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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents and Carers

It was wonderful to see you all again this week after the summer break and really special to welcome all our new Reception children today. Isn't it amazing how much the children grow in different ways in just 7 weeks? They look so smart in their uniforms and have wowed all the staff with their enthusiasm and confidence.

Despite the children having been with us for such a short time they have done so much. Reception and Year 1 have been getting to know all the children in their new classes and are becoming a cohesive group. They have been playing and learning indoors and outside, enjoying the sunshine while it lasts. It's been really interesting hearing about their summer holidays and talking about the postcards they sent to the school. Year 2 have been learning about their brains and how they work and what we need to do to keep them healthy. Did you know an elephant's brain is 19 times bigger than a humans?



WELCOME

As well as our new Reception Class families we extend a huge welcome to Harry and Daisy Davies and Shams Alabdallah Al-safadi in Year 1 and Vaala Poureshagh and Akshit Gupta in Year 2.



TEMPORARY SITE PLANS

Thank you for your understanding and support of the changes we have been making to our temporary site which are helping us make the most of all the indoor and outdoor space we have.

We have erected a new fence and gate outside the main office which is locked at lunchtime to ensure the children are completely secure as they move between our temporary canteen (christened 'the lunchbox' by the children) and the playground. A further gate will be installed on the left hand side as you come through the main front gate so that we can manage the flow of traffic onto the site at the beginning and end of each day. We are thrilled that the application to expand the site to accommodate a second floor was approved by the RBC this week. This will give us additional classrooms and valuable indoor space when the work is completed during and after half term.

We would like to invite you all to a meeting on Wednesday 23rd September at St Anne's Hall from 7.30-8.30pm when I can explain and show you the plans for this expansion in detail.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

From Friday 18th September all parents will be welcome to join our Celebration Assembly at the Methodist Church Hall on the corner of Gosbrooke Road and Ardler Road. We will start at 2.30pm and finish at 3, giving us time to take the children back to school to collect their coats and belongings. You may then collect them from the usual doors at 3.30pm.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We are hoping to run a couple of after-school clubs this term, despite our space restrictions. Information for booking forms will be coming out to you next week.

CLASS REPS MEETING

There will be a meeting of Class Representatives on Wednesday 16th September, starting at 8.45am. If you have anything you wish to raise, please contact the appropriate representative.

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JEANS FOR GENES DAY - FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

For this day children will be able to come in wearing jeans (or casual trousers) but wearing school uniform tops. There will be a collection of a suggested donation of £1 per child.

PARENTMAIL

We are really sorry to have started the term with communication issues and hope our ParentMail account will be restored very soon. In the meantime we have created in-house mailing lists and will be communicating via the office email address. If you know of anyone who is missing our communications please ask them to drop us a message and we will add them on.

PTFA NEWS

School Defibrillator - Over the summer holidays we took collection of the school's new defibrillator, which was funded by the Mini Mile runners and a £300 donation from Millie's Dream (www.milliesdream.org.uk). When the school reaches its permanent home, a community box will be installed to ensure the defibrillator is available for local emergencies. This will be a great asset considering the recreational uses of MPF!

Sponsor Team Heights - we will be running in the Oxford Half, the Henley Half and the Henley 10K next month, raising much needed funds for outdoor play equipment. Please sponsor Team Heights at <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/heightsptfa>

To keep up to date with all things PTFA please 'like' our Facebook page. Search for 'The Heights Primary PTFA'.

PTFA dates to note: AGM - Monday 5th October at 7.45pm, venue TBC. Social - Saturday 17th October TBC.

DATES TO NOTE

Wednesday 16 th Sept	8.45	Class Reps meeting
Friday 18 th Sept	2.30-3pm	Jeans for Genes day Celebration Assembly at Methodist Church Hall

SPOTLIGHT

Our spotlight this week falls on Lucy Ray, Fletcher Bramley and Rufus Palk who all completed the Summer Reading Challenge. Well done all three!



Karen Edwards, Headteacher