



Dear Parents and Carers

I must start by saying an enormous thank you to Liz Mackereth and Liz Spall, all the members of the PTFA and you as parents for your efforts before, during and after the Fayre last week. It was such a fun afternoon and the inclement weather didn't dampen peoples' spirits... only their shoes and clothes. As you could probably tell, I had a whale of a time dressing up as a banana with Liz Mackereth and Caroline Hoyle for the Human Fruit Machine, impersonating one of the Queen's Corgis in the sponging 'stocks' and judging the cakes in the Dad's Bake-Off. The standard was extremely high and it was a really tough decision. Well done to Sean McCarthy for being 'crowned' the overall winner, Barney Smith for the 'WOW Factor' and Matt Taylor for best 'Theme'. Congratulations to all the Dads who took part.



As we race towards the end of term, our weeks only seem to get busier and busier. We have all sorts planned so please do read the weekly Parent Planners and ParentMails that we send you so that you don't miss out on any of the fun!

Reception

In Reception this week we have continued to learn about Minibeasts - have you learnt the words to the 'Please don't squish me, please don't squash me...' song yet? We are really proud of our art work and will be displaying it for you to see on our exhibition afternoon on Tuesday 12th July 3.30-4.30pm. More details to follow. Mrs Edwards says that our writing just gets better and better and is actually amazing - we're really enjoying writing pages for our Minibeast Book and think some of us might become authors when we grow up. We've been working really hard learning how to tell the time to the hour and practising the high jump for Sports Day next Friday.

Year 1

This week we've been learning about contractions and about how apostrophes are used. Yes, Mum and Dad - we will be testing you later! We've been working in teams in maths, investigating capacity and learning how to tell the time to quarter-past. We've had so much fun using plasticine to create 3D models of our favourite animals which you will be able to see on our exhibition afternoon (see above) and we can't wait for our trip to Marwell Zoo on Friday 15th July.

Year 2

We have drawn inspiration from Henley Royal Regatta and gone bonkers for boats! We've been designing and constructing boats made from all sorts of materials and have been observing what materials what materials make the best boats. We've been reading all sorts of poems about rivers and hope to recite some of our favourites to you. In Maths, it has been a week of rotation and exploring rotations as terms. We have practiced the high jump in athletics and staggered Mrs Edwards with some of our Western Rolls (a type of technique). If you are able to come to Sports Day next Friday you will be to see us in action!

Sports Day

We are hoping that many of you will be able to join us for our Sports Day next Friday morning. We have sent out a separate ParentMail with key times and information about the day. Please do read it! If anyone can help set up gazebos and equipment from 7am or help supervise on a field event for the first hour between 9.30 and 10.30 please can you let Cath, Lyn or Caroline in the office know. Many thanks.

Parent Class Reps

I'm sorry we haven't had a meeting for a while. Please can we have a short catch up this Tuesday 5th July straight after drop-off.

Governors Annual Meeting for Parents

Just a little reminder about the Annual Meeting for Parents which will be held here at school in the hall next Tuesday 5th July from 7.45pm.

Do you have 2/3 hours a week spare? Would you like to help a local family?

Home-Start Reading is looking for befriending volunteers to offer support to families with young children, who are going through a tough time. Volunteers must have parenting experience. Full training will be provided and expenses paid. There is also opportunity to have your training accredited. The next Preparation course takes place on Tuesday mornings, 10am-1pm starting on 20th September, 2016.

To find out more about joining our friendly team, please call either Marion or Julie on 0118 956 0050 or email office@home-start-reading.org.uk.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 5 th July	7.45pm	Governors Annual Meeting for Parents
Friday 8 th July	9.00 - 12.30pm	Sports Day
Monday 11 th July	From 7.45pm	PTFA Meeting at The Grosvenor
Friday 15 th July	Year 1	Marwell Zoo trip
Tuesday 19 th July	Reception	Thatcham Nature Discovery Centre trip

SPOTLIGHT: Our spotlight at assembly today fell on: Eddy for achieving Level 5 swimming and Audrey for completing a 3.4km obstacle course through mud, water and foam with her Dad!

PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Awards were handed to the following this week:

Year 2 - Roshni, Rishona

Year 1 - Sienna, Mantra, Hannah and Alyssia

Reception - Lilly, Oliver, Freya and Elliott.

Congratulations to you all.



Karen Edwards
Headteacher

Please read on to p3 for an update from the PTFA.

PTFA NEWS

THE HEIGHTS SUMMER FAYRE - THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Summer Fayre last Saturday. To all who helped on the stalls, to all the Dads who baked, to all the people who contributed food for the wonderful world food stall, or bottles for the tombola, or second hand clothes/toys/books! It was a fantastic afternoon, and we couldn't have done it without the hard work and support from our amazing Heights community. Also thanks go to Mario from One Time Catering for the BBQ, The Club at Mapledurham for sponsoring the crazy golf, to all raffle prize gifters, Peter Burnham & Hasbro, and the girls from Queen Anne's. We are looking forward to updating you on how much was raised soon - watch this space!

PTFA MEETING - MONDAY 11 JULY - from 7.45pm at The Grosvenor

Another reminder to join us for our final PTFA meeting of the school year. There are positions on the Committee to be filled for the next academic year, so if you would be interested in taking on a role on the following list, please do come along and let us know.

Chair or Co-Chairs - Vacant

Deputy Chair - Vacant

Treasurer (2 positions) - 1 nominee, 1 vacancy

Secretary - 1 nominee

Marketing - 1 nominee

Digital - Vacant

Social Events Fundraiser (Adults) 2 positions organising all parent social evenings -1 nominee, 1 vacancy

Social Events Fundraiser (Children) - Organising a fun event x 3 (school disco, mini mile, movie night) - 1 nominee

Craft/Product Fundraiser - Tea towels, Christmas cards, bags, recipe book - 1 nominee

Fayre Fundraiser - Christmas and summer - Vacant

Corporate / Trust Fundraiser (2 positions)-2 nominees

Running Team Fundraiser - Henley & Oxford 10k, Green Park 10k, any other run - Vacant

Cakes and Treats Fundraiser - Thursday before each half term cake sales - Vacant