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Dear Parents and Carers,

We were delighted to welcome Mrs Harrison to the school on Monday and Tuesday of this week. She really enjoyed spending time meeting and getting to know the children, staff and parents whilst she was with us and is looking forward to returning on the 8th July, when she's also going to get the opportunity to watch one of the Yr 6 performances of The Lion King. She and I took the opportunity to go onto our roof and Mr Guntzenbach took this lovely photo showing two Heads with a head for Heights.



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Reception

Boy have we been busy this week! In our phonics lessons we have been focusing on adjacent consonants and polysyllabic words, like driftwood, stepladder and sunflower. We have been reading and discussing the Gruffalo and learning the story with actions and writing about our favourite mini-beast that we have seen after learning about how to look after them.. In Maths we have recapped subtraction and the sign for subtraction and worked more on odd and even numbers beyond 10. We have also made some leaf rubbings with summer colours and finished making our toilet roll bees.

Year 1

We have continued with our focus on non-chronological reports and created a new species of animals. We began by drawing our animal and writing a caption, then we built our animal in clay and wrote facts about them under relevant sub-headings. In Maths we have been learning about time and in Science, we have been identifying the features of each classification of animal.



Year 2

This week we were introduced to the book 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley', a story about a plastic bag that ends up in the ocean where various sea creatures mistake him for food. We have started to investigate the themes of the book and will be drawing comparisons between it and others that we have read. In Maths we have been honing our estimation skills whilst revisiting counting and measurement and used our skills to find out how accurate our estimations are. We really enjoyed our Seaside and Pirate Extravaganza Days and couldn't believe it when Mrs Kingshott was 'forced' to walk the plank and ended up in the pool!



Year 3

This week we have been using what we have learnt about persuasive leaflets to plan our own leaflet for visitors to Caversham or Reading. In Maths we have begun a new unit about length and have been considering what equipment is needed for measuring different lengths and the different units of measure available. In Science, we have been investigating the different stages of a flowering plant's life cycle and in our topic lesson, we have begun to build our 3D superstructure shapes from nets. We also had an exciting Lego workshop that we really enjoyed taking part in today.



Year 4

We have been carrying on with a piece of narrative about the Chinese warrior queen Fu Hao this week. In Maths we've completed our fractions topic by multiplying simple fractions and finding non-unit fractions of numbers. In Science we have been investigating pitch and how we hear high and low sounds and in Music we have learnt a song from a famous musical and been rehearsing it for our summer festival.

Year 5

We have really been enjoying our swimming lessons this week and have already made good progress in the range of strokes we're using effectively and how to perform safe self-rescue. It makes such a difference being able to swim every day and build on what we learnt and practised the day before.

We've been continuing to write and edit our letters to a friend or family member, persuading them to move to their preferred city - Athens or Sparta in our English lessons and have started a new topic of converting units of measurement in Maths.

Year 6

Thank you so much for your kind donations of cakes and biscuits for our cake sale last week. Our marketing team did a really good job organising the sale and raised £360 which will really help us to buy the materials we need for our performance of The Lion King in a couple of weeks' time. We have been rehearsing really hard and have also had lots of fun making and painting different props.

All of us in Sycamore class are really enjoying our swimming lessons and we've also got Bikeability to look forward to next week.



The Heights Donations 2024

Thank you again to all of those parents that have donated to the school to help us fund IT equipment for the children, as well outdoor play equipment and other resources. We are delighted to have already been able to purchase a new set of 30 chrome books with the money raised.

Move Up afternoons

All the children (aside from Year 6), will be moving up to spend time with the class teacher(s) who will be teaching them next year, in the afternoons of next Monday 1st July and then again on Thursday 11th July. It will be a lovely opportunity for both the staff and children to get to know each other a little and help with their transition to a new class and Year group.

Parent Elections

Thank you to everyone who voted in the Parent Elections for our Local Advisory Board. We are very pleased to announce that Yang Cao and Sumit Thapliyal will be joining the team. Thank you once again to all candidates who put themselves forward for the election and offered to support the school in this way.

The Heights Hoedown

The PTFA have kindly organised an event at The Red Lion pub on 18th July to raise money for the school library. If you would like to be a part of this event, tickets can be brought by clicking on the link below:-
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/theheights/index.cfm?event=Shop>

Ticket Sales for Year 6 production of The Lion King

Tickets will be sold after school each day next week outside the Year 5/6 school gates.

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Dates for the Diary - new or amended dates are in *italics*.

Move Up Days	1 st and 11 th July
Year 6 Bikeability	1 st - 4 th July
KS1 Sports Day	2 nd July (am)
Year 3 River Walk	2 nd July
Year 6 Cricket Festival	3 rd July
Year 1 Beale Park Trip	4 th July
KS2 Sports Day	5 th July (am)
The Heights Summer Fair	6 th July
Year 6 End of Year Production of The Lion King	8 th & 9 th July
Reception Bucklebury Farm Trip	10 th July
Year 5 Highdown Day	10 th July
Year 6 Leavers Disco	17 th July
The PTFA's 'The Heights Hoedown'	18 th July
End of Summer Term	19 th July (1:30pm finish)

I hope you all have an amazing weekend.



Mrs Edwards