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# news

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### Term 1 2020-2021 – Week 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a rather unusual week and we would like to thank you for your patience and support with our unexpected closure on Wednesday and delayed start on Thursday. It made a great difference having your updated contact sheets returned.

When we were alerted to the situation we initially emailed everyone and then 2 members of our office started calling families starting with the youngest and oldest. We are aware that not everyone has the e schools app on their phone and in future we will text via this so please download it to receive any texts from us. Some parents and carers had contacted others before we called them and this was very helpful so thank you for doing that. One thing that did work well was a message via the class WhatsApp groups. Should a situation like this ever happen again (we hope it won't!) we will make sure it goes to a class WhatsApp contact so that it can be cascaded quicker and text from e schools with a follow up email with more information. On a positive note the children were collected promptly and in a very calm manner which made the situation run smoothly so thank you.

### ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to High Peaks for their attendance of 97.9% last week and Underwater class for their attendance of 100% this week. We are going to celebrate the highest attendees in our newsletters from now on and will share the classes' attendance termly instead

### REWARDS

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

200 Points- Mia-Summer – Toby – Underwater

300 Points – Bea – Kitty – Oscar - Bugs

500 Points – Esta – Bugs

600 Points – Delilah - Isabella–High Peaks

800 Points – Dora – High Peaks

### LETTERS HOME

If we have any letters to send home, we will always do this by email where possible. For any information we cannot email, for example consent forms, we will send them home on a Monday, inside your child's reading pack. Any responses should be returned back to school on the Friday, again inside your child's reading pack. This will help us to monitor what comes into school in a safe and controlled manner. Thank you.

### FLU VACCINATIONS

Please can you return your consent forms for the flu vaccination nasal spray, if you haven't done so already, on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October. It is important that you return it even if you are not giving consent. Some children did not receive a form as we did not get enough sent to us originally. Please see the one attached instead. Thank you.

### COATS

Please can we remind you to send your child in with a coat every day as the weather is very changeable and now beginning to get colder.

### Diary

#### October

Parent forum and Parent consultations to be confirmed  
16<sup>th</sup> – Harvest Festival in school assembly for children only  
20<sup>th</sup> – New to EYFS open sessions  
23<sup>rd</sup> – LSA - School of Witchcraft and Wizardry  
23<sup>rd</sup> – End of Term

#### November

2<sup>nd</sup> – INSET  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Children return to school  
18<sup>th</sup> - New to EYFS open sessions  
24<sup>th</sup> – Flu Vaccinations

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### SCHOOL PHOTOS

Thank you to everyone who has returned their orders which were due in today. If you would still like to order but have missed today's deadline, there will be an additional collection on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Please make sure your orders are returned in reading packs on this date. Thank you.

### JOB OPPORTUNITY

Laughton school are currently looking for a school cleaner. Please see our website for details on how to apply and please pass onto anyone who may be interested in applying.

### HARVEST

On **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October** we will be celebrating Harvest Festival in school. Relevant activities will take place in each class during the day, and learning will be shared during the 'remote' whole school assembly at the end of the day. We will be collecting food for the Hailsham Foodbank; please send in any donations suggested on the list below, with your child/ren on Friday. We will store these in boxes in classes over the weekend and take to the foodbank the following week

Thank you for your support.

Hailsham Foodbank are currently low in stock of the following items:

- Tuna
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned rice pudding
- Tins of custard
- Instant mash
- Shower gel
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Toilet rolls
- Washing up liquid



### FOREST SCHOOL



Year 2 have been enjoying forest school with Mr Sidebottom on a Friday afternoon. Here are some photos of their mud art!

"My favourite part is when we balance on ropes when crossing something. Last year in year 1 I loved the marshmallows, they are so delicious. I'd never had one before and I was dying to try

one!" - Ida

"I like when we had to be careful on the ropes and not fall in the custard as the custard sharks would eat you! It was funny! I like when we have marshmallows and make fires". – Esta



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### KS2 CRICKET SESSIONS

Key stage 2 have started cricket sessions with the Chance to Shine scheme run by Sussex Cricket Foundation. They will be taking part in sessions on a Tuesday afternoon with a specialist cricket coach.



### OPEN SESSIONS

We are having the first of our Open Sessions for parents and carers with children due to start school in September 2021 on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020**. There will be two sessions, the first at 9:15am prompt, and the second at 1:30pm. To ensure we are COVID compliant, only two people are invited from each potential new family. This can be with either your child, or one other adult. There will be a maximum of 5 parties per session so please book your attendance with the school office on 01323 811306 or email [office@laughton.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@laughton.e-sussex.sch.uk) where you will also need to confirm who will be attending with you. Social distancing will apply throughout your visit. The session will last a maximum of 40 minutes. You will need to bring photo ID for safeguarding purposes and also provide your email and contact number when booking your place for track and trace purposes.

Please spread the word if you know anyone who has a child due to start school next year. The other Open Day dates are **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020** and **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. The ESCC closing date for applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**.

### SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Our year 6 students have been looking at potential secondary schools over the last couple of weeks. A little reminder that the closing date for secondary school applications is **31<sup>st</sup> October 2020**. More information can also be found on;

[https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/admissions/secondary\\_school/](https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/admissions/secondary_school/)

### HOLIDAY CAMPS

Please find attached a leaflet from Premier Education with information regarding their holiday camp during the October half term and details of how to book.

### LSA

The LSA have had a big sort out with the second hand uniform. There are a number of items for sale at 50p each which goes to the LSA. Attached are a list of items available. Please contact Kirsty (LSA lead on second hand uniform) via the school office email and she will make sure the item gets to your child. Payments can then be made via cash in an envelope which we will pass onto the LSA, thank you.

If you have any feedback from the new uniform provider 'My Clothing' please send it into the office for the attention of the LSA, thank you.

### LAUGHTON SCHOOL OF WITCHCRAFT & WIZARDRY

For Halloween this year, all students are invited to attend Laughton School of Witchcraft and Wizardry on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**. As it is not possible to hold our annual Halloween disco this year, we have decided to hold a Hogwarts Day where there will be magic, excitement and a little mayhem. Please come dressed as your favourite Harry Potter character. There will be magic and mystery throughout the day. Look out for the posters with more information next week. There is a £2 charge for the day.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Dumblewest and The LSA

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### TOPIC WORK

The children are really enjoying this terms theme 'Leaf'. We have seen some wonderful work in class and some amazing homework which has been emailed in. It is lovely to see the pride the children are taking in their work both in school and at home.

### Underwater

For the last couple of weeks Underwater Class have been working on a process of skills to create pictures inspired by our topic text 'Leaf' and the illustrator Sandra Dieckmann. Skills have included colour mixing, printing, tearing and cutting, collage, observational drawing and patterning. These pictures have been created by Henry, Ruby and Emil.



### Bugs Class



Franklin has been working on his wonderful polar bear art work at home using water colour and pens. "I watched a video to help me make my polar bear look like an actual Polar bear. I enjoyed using water colours" - Franklin  
Bea - "It was really fun making an igloo, we didn't copy anything we used our imaginations. I stuck cotton wool on to look like snow on top and used fairy lights to make it look cosy".

Oscar - "I digged near a tree, there was so much roots I got to a treasure chest! It was fun because I got to work as a team with mummy".

### High Peaks Class

High Peaks have been exploring the Northern lights and using chalk to create these beautiful pieces of art work. We have also been looking at reflective materials: "We took a torch and shone it on different materials. You could see lots of light on the fabric and when we put light on the CD you could see lots of rainbow lines. The mirror and CD were really shiny and we could see ourselves. They were also very smooth. We really enjoyed the lesson" – Jess & Mason



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“We have been working on our values by taking part in a friendship and collaboration activity”

### JUNGLE CLASS

Some super sentences from our Leaf writing this week:

With a splash, Leaf landed in the dark, mystifying water. The water crashed against the rock, he did not know what to do.- Dizzy

Leaf fell into the water head first. Suddenly, a massive wave swept him under water and his head banged against a rough rock. The next thing he knew was darkness. Slowly, he began to open his eyes and he saw a bright light, it was the sun. - Jack

As he hit the ocean, enormous sheets of water were sent into the air, panicking the crows around him. Suddenly, from out of the rippling water he burst, gasping for air. Leaf, who was covered in glistening droplets of water, ploughed through the sea.- Orlando

George's Leaf inspired cakes - homework



Chloe's Leaf model – Homework



### PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Due to Covid we will not be able to carry out this term's parent consultations in school. We have therefore decided to trial remote consultations via Microsoft teams. Further information will follow on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

Our aim is for you to be able to sign up to a slot by logging into the school learning platform on our website (this will not be available until 3p.m Monday). You will then receive an invite at the beginning of the week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> October from your child's class teacher via the school office.

On the day of your consultation you will open the link at your selected time. To do this we will need to make sure we are prompt with a 10 min slot for each child. The teacher will only admit a new parent when the previous one has left the meeting to ensure confidentiality. Further details with more information will be sent by email on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

Kind Regards  
Rachel West, Vicki Brown