24 th November
The Heights Christmas Fair	25 th November
Be Internet Legends Day	28 th November
Scholastic Book Fair	1 st December
X Country at MECE	2 nd December
Prospective Reception 2024 Parent Open Morning	5 th December
Year 4 Gymnastics performance	6 th December
Year 5 Bayeux Tapestry workshop	7 th December
Christmas jumper day & Christmas lunch	8 th December
KS2 Panto at the Hexagon - <i>Sleeping Beauty</i>	14 th December
Christmas Holidays	20 th December - 1:30pm finish

I hope you have a lovely weekend.



Mrs Edwards