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Term 3 2017-2018 – Week 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 3 has been really busy and seems to have flown by. Despite the cold weather and lots of illness, the children have worked very hard and engaged in this term's topics, producing some fantastic learning.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Underwater and Jungle Class who have had Attendance Bear.

	Underwater	Bugs	High Peaks	Jungle
Week 4	99%	96.8%	96.6%	93.6%
Week 5	95.7%	98%	96.6%	98.8%

REWARDS

Congratulations to the following children who have received their pupil point awards in assembly:

100 pupil points-High Peaks-Rudy
500 pupil points-Bugs-Sam
700 pupil points-High Peaks-Ryan, George
900 pupil points-High Peaks-Jessica
1100 pupil points- Jungle- Freya
1300 pupil points- Jungle- Fraser H

GOLDEN MILE

Congratulations on their new certificates for;
25 miles- Underwater- Harris, Maisie, Ila, George I,
50 miles- Jungle- Summer, Jia, Scarlett, Iliana, Megan
100 miles- Jungle- Thomas

Many other children have earned certificates for the Golden Mile but these were not printed out before assembly. These will be given out next term. It is great to see how many children are achieving in building their fitness.

UNIFORM DRAW

Congratulations to the following children for winning this term's uniform draw. They have won a £3 WH Smith Voucher for wearing the correct uniform to school, kindly donated by the LSA.

Underwater- Tom

Bugs- Jacob

High Peaks- Ryan

Jungle- Summer

Thank you for supporting our uniform policy.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Please make sure that you have signed up to meet your child's class teacher on one of the following dates.

Tuesday 20th February 2018 from 3.20pm until 5.20pm

Wednesday 21st February 2018 from 3.30pm until 4.20pm and then 5pm until 7.20pm

Wednesday 7th March 2018 from 2.00pm until 5.00pm - **EYFS only.**

Diary February

19th Children return for Term 4
20th Parent consultations
21st Parent consultations
23rd Film Night
26th Swimming team gala
27th Netball tournament at Ringmer
28th World Book Day Activities

March

1st Year 2 SATS meting 9am
7th EYFS Parent Consultations – Mrs Brown
23rd Sports Relief
Inter house 5 aside football
26th Year 5 Bikeability training
28th Music recital
29th Easter Mayhem

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PARTNERSHIP

Staff met together for a staff meeting to launch and discuss the new maths calculations policy, which has been written collaboratively by Miss Mandy and Miss Anderson, the maths subject leaders. This is now available on our school website. Staff were also able to evaluate the impact of maths mastery on our learners. Later in the week staff worked together at the INSET twilight to look at report writing for this year and also looked at curriculum planning for the rest of the year. It was great to work in groups to come up with some exciting and engaging ideas to use on the classroom.

This week Mrs West, Mrs Brown and Miss Anderson, from Firle, attended a mid-point conference looking at Spirals of Inquiry. This is the new initiative we are using in school to explore different ways to support all children in school. The first step is to really listen to what they say about themselves, their learning and their experience of school. One of the main messages that resonates with us is to work together in order that all children leave our setting with dignity, purpose and options. We have spent time in school checking whether all children are able to name a trusted adult in school who they can always go to, if needed. This can be any member of staff they feel comfortable talking to. It would be great if you could talk to your child this half term and see if they can talk to you about their trusted adult. Please let us know if they can't identify one so that we can work on this in school.

Please can we remind you that the consultation period regarding the proposed federation closes on Thursday 1st March. We urge you to return your forms and make sure we have received your responses by then. You can find a copy of the form on the Home Page of the school website. Please either email the response form to our Chair at dkong@laughton.e-sussex.sch.uk or drop it into the school office. Thank you.

PGL

Thank you to those who have been in to pay the next instalment of the PGL trip. Please be reminded the final balance must be cleared by March when the final booking needs to be confirmed. There will be a parents meeting about PGL on Friday 18th May 2018 at 3pm in Jungle classroom. This will be an opportunity to discuss the trip and share relevant information with you.

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK



This week we have been taking part in 'Children's Mental Health Week' and as part of our activities the children have each had a yoga and mindfulness session. This is something we hope to continue using part of the health grant funding. The focus has been celebrating uniqueness and being ourselves. *'When we have a positive view of ourselves it can help us to cope with life's challenges, and recognising the different qualities of others can allow us to connect with those around us – which is vital for our own and others' wellbeing'*

SAFEGUARDING

This week the children took part in learning activities and an assembly as part of Safer Internet Day. This year's theme was **"Create, connect and share respect: A better internet starts with you"**. The day was a call to action for every stakeholder to play their part in creating a better internet for everyone, in particular the youngest users out there. Further information can be found at <https://www.saferinternetday.org/>

Please remember, if you have any concerns related to safeguarding, please contact Mrs Brown, or Mrs West, our Designated Child Protection Officers. They can also be contacted outside of school hours, by email.

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ECO UPDATE

Eco update

The last eco meeting of the term was possibly the most exciting as we revealed two large announcements to our eco warriors. Firstly we have signed up to 'The Great Big School Clean' initiative for Friday 2nd March. This involves picking as much litter up as possible so we will be going round the entire site including the field and car park and we will let you know how we are get on!

You can find out more about this and about Keep Britain Tidy's Annual Great British Spring Clean at <http://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean>. Our second big announcement is that we have had our application to Eco Schools for a Green Flag award accepted and at some stage after half term an assessor will visit the site to see whether we have achieved all of the criteria required. Less than a 1000 out of over 20,000 schools in the UK have a Green Flag Award so it will be very exciting if we achieve this! We will be looking at our Eco group to lead this but also the whole school will be involved. There are also some more projects in the pipeline which we hope to have news on very soon!

We announced both of these in assembly on Friday and everyone is very excited to see our school involved. Eco Ernie, who has had a great time in High Peaks and has enjoyed learning about local history with the children, is really pleased that we are being so eco-friendly and helping to preserve the environment. This time Eco Ernie is awarded to Jungle for not only great recycling and turning off lights but also for excellent work about electricity and how it is produced.

Mr Herdman



LSA

Thank you so much to Nicky and her wonderful team for heading up the Pancake breakfast on Tuesday. It was a lovely way to start the day and the children enjoyed sharing breakfast with their family in school.

It does take a lot of organising and we were a bit short on helpers this year so if you are able to help support the LSA events please contact either Allistair Parson, Jo Shettle or Nicky Anstiss. Alternatively you can let someone know in the office. The total profit was £168.77.



FILM NIGHT

The popular LSA film night is back and will be held on Friday 23rd February, after school. Children can choose between 'Boss Baby' or 'Sing'. Tickets are on sale through the school office and cost £3, which includes refreshments. Please ensure you have paid for tickets by Wednesday 21st February in order for us to have an idea of numbers for catering.

WORLD BOOK DAY

This year World Book Day at Laughton will be on Wednesday 28th February 2018. Further information will come out next term regarding the day. However the children will be asked to dress up as a character from their favourite book so we just wanted to give you advance warning in case you want to plan costumes over half term,

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Laughton's Got Talent is back!

This fun, energetic talent show is open to all pupils in the school and has sold out for the past three years. We are now looking for the Acts which will perform in the final on Saturday 28 April.

Forms have been handed out to children today and can also be found on the website Home Page. Please talk to your child over the half term break and, if they would like to take part either as an individual or as part of a group, please make sure they return their forms to the school office by Friday 23 February.

If you have any questions or would like a copy of the application form, please talk to Ruth Lilley (mum of Megan, year 6 and Tom, year 4) or email her at ruth.lilley@gmail.com.

STAFFING

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to Mrs Dann at the end of term 4 as she has decided to take some time out of teaching. The children and parents in High Peaks were informed on Tuesday. Mrs Dann has brought so much to our school in her skills with Forest School, music and love of learning. We look forward to her having a fantastic last term with us in term 4.

From term 5, Miss Everest will take on the role of class teacher of High Peaks class and she will have the opportunity to meet the parents and children next term before she starts.

Mr Sidebottom is being trained as our new Forest school leader so that we can continue to run this part of our curriculum across all classes in school.

Mrs Budd is still not well enough to return to work so we have written to all parents in the infants to let them know arrangements until her return.

SHARING LEARNING

The children in Jungle class shared their topic learning this afternoon with years 1 and 2. They had made 3D models of the Globe theatre and shared stories which they had written and made into a book. It was lovely to see such great evidence of collaboration.



Reminders

PARENT VIEW

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

EASY FUNDRAISING

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

Kind Regards
Rachel West

Vicki Brown