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Term 3 2019-2020 – Week 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and wish you all a very Happy New Year. Thank you so much for the gifts before Christmas, particularly from our Amazon wish list as the staff and children are really enjoying their new equipment and resources.

You will have received today, your child's topic map with the objectives they will be covering this term. They have been very enthused by them already.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to High Peaks who have had Attendance Bear over the last two weeks. Our school target this year is 96.5%.

Please can you make sure that your child is in school for register at 8:45 a.m. as a late registration affects their class's attendance figures. Thank you.

	Underwater	Bugs	High Peaks	Jungle
Week 6	90.6%	86.5%	97.3%	95.5%
Week 1	86.8%	91.6%	99.6%	94.8%

REWARDS

Congratulations to the following children who have received their next Pupil Point certificates.

300 Points - High Peaks- Alanis

500 Points- Jungle- Delilah

900 Points- High Peaks- Charlie

Well done to Tom, Delilah, Grace W and Jemma who received their handwriting pen for their lovely fluent cursive writing in all their books.

PARENT FORUM

We will be having a parent forum on **30th January at 8:45 a.m.** Our last one was on behaviour and your comments were very useful in reviewing our policy. This time we will have an open session so that you can raise any ideas or questions you may have. We will then set the themes for the remaining terms.

NEW STAFF

We welcome Miss Rozee and Miss Feltham as Individual Needs Assistants at Laughton. We hope they will be very happy in their time here.

Diary

January

17th – LSA meeting -2pm

20th -24th Healthy Eating Week

30th – Parent Forum – 8:45am

31st – Y6 Swim gala

February

11th – Parent consultations times TBC (Underwater/Bugs/High Peaks/Jungle)

12th – Underwater learning share 2pm

12th – Parent consultations times TBC (Underwater/Bugs/High Peaks)

13th – Parent consultations times TBC (Jungle only)

14th End of term

24th INSET day

25th Children return to school

25th LSA - Pancake breakfast

March

13th Red Nose Day

April

3rd LSA - Easter Mayhem

3rd – Last Day of term

20th – Children return to school.

OTHER INSET DAYS

Wednesday 22nd July

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ECO UPDATE

My Christmas went fast... after wading through mountains of wrapping paper it is good to be back! The first Eco meeting will be Wednesday 15th January and it will be good to see the Eco Warriors for the first time in 2020! We will be looking at the tasks we set before December and starting to put up the posters they designed around the school! This term we will begin to look at flower beds, hanging baskets and the sensory garden so watch this space!

Eco Ernie has been very lonely over the holidays without the children here and he told me it was very cold in the school without the heating on! He is looking forwards to seeing all the classes working hard at being eco-friendly!

Mr Herdman

GOVERNOR RECRUITMENT

We are seeking new governors and would like to know if either you or someone you know may be interested in joining our governing body.

Being a school governor requires commitment but is a hugely rewarding role. It will give you the chance to make a real difference and give something back to your local community. There is no requirement for you to have an understanding of the education system as there is plenty of training available. We need and benefit from a range of professional knowledge on the governing board including education, finance, human resources, legal, marketing and public relations, property and estates management, and organisational change.

We meet as a whole group six times a year and we have smaller working groups to focus on specific areas. Individual governors are also 'link governors' with specific responsibility for areas of the federation improvement plan. You can find out more about the work we do and our key objectives for each year on the school website.

If you're interested in finding out more please contact Debra d.viceholt@oaktree federation.co.uk

SCHOOL COUNCIL

We will be appointing our new School Council and this was shared in assembly today. The children who are interested in becoming a School Councillor have collected a manifesto sheet and need to fill out the different parts. These will be displayed in the hall and each class can anonymously vote for 1 member from their year group to be their School Council rep. I am looking forward to hearing the new Councils ideas on how we can improve our school further.

The manifestos all need to be returned by Friday 14th January so that they can be displayed in the hall and voting will take place the following week. If your child wants to take a form they are in the school office.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ella, Delilah, Dizzy, Bea, Shea and Franklin for all their hard work this year. They have supported many events and have introduced ideas such as the birthday badges and our kindness advent calendar.



MAHOGANY OPERA

OPERA OPPORTUNITY

The Villages Music Festival (a registered charity) is funding a project for all the children in KS2 to work with the Mahogany Opera on one of their Snappy Operas in the summer. There will be two performances on Tuesday 23rd June. It is an exciting project that will be part of our Arts week. Further information will follow nearer the time.



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MENU

Please see the attached menus for Census Day (Thursday 16th January 2020) and Chinese New Year themed day (Tuesday 28th January 2020).

Census Day and UIFSM – Thursday 16th January 2020

On Thursday 16th January 2020, it is national School Census Day and in an effort to increase the uptake of the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) on that day, the menu will be: Fish and Chips and Jelly and Ice cream. There will also be a jacket potato on offer on this day.

Census Day is when the Local Authorities collect information electronically from every school in their area, partly to guide them in planning and funding. They collect details such as pupil numbers, numbers of pupils with Special Educational Needs, entitled to Pupil Premium funding, entitled to Free School Meals, attendance information and so forth. One thing in particular they are looking at this term is the number of children taking the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM), to provide schools with appropriate funding for this service such as utility costs.

To maximise our potential funding, we would encourage all families with children entitled to UIFSM to enjoy their free meal on Thursday 16th January, rather than bringing a packed lunch that day.

It is the amount of children in Key Stage One **eating** the free meal on the actual day's lunchtime that informs our funding, rather than meals ordered for that day or children attending school. Pupils who bring a packed lunch from home unfortunately are not able to be included, nor are children who normally take UIFSM, but who are absent on 16th January

We encourage as many children as possible to commit to eating the UIFSM on Thursday that week; as those having eaten on Census Day count towards the total Government funding that will be allocated to our school for UIFSM for a whole year.

Hopefully it will also create some enthusiasm amongst the children who don't normally take the meals and lead to more of them eating over the rest of the school year. Thank you for your continued support.

LAUGHTONS GOT TALENT

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 five years. We are now looking for the Acts which will perform in this year's final on Saturday 7th March. Some children took entry forms home with them today but we have also attached it to this email in case anyone didn't manage to get one. If your child is interested in taking part (as an individual or as part of a group) please fill in an entry form (one form per Act please) and return it to the school office, along with your £1 entry fee, by **Friday 24th January** at the latest. If you have any questions please talk to Ruth Lilley (mum of Tom, year 6) or email her at ruth.lilley@gmail.com.

LSA

The next LSA meeting is on **Friday 17th January at 2p.m**

Don't forget that uniform can be ordered online at

<https://myclothing.com/ueslink/26417.school?t=1573142876531> and delivered to you directly rather than the school office.

Rachel West and Vicki Brown