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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents/Carers



Firstly can I say huge congratulations and thank you to all the runners in the Henley 10k and to Joanne Mann who ran the half marathon last Sunday. There 15 of us in total



and the support and atmosphere were amazing. Thank you also to everyone who has made a donation - we have raised over £1600 to date with half of the money going to the John Radcliffe.

I have seen the light! We have mains power! I must say a massive thank you to our contractors, REDS10 and Rob Wilson and James Giblett for all their assistance in helping us finally get connected. The generator will be taken away as soon as possible and we will be able to develop that outside area for the children's use and learning.

IN THE CLASSROOMS

Our Year 1 pupils have been learning about money, its value and how to use it practically when shopping (sorry mums and dads!). They have finished writing their stories and delighted everyone at the assembly with them this afternoon.

In Reception the children have been exploring and learning about Autumn and Harvest. They have been drawing and painting and weaving beautiful ribbons through our fences as you can see from the photo. They are continuing to develop communication and interaction skills through active role play both inside and outside.



PARENT CONSULTATION AFTERNOON/EVENING

Wednesday 22nd October 3.45-5.45 or Thursday 23rd October 6.00-7.50pm. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to meet the class teachers next week. If you have not already done so, please sign up for your 10-minute Parent Consultation/Information session on the sheet outside the school office, email Lyn at info@theheightsprimary.co.uk or telephone.

It is important that consultations are kept to 10 minutes and to support the best use of this time we ask that children are not present. If you have problems leaving younger siblings outside of school you might like to team up with another family and share care over two adjoining sessions.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Ballot Papers and short resumes from the two candidates were sent home on Monday. Please return your vote to the ballot box outside the school office by **midday on Tuesday 21st October.**

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Next week's Celebration Assembly will be on Thursday 23rd October at 3pm as we have an INSET day the following day - our theme will be Diwali.

INSET is a staff training day and means the children will not be in school on Friday 24th.

PARENT'S PHONICS AND READING SESSION

On Thursday 17th November at 7.30pm here in school there will be an opportunity for parents to learn how phonics is taught and how they can support a child with reading. The session will be led by a specialist in this area, Becky Townsend. As the teaching is aimed at parents, we ask that children are not brought along to give you all the best opportunity to absorb the information.

BERKSHIRE MUSIC MAESTROS

After a meeting with Berkshire Music Maestros this week it has been agreed that they will run weekly whole class music sessions for our Reception pupils after half term and for our Year 1 after Christmas until the end of the Spring term. These sessions will be separate to the 1:1 and small group piano and violin lessons being offered at a cost by Helen Hines and Angie Tse, which are due to start after half term. The Berkshire Music Maestro sessions will be free and led by a music specialist, providing opportunities for the children to sing, move, play instruments, be creative and share the joy of making music together.

PANTOMIME VISIT - December

We would like to take the children to a traditional Pantomime in December and have booked seats at the Hexagon for Friday 12th. Please look in bookbags next week for a letter about this.

SCOOTING TO SCHOOL

The PTFA have arranged for us to join the Scooters for Schools scheme run by Micro Scooters. Every order placed at www.micro-scooters.co.uk quoting the school code (139972) will earn 10% cashback for the school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 18th Oct	7.45-11pm	PTFA Curry and Quiz Night at St Andrew's Church Hall
Tuesday 21st Oct	Midday	Deadline for Parent Governor Ballot votes
Thursday 23rd Oct	3pm	Celebration Assembly Announcement of new Parent Governor
Friday 24th Oct	INSET DAY - staff training - no school for the children	
HALF TERM Week Monday 27th - Friday 31st October		
Monday 3rd Nov	8.45-9.15am	Term 2 begins

HELP!

I need the help of four strong men or women to help Jerry and I transport our piano from Shiplake to the school next Tuesday 21st October at 7.15pm. If you are able to help please can you drop us a line at the school.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS: Awards were handed to the following this afternoon: Joshua Packer and Sammy Smyth (Mrs Rizvi's Class); Rufus Palk and Ffion Jones (Mr Crispin's Class); Lucy Ray and Roshni Taylor (Year 1). Congratulations to all of them.



Mrs Edwards
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