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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual
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Dear Parents and Carers

I know you might find this hard to believe - but I am actually at a bit of a loss for words. Your kind words and incredibly touching gifts for all the staff sum up what we all treasure so much at The Heights - that we are a warm, caring community with a deeply shared passion and aim with the children at the centre of it all.

Thank you for all your belief, trust and help this year. It has been such an exciting journey and shared experience for us all. You have built furniture, put up noticeboards, made cakes, erected awnings, read to children, organised Fayres, Quiz and Race Nights, and run miles and miles. But most of all you have always, always been there to encourage your children and celebrate their achievements with us.

Thank you to the members of the Trust for without your vision, hard work and dogged determination we quite simply would not exist.

Thank you to our *Governors*, led by Nick. You have been much more than critical friends and your confidence in and support for all we have planned this year has led to achievements beyond many people's expectations - but not ours!

Thank you to all the children. You are our *raison d'être* and it has been such a privilege to watch you develop and blossom in all ways since September. Your enthusiasm for learning is infectious and we will miss your energy and smiles over the summer.

Finally, thank you to all the staff. I couldn't have a more enthusiastic, dedicated and talented team of people working to make a difference to children's lives. You are all truly inspirational! Now have a break and do not come back until you have!



From this



.... to this



We have had some exciting themed days this week, but the best one was Water Day - everyone enjoyed themselves!



MUSIC CONCERT

Thank you to Mrs Tse and Mrs Hines who taught the children and organised our Summer Music Concert this afternoon. It was a lovely celebration.

DATES TO NOTE

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| Wednesday 9 th Sept | 8.45am | School opens for new term: please note Year 1 and 2 children should be in school by 9am if possible |
| Friday 11 th September | | New Reception Pupils start am or pm |

SPOTLIGHT

Our spotlight this week fell Ben Gibson, Emily Miller, Joshua Ellison, Emma and Rose Wood for **swimming**, Mantra Vivek for **water skills**, Roshni Taylor and Joe Mackereth for **gymnastics** and Freya Carter for **golf**. Well done everyone.

PUPILS OF THE TERM

This afternoon Pupil of the Term awards were handed to: Jayden Jemmott and Freya Carter (Y1); Hannah Jones, Sophie Spall and Alex Callaghan (Mrs Rizvi's Class); Fletcher Bramley and Holly Parr (Mr Crispin's Class). Congratulations to all of them.

I hope you enjoy a happy summer with your families and look forward to seeing you in September for our second year when we will welcome 50 more children and their families. Happy Holidays.

Love

Mrs Edwards
Headteacher



POEM FOR THE END OF OUR FIRST YEAR AT THE HEIGHTS - by Mrs Edwards

One eve a group of parents sat
In a pub to discuss schools and all that.
When one of them suddenly saw the light
And said, we'll build our own, 'The Heights!'

They set about their mammoth task
With integrity, energy and flask after flask,
Of coffee to help them write the Brief
Which when accepted was a huge relief.



Still awaiting a site they ploughed ahead
Oops sorry, I meant they FOUND a Head -
who met with parents and promised the earth,
which turned out to be just a small bit of turf

off Gosbrook Road - an old Nursery.
"Don't worry", she said, "just wait and see!"
She visited pre-schools and children at home,
Interviewed staff & Govs 'cause couldn't do it alone.

Together they built a formidable team,
of so many stakeholders with the same dream.
"ASPIRE!", they said "that's our motto"
And with a building they were good to go.

The team built all the tables and drawers
Yes that was Marshall, Bareham and Dawes.
Cann and Rizvi and Edwards A
Were very good but Mr C preferred play

As did Mrs Headwards and it was clear,
That it would be an unusual year.

The children arrived in their uniform
Quickly found their feet and rarely yawned.
Too busy they were at exploring
The meaning of life or ... sumfing.



The Autumn term was full of stuff,
Phonics, Numbers, glitter and fluff!
They all learned about Devali
And performed their first Nativity.



The Pantomime was a huge buzz.
"Oh no it wasn't!" "Oh ...yes it was!"
The PTFA ran endless events,
10k, Quiz Night, Fayres, and much was

Spent on awnings and other resources.
The staff wanted play dough, the kids wanted ... 'horses!'

The staff team grew bigger quite literally
With Sanne and George Green, yes soon it'll be 3!
And don't forget the office ladies
With Caroline, Lyn and of course, Aileen.

The Spring saw so much progress made
Bird feeders stuffed and eggs were laid.
Ten chicks hatched and ate so much.
They were 'so fluffy' we just wanted a touch.



The summer term came quick..er..ley
With lots of focus on PE.
We had a Sports Day. Yes, our first.
Boy was it hot, what a thirst!



The children jumped and ran and threw
As confidences grew and grew.
Then parents hit the running track
And were warned to keep toes back

Behind the line, before the start
And not to overexert the heart.
As it would not be very fair
For kids to see parents lying there.

As the end of year drew nigh
The teachers could be heard to sigh.
But still feel that they oughta
Have a bit of fun with water.

And so the day came about,
With children ready with cups and spouts.
When Mr C said 1,2,3
It was clear that they were all ready.

The guns were squirted and balloons tossed,
Sponges squeezed and inhibitions lost.
The school was united one and all,
By everyone quite simply having a ball.

And this is what I think is great,
That there's always so much to celebrate,
In a school where it feels special to be
An important part of a Community.



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