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Term 3 2019-2020 – Week 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the last newsletter of this term. It has been a busy one and the topics have really caught the children's interest. We break up for half term next Friday and this will be a non-uniform day for a donation towards a friendship bench for the playground. This is something our new School Council would like to put in place.

Please can we remind you that we have an INSET day on the first day back after half term Monday 24th February.

ATTENDANCE

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

	Underwater	Bugs	High Peaks	Jungle
Week 4	92.7	97.2	91.9	97.6
Week 5	94.1	93.2	96.3	93.6

REWARDS

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

100 Points – Bugs – Wilf

300 Points – Jungle - Rudy

400 Points – Underwater- Bryce

Bugs- Seth

500 Points – Bugs – Ila, Joshua, Mason, Shea, Summer

600 Points – High Peaks - Henry

800 Points – High Peaks- Bea

Jungle – Bruce

1100 Points – High Peaks- Malin

Well done to Hamish who received his handwriting pen in assembly last week.

Every week in our Friday celebration assembly we celebrate children who get Headteacher awards. These are given for a range of reasons that represent our school values. The children have their picture taken and this goes in the folder in the entrance foyer. You are always welcome to come and have a look at the book.

Y6 SWIM GALA

Well done to Oliver, Flynn B, Hamish, Jess, Tom, Ella, Rowan, Genevieve, Grace Rudy & Louis who represented Laughton Community Primary school at the Year 6 Swimming Gala last Friday at Ringmer swimming pool. They were all fantastic and should all be very proud of themselves.

Diary

February

10th – Super Hero topic day at Firle

Underwater & Bugs class

10th – Bag2School collection

11th – Parent consultations

(Underwater/Bugs/High Peaks/Jungle)

12th – Underwater learning share 2pm

12th – Parent consultations

(Underwater/Bugs/High Peaks)

13th – Parent consultations

(Jungle only)

14th Home clothes day

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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MESSAGE FROM MRS RICCA

A reminder that all Underwater class parents are invited to our Café and learning share on **Wednesday 12th February at 2pm.**



GLYNDEBOURNE VISIT

Year 6 were lucky enough to have been invited to an all-expenses paid visit to Glyndebourne as part of their Arts Award.

Thank you very much to Debra, our Chair of Governors for setting this up for us.

‘We looked at the different important parts of Glyndebourne, who worked there and their jobs. Then we did some of the things they did such as singing, acting and design costumes. Everything we did was

connected to a show called ‘The Magic Flute’ which is a German opera. We looked at costumes from this show and others. We got to walk right by the stage so you could imagine what it was like to perform there. There were like a million lights above, like something out of Star Wars. We also got to go outside into the gardens. From the gardens you could see the oldest part and it looked beautiful. It was an old house covered in vines. It was an amazing day.’

Rowan

TOPIC DAYS

Last week Jungle class shared a topic day with the year 5&6 class from Firle. They enjoyed some wonderful sessions on calligraphy, cooking and modelling with clay. It was a great opportunity for the children to meet with others as well as using the expertise of our federation staff.

“We worked in groups with Firle School and did different activities such as cooking, terracotta and learning about Chinese numbers. We learnt lots of interesting facts about the terracotta army. We learnt mandarin numbers and we painted them which we got to take home afterwards. By the end of the day we could speak Chinese. I really enjoyed it, it wasn’t a normal day and we learnt new things” Delilah

“I really enjoyed making the little terracotta warrior. I really enjoyed the day and would love to do it again. It was good to have Firle School here with us. I learnt how to count to 10 in Chinese. We had fortune cookies and got to make tofu” Hamish

“I enjoyed making tofu but I don’t really like it! We learnt how to count to 10 in Chinese. I really enjoyed the day. We cooperated with Firle and worked in small groups to do different activities. It was nice as we got to see other people.” Oliver



On **Monday 10th February** we will be having a KSI Super hero topic day at Firle. Underwater and Bugs class will get to enjoy a variety of activities, including super hero art, fitness, music and dance. They have



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the opportunity to mix with and meet new friends from Firle CEP School and we are sure they will enjoy the experience. We look forward to hearing all about it in our next newsletter.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Please make sure you have signed up to meet your child's class teacher next week. The sign-up sheets for our parent consultations on 11th, 12th & 13th February are in the foyer by the school office.

STAFF

We are delighted to welcome Mr Carter who has joined us as part of his student teacher placement. He has settled in really well and is a great support to Bugs Class. He will remain with us until 27th March 2020.

ECO UPDATE

As we arrive in February the bulbs are growing fast as the mild winter takes effect. The Eco Warriors spent their last meeting replanting the 3 hanging baskets at the front of the school with bulbs taken from the sensory garden and using moss as a liner. They look fantastic and we can't wait to see what bulbs we used! Thanks to Ms Sutton (Dora and Esta's mum) who helped out. We will next be replanting the 2 hanging baskets by the boiler room and the small pot by the front door with a selection of Spring bedding plants.

The crisp packet recycling scheme continues to improve and we are now providing crisp packet recycling to 7 other schools... so far we have sent off over 15,000 crisp packets, that's over 30kg, in the last six months which is amazing!!! Continue to keep them pouring in! Also don't forget we also recycle pens, ink cartridges, batteries and biscuit wrappers. We get money for every crisp packet, pen and biscuit wrapper you bring in! Please remember Bags2School. This is an excellent opportunity to recycle any unwanted clothes or fabric and raises money for the school too!

In the Eco assembly I took in a single A4 sheet of white paper which we use in our photocopier and printers. 18 months ago I did this and shocked everyone, including Mrs West whose jaw hit the floor when I revealed that our small school went through 144,000 sheets of A4 white paper in one year. I am pleased to announce through several ideas and schemes we have now reduced this to 77,000 sheets a year! Wow! That is a reduction of 67,000 sheets a year... nearly 50%! This of course has also saved ink and electricity! What an achievement! Hopefully we can continue to make sure our paper usage is kept to a minimum. Eco Ernie had a great time in Jungle and enjoyed watching the children make their willow pattern plates. This time Eco Ernie was awarded to Underwate. Well done! Remember keep those lights off whenever you are not in the room, turn off taps fully when not in use and recycle everything you can!

Mr Herdman

PARENT FORUM

Thank you to those who were able to attend our parent forum last week. Please see notes attached.

UNIFORM

We have a few school jumpers which have sadly been lost at school. Could we please ask you to check the labels at home to make sure they haven't been picked up by mistake. Thank you.

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CHARTWELLS

On **Tuesday 25 February**, to acknowledge Pancake Day, we are offering a change in dessert to a pancake with chocolate sauce and vanilla ice cream. The rest of the meal will remain as per the Autumn Winter menu for that day. There will also be a change to the menu on **Thursday 5th March** to celebrate World Book Day. Please see the menus attached.

LSA

Children are invited to wear home clothes on **Friday 14th February** in return for a £1 donation towards a new friendship bench.

We are in need of help for our pancake breakfast on **Tuesday 25th February** which is our first day back after half term. If you are able to help us please contact the LSA or the office who will pass the message on.



Your child will have been sent home with a **Bag2School** bag which helps to raise funds for the school through the LSA. Please see the attached poster which gives details of the items we can take. Please bring your unwanted items in the bag and drop it into the school hall on the morning of **Monday 10th February**.

We have a date for the **FUN RUN** which will be on **16th May** so please save the date. This is a joint fundraiser with Firle and we are also going to be providing sponsorship forms to the children so that they can raise more money for their own schools. We will need lots of help from both schools to make it a success. It was a great event last year so hope to make it even bigger this year.

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.

THANK YOU

Thank you very much for the generous contributions that Sarah (mum of Bryce & Kellan) made to the sensory garden. She has also researched ideas about solar powered fountains, bird feeders & lights & mirrors. We now have a dragon wind chime, mirror, buzzy bee windmill, 3D Sun catcher & grow your own herbs kit.



We are currently developing this area to ensure it meets the sensory needs of all our children.



Rachel West and Vicki Brown