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THE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Achieving Success Promoting Individual Responsibility and
Excellence

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Dear Parents/Carers

Where did the last month go? Yes - the children have been at school for a whole month now and they are amazing us every day with their efforts and achievements.

Quote of the week:

Coming together is a beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success.

Henry Ford

PARENT'S INFORMATION AFTERNOONS

Thank you to everyone who was able to come to the informal Parent Information meetings with the classteachers this week. We hope you found them helpful. We really value your views and feedback. Please drop me a line, pop in and see me or have a chat to your child's classteacher if there is anything you would like to discuss or have more information about. As I have stated before, I have an 'Open Door' policy and will make time as soon as is possible to see you.

PARENT CONSULTATION AFTERNOON/EVENING

Please note that there will be a Parent Consultation Afternoon/Evening soon after half term when you will be able to book at 10-minute appointment with the classteacher to discuss your child's progress and attainment in specific areas of their school life. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

TEMPORARY SITE NEWS

It has been another busy but very productive week. We have our new, wider gate at our main entrance and a school sign on posts just to the side of it.



The outside area at the far end of the school, by the Year 1 class exit, has been turfed (thank you Jerry) and looks fabulous! Once the turf has 'taken' the children will be able to play in that area. The Year 1s can't wait to plant some shrubs, bulbs and herbs against the wall.

We aim to mulch the area next to the astro turf by Monday 6th October and have lots of plans to provide rich outdoor learning experiences for the children over the coming weeks.

The skip has been taken away from the front of the school and we aim to have a connection to mains power supply by the end of next week which will enable us to use more of the amazing IT equipment we have. It will also free up space currently being taken up by our generator and the fencing around it.

IN THE CLASSROOMS

We have celebrated the wonderful differences and similarities amongst us in assemblies and circle time this week. We learnt how to say 'hello' in Polish, Spanish, Italian, Hindi, Russian, French and Telugu and agreed that our school is a really interesting and exciting place with so many people who have such different looks and special strengths and talents.

Did you know?

Things the children have discovered this week:

- 'Hola' means 'Hi' in Spanish.
- Year 1 started learning number bonds to 10 (i.e. 7+3, 6+4).

- Year 1 have been looking at characters, settings, problems, solutions and how characters might feel. They have also been developing their understanding and the characteristics of a good storyteller.
- It is only the male peacock that has the beautiful fan of feathers.



PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION: Please send your nominations in to the office by Monday morning, 6th October. Thank you.

MUSIC IN SCHOOL

Reminder: There will be two opportunities to attend an information session with Angie Tse and Helen Hines on Wednesday 15th October at 3pm and 7.30pm here in school. Thank you to everyone who has registered interest so far.

I am meeting with managers from Berkshire Maestros next Wednesday to discuss what opportunities there may be for subsidised whole class provision in school. I will keep you updated.

SCHOOL PHOTO

The Henley Standard will be collecting your orders for photos from the office next week. If you would like a photo but have yet to order, forms are available outside the office.

PTFA NEWS

Don't forget to buy your Curry and Quiz night tickets by Wednesday 8th October!

Don't forget to sponsor the Henley 10k and half marathon runners for the race on 12th October
www.justgiving/yimby/theheightsptfa

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Create 'n' Make has its first session on Monday 13th October. If you would like to register, forms were emailed last week and are also available from outside the office. For more details please contact Michaela Clarke on: 07831 429794 or michaela@createnmake.com.

Multi-Skills: Thank you for your responses about the proposed Multi-Skills Club. We have plenty of interest now and will be organising a start date soon. Full details to follow as soon as confirmed.

LOST PROPERTY

Various items have been found around the school (socks, phone, spectacles, adult jumper and this lovely bunny). There is a lost property box in the office and we would like to keep it as empty as possible! Do call in if you think you may have misplaced anything here.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 15th Oct	3pm and 7.30pm	Music tuition information meetings
Saturday 18th Oct	7.45-11pm	PTFA Curry and Quiz Night at St Andrew's Church Hall

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Awards were handed to the following this afternoon: Mira Markella, Ben Gibson (Mrs Rizvi's Class); Brooke Dimmock, Rafi Aslam (Mr Crispin's Class); Olivia Mann, Anna Mahlberg (Year 1). Congratulations to all of them.

Mrs Edwards
Headteacher