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Term 1 2020-2021 – Week 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now in the middle of the term and the staff and children have settled well into the routines of the school day. They have even managed to make handwashing more fun!

Teaching staff met last week to discuss the first few weeks back and what had gone well and what the challenges were. It was lovely to hear that the children in all classes seemed happy to be back and into a routine. They were enjoying being together and bonding as a class, with highlights being play and lunchtime.

We are starting to plan events that can happen in a different way, under the current circumstances. These will include Harvest, Halloween and parent consultations this term and information will be shared via the newsletter and email.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Jungle and Underwater class for their attendance. It has been particularly tricky to reach our target with so many colds around.

	Underwater	Bugs	High Peaks	Jungle
Week 2	97.7	93.9	96.4	98.4
Week 3	98.8	92.4	95.7	83.2

REWARDS

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

200 Points- Riley – Grace - Underwater

400 Points – Jon – Bugs

500 Points – Arthur – Mya – Bugs

600 Points – Phoenix - Bugs

700 Points – Jemma -Jungle

STAFF NEWS

As mentioned in the last newsletter Mrs Orme and Miss Feltham are not in school. Mrs Orme is recovering from her operation this week and Miss Feltham is working from home before taking her maternity leave. Mrs Green, who usually works at Firle, has been supporting in Bugs since the beginning of term and has got to know the children really well. She will stay with us until we have our staffing ratios back to normal. We are very grateful that she has taken on this responsibility and welcome her to Laughton.

Mrs Heaton, who has previously worked at Laughton in a support staff supply capacity has also returned to work in Underwater on Fridays and Jungle on Mondays.

COUGHS AND COLDS GUIDANCE

We have had a few queries from parents about whether their child can come into school with a cold as we have had a number of children catching colds with the weather changing e.t.c.

After attending recent training on managing Covid in schools we would like to share some of the guidance. This was from a Public Health England Consultant to all the school leaders in East Sussex.

They stated that the symptoms for Covid, including for children is still a dry persistent cough, loss of taste or smell, and a high temp above 37.8. They recognised that it will get trickier as the cold weather comes in but wheezing, runny noses and phlegmy coughs are not a Covid symptom so children can still come into school if these are mild.

The rule of thumb that we have from PHE is that if a child needs Calpol to get them through the day then they should not be coming into school.

Diary

October

Parent forum and Parent consultations to be confirmed
23rd – End of Term

November

2nd – INSET
3rd – Children return to school

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We appreciate that it can be a difficult decision for parents and recommend to check their temperature and see if your child needs any medication before making the decision on whether they are well enough to attend school. You can always contact the school office if you require any clarification.

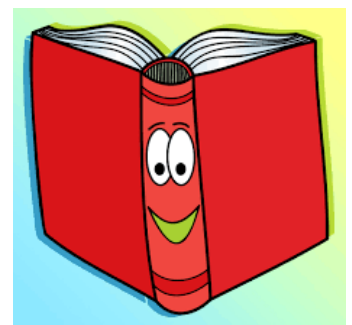
READING

To encourage all children with their reading we are timetabling sessions and 1:1 readers in school but would also like to ask you to hear your child/ren read at home.

From next Monday every child will bring home a reading book in a plastic wallet that they will return on Fridays to be exchanged for the following Monday. Infant parents will have received a separate email about this and home learning.

We would like to introduce this to all the classes and children in the juniors may select their books or some may be directed, depending on where they are within the school reading scheme.

Reading is such a crucial skill in life we want to make it as enjoyable as possible so thank you for all your support.



MEET THE TEACHER

Thank you to all those who were able to make our alternative meet the teacher sessions. We know that this was difficult for some of you to get to and hope you have received the information you need. We recognise that the current situation impacts on the building of relationships between home and school and teachers are aware that they don't get to chat to you at the end of the day as they normally would have. We will always take messages to the teachers via the school office or through the SLT on the gate in the mornings. We can arrange socially distance meetings where it is needed.

Staff have limited time in school due to needing to leave for the end of day cleaning so please be aware of this when needing to see them.

Please remember to use the school office email rather than their personal emails, thank you.

CENSUS DAY AND UIFSM – THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2020

On Thursday 1st October 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. 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 1st October, rather than bringing a packed lunch that day.

It is the number 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 1st October.

Once again, we encourage as many as possible to commit to eating the UIFSM on Thursday that week; this will record those children as having eaten on Census Day and therefore count towards the total Government funding that will be allocated to our school for UIFSM for a whole year.

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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.

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

We are still awaiting the return of some data collection sheets. If you haven't done this can you please return the sheet by Tuesday 29th September as it is imperative that we are able to have the correct contact and medical information from you. If you haven't returned your sheet by Tuesday the office staff will have to call individuals and this takes up valuable time for them, thank you.

HARVEST



We will be celebrating Harvest on 16th October. This will be a day of celebration in each class. Children will be invited to bring food into school which will be left until Monday and will then be delivered to the Hailsham foodbank. There will be an assembly for the children on that day at 2.30pm, via Zoom, with opportunities for them to share work done/paintings etc with each other. We will post some pictures on your child's class page so that you get to see some of the work too. A reminder for donations will go out nearer the time.

YOGA

We started yoga this week and it was lovely to see the children get to grips with all the different yoga poses!

"Yoga does keep you calm; it keeps you relaxed. I like that we get to roll up in our mats for relaxation" Nancy

"We do different poses, it's really fun and calming" Arthur



TRAFFIC

We recognise that the traffic on Church road has been a challenge this term and that the staggered start and finish times have impacted on this. Thank you very much for your patience, we will try to look for a solution.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2021 you will have received a leaflet about how to apply. Information can also be found on;

https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/admissions/secondary_school/

COATS

Please ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day as the weather is very changeable.

Kind Regards
Rachel West, Vicki Brown