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### Term 4 2020-2021 – Week 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all of you! The week to reopen for everyone finally arrived and how good has it been to see all of the children back in school! The staff are so delighted to see all the children back and to start each day with so many smiling faces. Once again, a huge thank you to all of our parents, school staff and children for the fantastic work that has taken place over the last two months. It has been great catching up on everybody's news. And what a fun filled week to return to. The buzz around school for STEM week has been incredible and infectious. So many experiments have been taking place and the children have shown some superb curiosity and collaboration in class. I think the biscuit dunking experiment has been one of the favourites!

Thank you for your support in preparing and reintroducing your child/ren back into school. It has made it so much easier for us. The staff have been brilliant in their support and we thank them for all they have done to help make this new start such a success. If there is anything that you think we need to know about your child's experience of settling back in then please contact your child's class teacher through the school office.

#### ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Jungle class for their attendance of **99.7%** this week. Please note that if children are self-isolating, they do not affect our attendance as they are recorded as learning from home

#### REWARDS

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

100 Points – **Underwater:** Emil, Harrison, Florence, Dolly. **Bugs:** Sophie

200 Points – **Underwater:** Woody

300 Points – **Underwater:** Mia Summer, Riley, Toby. **Bugs:** Bea, Millie, Oscar, Teddie

600 Points – **Bugs:** Esta, Mya

700 Points – **Bugs:** Elsie, Phoenix

#### EMAILS

We now have a new federation email addresses and ask that you please use [laughtonoffice@oaktreefederation.co.uk](mailto:laughtonoffice@oaktreefederation.co.uk) if you need to contact the school or class teachers. Please note that emails that have been sent to the previous address have automatically been forwarded to the new address.

#### FOREST SCHOOL

Year 1 and Year 5 had their first session of Forest School this week. Forest school is a great opportunity for children to learn through experience within a woodland setting, in a 'hands on' manner to develop their self-esteem and we look forward to building on the skills learnt last year.

You will have received a letter last week with the dates planned for all other year groups. If you haven't done so already, please can I remind you to email

#### Diary

##### March

17<sup>th</sup> Forest School (Year 1 & 5)

19<sup>th</sup> Red Nose Day

24<sup>th</sup> Forest School (Year 4 & 6)

29<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Bikeability session

31<sup>st</sup> Forest School (Year 4 & 6)

##### April

1<sup>st</sup> Last day of Term

19<sup>th</sup> Children return to school

21<sup>st</sup> Forest School (Year 2 & 3)

28<sup>th</sup> Forest School (Year 2 & 3)

##### May

3<sup>rd</sup> Bank Holiday Monday

5<sup>th</sup> Forest School (Year 2 & 3)

12<sup>th</sup> Forest School (Year 1 & 4)

19<sup>th</sup> Forest School (Year 1 & 4)

26<sup>th</sup> Forest School (Year 1 & 4)

28<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

##### June

7<sup>th</sup> Children return to school

9<sup>th</sup> Forest School (Year 2 & 5)

16<sup>th</sup> Forest School (Year 2 & 5)

23<sup>rd</sup> Forest School (Year 5)

30<sup>th</sup> Forest School (Year 3 & 6)

##### July

7<sup>th</sup> Forest School (Year 3 & 6)

14<sup>th</sup> Forest School (Year 6)

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the school office with your permission. Although your children have taken part in similar activities throughout the year, we do need to seek permission on each activity they undertake. Without it, the children will not be able to participate. Thank you.

### ECO UPDATE

I am delighted that we will be starting our socially distanced Eco Group meetings again next week! An invite will go out to our reps shortly. We will be discussing lots of ways that we can become fantastic eco warriors and will regularly update you in our future newsletters!

Mr Herdman

### YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY

We are delighted that we can offer Bikeability cycle training for our year 6's on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021. The session runs for 90 minutes and will teach basic cycling skills. A letter was sent out this week with further information. Please could we ask you to send permission forms to the school office.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Premier Sport will be running an archery club after school on a Monday from next week. Please find attached a leaflet with further information and how to book a place for your child.



### RED NOSE DAY

Next week is Red Nose Day and although we cannot do activities as we normally would, we would still like to support the event. We are therefore allowing children to wear red and have crazy hair, if they wish, in return for a minimum £1 donation.

### SCHOOL DINNERS

We are now back to the normal school menu which we have attached for your information. A new menu will be introduced after Easter.

### DIGITAL LEADERS

This week the digital leaders met Mrs Coakley to receive their shiny Digital Leader badge and plan their next meeting. We are very excited about working together and are looking forward to planning exciting computing activities in the near future.

### BOTTLE MOMENTS

This week we talked about our bottle moments – Your bottle moment is one thing you'd like to do again when everything is better.

Bonnie "Bottle moments made me feel good because it made me feel happy inside"

Nancy "My bottle moment made me feel a little shy and happy because I think about being with my friends when Covid is gone"

Marni "They made me feel happy because it is nice to share your dreams and made me feel positive and happy"



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### TRAFFIC

Since the return to school this week, we have been made aware of concerns around the amount of traffic at drop off and pick up times, particularly around parking and the problems it is causing for traffic to move safely up and down the road. We understand there are always challenges on the lane to school, due to the volume of cars and we do ask for your consideration if you have to drive to school.

Can we please ask that the area in front of the village hall is not used for parking by school parents- it should only be used by families accessing The Nest nursery at the village hall.

For Jungle parents, could we ask that they park next to the pavement on the way towards the village. We please ask you to stick to the same side of the road, to allow traffic to pass.

For parents dropping off to Underwater, Bugs and High Peaks, can you please use the main school car park or park along the road down towards the church keeping to the right-hand side (the church side). Children for Bugs can then walk around across the playground to access their drop off point.

We will be contacting the community police to come out and support us with the ongoing issues.

### HAND WASHING

We are aware that now we have returned to school, with so much hand washing taking place as part of our Covid hygiene procedures, that many children are experiencing sore and chapped hands. If you wish to send in specific soap or an emollient hand cream for children to use, to alleviate sore hands then this is permissible. Any soap or hand cream must be clearly labelled with your child's name and is solely for their use. No soaps and creams can be shared with other children. Please make the class teacher aware if children bring in their own hand washing products.

### LATERAL FLOW TESTING

We have asked all our staff to do the lateral flow testing twice a week and they share their results with the school office. It is possible for you to collect your own tests now. Please use this link to find out more about where you can pick your tests up. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

### STEM WEEK



The children have really enjoyed STEM week being involved in hands on activities and working together on their investigations.

Here are some of the things the classes have been doing:

#### Underwater



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### Bugs

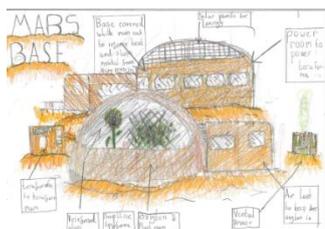
Sophie "I enjoyed art, designing a lab coat with lots of colour and pictures linked to science. STEM week was FUN!"

Ila "We did lots of science and I want to do it again. I liked it when we made boats and bridges. Some boats can hold more weight, you could use different paper like cardboard could work better. To make a bridge you need to make sure all the legs are the same size"

### High Peaks



### Jungle



### LSA

It's been lovely to see the children returning to school this week. The LSA (Laughton School Association) will be holding their next meeting at school on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 1.30pm. The meeting will be held outside/under cover and adhering to the current guidelines of groups up to 15 parents or carers. Please let the **school office** know if you would like to attend.

*We will also be inviting any new parents to the school (in any school year) to join from 2.30pm for coffee and cake.*

Kind Regards  
Rachel West, Vicki Brown