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# Dear Parents and Carers

We have had so much to celebrate this week. It has been our first Anniversary of opening as a new school and we were really pleased that Rob Wilson came to visit and see how much the school has physically developed in a Year.

Our fabulous new Reception children have completed their first full week of school and have amazed me with their stamina, resilience, adaptability and enthusiasm. It's no surprise that they all received a certificate in our Celebration Assembly.

What have we all been learning in our classes?

In Reception we have been investigating different areas in our indoor and outdoor environment and getting very excited about the provision, particularly the mud kitchen, bikes and trikes. We have been getting to know each other and making new friends in our own classes and Years 1 and 2 had our first PE lesson. We have started learning our Jolly Phonics, have been singing the songs and celebrating writing our own

names.

This week Year 1 have been thinking about friendship and belonging, and the Year One team are proud to say that everyone has chosen to play or work with somebody new! They have been whizzy mathematicians and are now working on correct number formation; next week they will start to learn cursive letter formation, too. (Don't worry, you will be given some information on how to help your child at home.) They have practised ordering stories, and begun learning about the countries which make up the United Kingdom. A busy week, and they have done so well!

This week Year 2 have been counting on in 10s from any number. We are learning the story of the 'Love Monster and the Last Chocolate' and songs in different languages. We have been

exploring the importance of our names and what we call each other. We are so excited about our topic this term - chocolate. What could be better than that?

### TEMPORARY SITE PLANS MEETING

A reminder that I am holding a meeting for parents about our temporary site expansion next Wednesday 23rd September at St Anne's Hall from 7.30-8.30pm.

## PARENT CLASS REPS

Thank you to all the Parent Class Reps who met with me in the 'lunchbox' on Wednesday. It was really helpful to meet with them and hear some of the feedback from parents.

### COME AND SEE OUR CLASSROOMS

Parents of Years 1 and 2 are invited to come and see their childrens' classrooms next week at 3.10pm on Monday 21st (Year 2) and Tuesday 22nd (Year 1). There will be a separate date for Reception parents the week after.

### **SNACKS**

Thank you all for sending in a fruit/veg snack for your child. We hope to be able to resume supplies soon. Please remember not to send in any peanuts or peanut based products as we have children with allergies in school.

# GREYS COURT CROSS COUNTRY RACE (Years 1 and 2)

There is an inter-school Cross Country competition next Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September at Greys Court in Henley. There are separate races for children in Years 1-6 and the Years 1 and 2 will be running about 700m. There is no cost for entry as the school is affiliated to the family of schools participating in these events over the Autumn and Spring terms. If your child is interested in running please arrive at Greys Court no earlier than 8.30am for a 9am Year 1 race and 9.15am Year 2 race. Please feel free to see me if you would like more details.

# HENLEY STANDARD PHOTOS for Reception Classes

The Henley Standard will be coming in to take photos for publication on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September. If you have informed us that you do not wish your child to appear in the local media they will be carefully excluded from the photo. The Reception Classes supplement will appear in the September 25<sup>th</sup> issue of the paper and we will have copies available for sale here. Digital prints will be on sale and the school will receive commission from these and sales of newspaper at school.

# COFFEE MORNING

St Anne's RC Church are holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning next <u>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September from 8.45-11am</u>. This is a great opportunity for our three communities (The Heights, St Anne's Church and St Anne's School) to come together, have a cup of tea or coffee, a piece of cake and raise some money for such a worthwhile cause. They

would love some Heights parents to come along and support the event. If you would like to get involved further and do some baking, please see Diane Davies (mum to Ben in Mrs Edwards' Year 1 class) or email her at diprocter@hotmail.com.

#### JEANS FOR GENES DAY

Thank you for helping us to support Jeans for Genes day today. We have raised £55 which will be sent on to the charity.

## **PTFA NEWS**

**PTFA AGM** - Monday 5th October, 7.45-8.30pm at St Anne's Primary School. Everyone is welcome. Please see attached letter and nomination form.

PTFA Curry & Quiz Night - Saturday 17th October, 7-10.30pm at St Andrew's Church Hall. Tickets on sale soon!

#### DATES TO NOTE

Monday 21st Sept	Morning	Henley Standard photo
	3.10-3.30	Come and see our classroom - Year 2
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	3.10-3.30	Come and see our classroom - Year 1
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	7.45-8.30pm	Temporary site plans meeting - St Anne's Hall
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	8.45-11am	Macmillan Coffee Morning - St Anne's Church

### SPOTLIGHT

Our spotlight this week falls on Ben Gibson, Rafael Aslam, Rishwith Vipperla, Ruby Miller, Jenna Dhadwal, Roshni and Rishi Taylor for completing the **Summer Reading Challenge**; Tom Sanigar and George Akwa-Likhachov for **swimming**. Well done everyone.

## PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Our pupils of this week are: Rose Wood and Freya Carter (Year 2); Tara Anand, Thomas Pattison, Zachary Dolby and Alyssia Kenny (Year 1); all Reception classes. Congratulations everyone!



