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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy and fun packed week, with KS1 Sports Day on Tuesday, the Year 3 walk around Caversham and Year 1 trip to Beale Park; as well as Swimming, Year 6 Bikeability and a few lessons on other areas of the curriculum in between all of this. We also said thank you and farewell to two of our longest serving Governors, Matt Gale and Barney Smith, in our whole school assembly yesterday, as they are both standing down at the end of this academic year. Matt was a founding member of the original trust of the school, as well as a founder Governor. Barney has been a Governor for 9 years and they have both worked tirelessly behind the scenes to help the school to become what it is today. As you are aware, we have faced many challenges, as a school, over the years and we are incredibly grateful to them both for all their hard work and support.



Reception

We really enjoyed our first Sports Day on Tuesday and hope you were impressed with our Athletic prowess! Mrs Edwards said that she has just about recovered from being hit by a couple of nerf rockets - but in our defence, she was standing right in front of us and did ask us to try and throw it over her head! As it had been a busy morning, we watched the Gruffalo in the afternoon and have been learning the story with actions. Did you know that we were even allowed to eat popcorn, whilst we were watching it!

Year 1

Wow! What a week it has been for us! We began writing our independent non-chronological reports about our new species of animal in our English lessons and have also been creating a collage of a Franz Marc piece of art. In Science, we have been classifying herbivores, carnivores and omnivores and in Maths we have been unitising, that is understanding the value of different money. We had a great time on Sports Day and loved our trip to Beale Park yesterday. Thank you so much to our teachers and support staff who organised and led the trip and to the parents who also gave up their time to support on it.



Year 2

We began an end of year project this week, creating and describing a new character that could have swallowed Stanley. In our maths lessons we have been investigating how we represent data and then answered questions about graphs. In Art, we completed some special wave art, inspired by the Kanagawa and in Computing we have been working on our stop motion videos.



Year 3

We thoroughly enjoyed our Lego Superstructure workshop last Friday, working as a team to build our own superstructures and problem solving to consider what is needed in a successful hotel. We also loved our river walk, this week on Tuesday, where we looked at the three bridges in Caversham, learned a little more about local history, practised our mapping skills and did some sketches. We drafted our persuasive tourist leaflets for either Reading or Caversham using our planning from last week and including some of the persuasive features we have learned. We really enjoyed our performance of our Ukulele skills to you yesterday and have been learning different songs that we'll be singing on the upcoming assemblies over the next two weeks

Rounders tournament



Year 4

We are really pleased with the prints we've created that have been inspired by Hokusai's print, 'The Great Wave off Kanagawa' We have also been writing some lovely stories about Fu Hao and her triumph. We enjoyed the general election debate we had in class and listening to our classmates presentations about why we should vote for them to be our school or eco councillors. We also had great fun in PE as we played an inter-Year 4 rounders tournament with teams from both classes playing against each other.

Year 5

We have worked really hard this week, writing a balanced argument, based on the same debate around Athens and Sparta, that we have been using for our letters. We now feel much more confident making well-reasoned arguments and providing a balance of opinions. In Science we have been exploring the variety in life cycles of animals and compared what we learnt about mammals with other types of animals, such as reptiles, amphibians and birds. In Maths, we finished our topic of conversion and units, by learning about time and timetables and in PSHE, we have been learning about puberty in boys and talked about how their bodies change.

Year 6

It's been an incredibly busy week for us. As well as rehearsing for the musical we're performing next week, we've completed the Level 3 Bikeability training and qualification and Sycamore class have had swimming lessons. We'd like to say a big thank you to Dawn Rosser and her colleagues for all their help and support with our Bikeability training. We really enjoyed it and learnt a lot! It was a shame that the KS2 Sports Day has had to be postponed, but at least it gave us a chance to have a dress rehearsal and perform to the children in KS2.

KS1 Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who helped at the KS1 Sports Day on Tuesday. I really appreciated people's support setting everything up, erecting gazebos, manning an event and putting everything away again afterwards. The

children seemed to enjoy themselves and I certainly did! Many thanks to all the staff for their efforts and support. As you can imagine, it's just as busy a morning for them all as it is for the children.

Thank you also to Chris Ellison, my Sports Day twin and right-hand man, for all his help. Chris, you're a star!

Move Up afternoons

On Monday afternoon, all the children (aside from Year 6), moved up to spend time with the class teacher(s) who will be teaching them next year. It was 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. We are holding another Move Up afternoon, next Thursday 11th July.

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>

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

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
Move up afternoon	11 th July
<i>KS2 Sports Day</i>	<i>15th July</i>
Year 6 Leavers Disco	17 th July
The PTFA's 'The Heights Hoedown'	18 th July
End of Summer Term	19 th July (<i>1:30pm finish</i>)

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.



Mrs Edwards