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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have had another busy, fun-packed week at The Heights. I just wish I could share all the amazing moments we've had with the children with you. We hope you will gain a little taste in this week's newsletter and our assembly. What I would like to stress is how caring and considerate the children are. They are always looking at how they can help or support each other or members of staff in the 'lunchbox' and their manners are wonderful. Their enthusiasm, curiosity and thirst for learning make them a joy to be with - so please hurry up and bring them back on Monday because we can't wait for next week!

Our Reception children have been continuing to focus on their theme of 'All About Me, All About Us'. They have been writing their names using different pens and pencils, crayons and paint. They have been learning to sort in Maths and to use different indoor and outdoor environments. PE focused on the children moving in different ways and at different speeds in different directions.

This week Year 1 have been reading and reviewing *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*. They have been investigating the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and finding out about different materials around our school.



Year 2 have learnt where chocolate comes from and sequenced the process of how chocolate gets from the tree to the shops. We have been using atlases to research where cacao grows and innovating our 'Love Monster and the Chocolate' story. In Maths we've been looking at how unique they are and sketched and used watercolours to create self-portraits.



COME AND SEE OUR CLASSROOMS

We hope Year 1 and 2 parents enjoyed being shown round your children's classrooms and seeing the work they have completed to date.

GLOBAL PLAY DOH DAY

We are celebrating Global Play Doh day next Wednesday 30th September and are extremely grateful to Peter Buchanan and Hasbro for the generous donations of Play Doh. We will share pictures of the children's creations in next week's newsletter.

RECEPTION PARENTS INDUCTION AND MEETING

All parents of children in our two Reception classes are invited to attend an information evening on Tuesday 29th September from 7-8.30pm in school. It will be led by Mrs Rizvi and Mr Crispin and supported by Mrs Emma Fallon our Foundation Stage Consultant. We hope you will be able to join us for this session which aims to provide you with a greater insight into the activities your children will be engaging in, what their learning experiences will be and how you can support them.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

You will have received a letter earlier this week explaining our Parent Governor election procedure. Please ensure that your nominations are received in the office by no later than 3.30pm on Wednesday 30th September.

TRY A SCHOOL DINNER DAY - Thursday 1st October

You will have received a note about our school meals next Thursday when hot lunches will be provided for all children. If you have not already done so, do let us know if your child has any special dietary requirements by emailing admissions@theheightsprimary.co.uk.

FRUIT + VEG

Our fruit and veg deliveries have been resumed and you no longer need to send in a snack every day. The schedule is being sent with this Highlights and will be available to view on the website.

GREYS COURT CROSS COUNTRY RACE (Years 1 and 2)

Good luck to all the Year 1 and 2 pupils competing in the Greys Court cross county competition tomorrow morning. As our school is affiliated, anyone from Year 1 or 2 in The Heights can turn up in the morning and race on the day.

FORMAL OPENING OF READING FOOTBRIDGE

On Wednesday 30th September our Year 2 pupils will walk across the park to celebrate the Mayor's opening of the new footbridge. They are hoping to hand a personal invitation to the Mayor to come and visit our school.

JEANS FOR GENES DAY - our final total was £97. Thank you for your support.

DATES TO NOTE

Monday 28 th Sept	3.30-4pm	Handwriting session for parents
Tuesday 29 th Sept	3.30-4pm 7.00-8.30pm	Handwriting session for parents Induction meeting for Reception class parents
Wednesday 30 th Sept		Y2 at Footbridge Opening Deadline for Parent Governor nominations
Friday 2 nd October	3.30-4pm	Handwriting session for parents

SPOTLIGHT

Our spotlight this week falls on Jonah Fallon for his **Reading** Challenge and other achievements over the summer. Well done Jonah.

PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Our pupils of this week are: Vaala Poureshagh and Akshit Gupta (Year 2); Nathan Salisbury, Ruby Miller, Emma Wood and Amelia Moore (Year 1); Finn Hemmant, Sofia Pagella, George Sheppard and Lily Freeman (Reception Classes). Congratulations everyone!



Karen Edwards
Headteacher

PTFA NEWS

RAFFLE PRIZES

We are looking for prizes for this year's Christmas raffle. If anyone can help us by sourcing prizes from their place of work then please contact Sue Hepwood on shepwood@outlook.com

Dates to Note:

Don't forget PTFA AGM - Monday 5th October, 7.45pm – 8.30pm at St Anne's Primary School. Everyone is welcome.

PTFA Curry & Quiz Night - Saturday 17th October, 7pm - 10.30pm at St Andrew's Church Hall. Tickets on sale next week. Watch your children's book bags for more info!

CHRISTMAS FAYRE - This year's Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday 5 December, 12pm – 2.30pm

