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Dear Parents and Carers,

I don't know about you, but our family really enjoyed a weekend of fabulous sport last weekend. We were delighted to see a number of Heights families at the Emirates Stadium, enjoying the thrilling men's World Cup Rugby League semi-final - even though that result and the Women's Rugby union final didn't quite have the results we'd hoped for. The intensity and quality of play in both matches was impressive.

This week in school has been busy and we are starting to prepare for the run up to Christmas, with practices for different performances and Pantomimes at the Hexagon and from M&M productions to look forward to.

Reception

This week we've continued to practice our tricky words in phonics and to identify Numicon shapes up to 10 in Maths. We're really enjoying learning to retell the story of the Gingerbread Man and had some really interesting conversations yesterday during Children in Need Day about the work this charity does and why it is so important.

Year 1

We are sooo proud of our writing. We've written non-chronological reports, including interesting facts in a 'Did you know?' section and then we presented them to the Year 5s. They were really impressed! In Maths we've continued our unit on addition, focusing on fact families and number bonds within 10 and for our Science work, we went on an autumnal walk to look for clues of seasonal changes, such as pinecones and conkers.



Year 2

We've nearly finished our leaflets about castles and are looking forward to publishing and sharing them with you. We've been adding 1 digit numbers to a 2 digit number in Maths, as well as completing reasoning and problem solving activities and have been learning the correct terminology to describe different properties of everyday materials, in Science. We're looking forward to the Pantomime that's coming to school next Friday. It's Aladdin and should be loads of fun!

Year 3

We really enjoyed participating in Children in Need Day yesterday and made a real effort to have 'moments of mindfulness' throughout the day.

We had great fun writing our explanation text on mummification this week, with all the gruesome details and structured our writing using subheadings and paragraphs. In Maths we've been working on finding fractions of numbers using quarter, thirds and fifths and in Science we've been exploring and discussing the different food types and what constitutes a healthy diet for humans.

Year 4

This week, we've continued to learn about the dangers of deforestation and have used this to draft a letter to our local MP, Matt Rodda, urging him to act on this. In Science, we've learnt more about human teeth, understanding the different types and knowing their function and in our topic lessons, we learnt about how the Maya used Hieroglyphics as a form of communication.

In computing, we've continued to programme our sprites (characters) and develop their appearance through Scratch Jnr.

Year 5

In our topic work, we've been learning more about who the Vikings were and have been developing our understanding of what everyday life was like for people living in Viking times. In our writing, we've been developing our knowledge of modal verbs and appropriately applying it to our pieces of writing about King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. We've also continued to develop our knowledge of audience and purpose.

In Maths we've been comparing and ordering fractions greater and less than 1 and adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator. In Science we've been learning about cooking, mixing, burning and heating and in IT, we've continued our learning journey in Scratch by adding a conversation between two characters.

Year 6

This week, we've been exploring the structures and elements of non-fiction text, particularly in relation to Non-chronological reports. We researched a living creature of our choice and created a report about that creature, including elements of classification and whether it has been affected by environmental issues like plastics in the ocean or climate change.

In Maths, we've continued to explore fractions and have learnt how to carry out the four basic operations with fractional numbers, including improper fractions and mixed numbers. We're now moving on to multiplying and dividing fractions.

In topic this week, we've been looking at the contributions of animals to the war effort, exploring the roles played by pigeons, dogs, horses and a Baboon and in Art, we've been developing our understanding of botanical art and honing our observational skills.

Children In Need

Thank you all so much for your very generous donations yesterday. It was lovely to see many of the children and staff wearing something yellow and we raised £519 as a school!

Additional Bank Holiday - Monday 8th May

Please note that Monday 8th May will be an additional Bank Holiday for King Charles' Coronation and the school will be closed on that day.

Community Morning at MDPF

The Friends of Mapledurham Playing Fields (FoMPF) are holding a volunteer morning at 10 am this Saturday (see attached flyer).

Pantomimes

Our Reception and KS1 children will be watching an M&M production of Aladdin in our school Hall next Friday 25th November. The M&M team and cast put on really impressive shows and we are confident that the children will really enjoy it. Our KS2 children will be travelling to the Hexagon to watch Jack and the Beanstalk on Wednesday 7th December. We will be walking the children to the Hexagon and they will be brought back to school after the performance by coach. Many thanks to the PTFA for supporting us by funding the cost of the coaches. We'll send more information about the practicalities of these events next week.

Year 1 - Caversham AFC

Caversham AFC run games based football sessions at Highdown School on Saturday mornings (please see the attached flyer). New players are welcome to come along for a few weeks for **FREE** to make sure they enjoy it. For further information, please email newplayers@cavershamafc.co.uk

Christmas Tree - Caversham Bridge Garden Centre

Caversham Bridge Garden Centre have very kindly donated to the school a beautiful premium non-drop fresh 6ft Christmas tree, which we will take delivery of on Friday 2nd December, to go in the school reception area. Please see the attached flyer for details of their Christmas Trees with a 10% discount!

Twitter

Please follow **@AtHeadteacher** for updates!

Dates for the Diary

Reception and Years 1 & 2 PANTO - Aladdin	Friday 25 th November 1-3pm
PTFA Disco (Years 1 to 6)	Friday 25 th November
Cross Country at Chiltern Edge	Saturday 3 rd December
Christmas Fayre	Saturday 3 rd December 1-4pm
Years 3 - 6 PANTO at the Hexagon Jack and The Beanstalk	Wednesday 7 th December 9am - 2.30pm
Christmas Performances:	
Years 3 & 4 (for the families of children in Year 3)	Monday 12 th December 2.15pm
Years 1 & 2 (for the families of children in Year 1)	Tuesday 13 th December 9.15am
Years 3 & 4 (for the families of children in Year 4)	Wednesday 14 th December 9.15am
Years 1 & 2 (for the families of children in Year 2)	Wednesday 14 th December 2.15pm
Years 5 & 6 (for the families of the children in Year 5)	Thursday 15 th December 9.15am
Reception	Friday 16 th December 9.15am
Years 5 & 6 (for the families of children in Year 6)	Monday 19 th December 2.15pm
End of Term	Tuesday 20th December 1.30pm



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