



Dear Parents and Carers

This has been my favourite week of the new year to date! Why...? Because I have been able to spend so much time with the children at lunch and in the classroom. They are amazing!

Reception

We've had a really busy week learning about the skeleton, our bodies and drawing around them. We've been learning about different shapes and drawing chalk shapes on the playground. We even tested Mrs Edward's - we asked her what a Hexagon was...

Year 1

We love our Fire! Fire! Topic. Did you know that the Great Fire of London started in a Bakery and that 6 people died? We've been researching writing about facts like this to write a newspaper report.

Year 2

Oh my goodness! What a week! We've been visited by Dragons who left letters for us! Can you believe that?! We've completed some amazing independent writing about dinosaurs and sculpted some Dragons out of clay.



Year 3

We have been sooooo busy! We've thoroughly enjoyed learning and singing our French song and playing the Cello.



KS1 Parents Talk

Thank you to all the KS1 parents who came to the talk by our KS1 teachers on Tuesday evening. We are glad you found it really helpful and are putting the notes on the website for everyone to access.

Year 3 Parents Talk

Don't forget that we are holding an information evening for parents of children in Year 3 on Monday 10th October at 7.30pm in the School Hall. Parents will find out about the Year 3 Curriculum and expectations for the year. I hope you can join us.

Cake Sale

Thank you to Marnie in Reception and all the parents who baked and sold cakes on Wednesday. £96 was raised! The majority of the cakes were from Marnie's birthday party which she couldn't have because she was unwell.

Muddy Mayhem

I'm looking forward to joining lots of mums at the Mapledurham Muddy Mayhem on Sunday 9th October. It's not too late to enter - for more information or to register, please visit <http://www.muddymayhem.co.uk/>.

Primary School's Cross-Country Competition

Good luck to all the Cross-Country runners who will be running at Chiltern Edge School in the Winter series competition. Please arrive well before 10am as there will be lots of people there and the first race (Year 1 I believe) starts at 10am. I will be there from 9.30am - do come and find me as I will lead a warm-up and help ensure the children are in the right place at the right time.

Harvest Cream Tea

We are holding a Harvest Cream Tea for Grandparents on Wednesday 19th October and Thursday 20th October. You should have received a ParentMail with an invitation to pass on. Grandparents will be treated to tea and scones and some songs from all the children in school. Please remember to send back the reply slip to the office to let us know if any Grandparents wish to join us.

Spotlight

Reception - Lauren and Imogen for achieving Level 1 swimming,

Year 1 - Frances for achieving Level 1 swimming,

Year 2 - Scarlett for getting a Merit in her Imperial Classical Ballet exam, Nathan for getting first place in his Beavers Handicraft Competition, George for getting his Flight School Certificate at AirKix, Joshua for achieving Level 2 swimming and finally Joshie for taking part in his first rugby festival and scoring three tries! Year 2 have been busy!!

Year 3 -

Congratulations to you all!

PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

Reception - Daisy and Matthew (RSR) and Oscar and Hannah (RAO).

Year 1 - Sam and Annabel (1CPF) and Lily and Natalia (1VH).

Year 2 - Alex and Zoya (2AM) and Joshua P and Dani (2HK).

Year 3 - Vaala and Anna (3SW).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 8 th October	Chiltern Edge Cross Country Competition
Sunday 9 th October	Henley 10K/Mapledurham Muddy Mayhem Races
Sunday 9 th October	Muddy Mayhem at Mapledurham
Monday 10 th October	Year 3 Parent Talk at 7.30pm
Saturday 12 th November	PFTA Quiz Night
Saturday 10 th December	3pm - Christmas Fayre at school



Karen Edwards
Headteacher

Please read on to p3 for an update from the PTFA

PTFA NEWS

This week we have been busy getting organised! The new PTFA are settling in to their roles BUT there are more positions to fill so WE NEED YOU!!!

NEW PTFA

Co-Chairs - Bav Wood and Catherine Kiely
Treasurers - Nicky James and Harp Miller Secretary - Helen Morgan
Marketing, Crafts / Merchandise - Aalia Bhatti and Carli Jordan
Digital / Website - Barney Smith
Social Events (Adults) - Hannah Smith and Helen Morgan (plus VACANCY)
Social Events (Kids) - Liz Spall (plus VACANCY)
Christmas Fayre - Sue and Richard Hepwood
Corporate / Trust Fundraisers - Liz Spall and Annie Ellison
Running Team - Kerry Parr
Cakes and Treats - Sally Kochak

VACANT POSITIONS

The PTFA plays an essential role in building the school community and raising much needed funds for all of the things not covered by regular funding.

Help us raise funds whilst having fun and meeting people. Join the PTFA team:

- Summer Fayre Organiser - A key event in the school calendar, can you and a friend make it happen?
- Bar License / Stock Manager – Can you help the drinks and conversations flow?
- Social Events (Adults) - Can you help Heights parents socialise while raising money for our school?
- Social Events (Kids) - Could you plan some fun for Heights children?

Whatever your interest or skill-set your contribution can make a huge difference. Please consider taking on one of these roles. Please contact us: ptfa@theheightsprimary.co.uk

CAKE!

We want to say a big thank you to Marnie Jacob, in Mrs Rizvi's class, who chose to donate her birthday cake to the school after she fell ill on the day of her birthday party. An impromptu cake sale took place and a fantastic £90 was raised! Thanks to everyone who baked, helped and flocked to the gates to purchase everything in a record twelve minutes!

FANCY A TEE?

Would you like to take part in a Golf Day on 30th October? Venue: Mapledurham Golf Club. Time: 10am. There will be prizes and refreshments at this guaranteed fun day out for those 'born to golf and forced to work!' Please register your interest here: ptfa@theheightsprimary.co.uk by Wednesday 12th October.

RUNNING WEEKEND!

HENLEY 10KM; MINI MILE; MUDDY MAYHEM; OXFORD HALF MARATHON

Heights Runners will be taking part in all of these events this Sunday 9th October. Please support them as they get muddy and fit to raise money for our school.

All sponsorship makes a difference so please sponsor them if you can. They would also love your cheers of support if you can make an event. The Heights Running Weekend donation page can be found here:

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/geoffparr>