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Term 1 2019-2020 – Week 8

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, this term flew by. I know everyone is ready to have a break and recharge their batteries but I would like to thank you all for helping make a great start to the school year. We hope you have a good rest over half term and look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 4th November. Please be aware that we have 2 INSET days next term which are **Monday 18th November** and **Friday 20th December**.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Bugs Class 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 7	96.4%	98.8%	98.6%	95.2%
Week 8	90.5%	91.6%	97.1%	91.8%

REWARDS

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

200 Points- High Peaks– Alanis

300 Points – Bugs - Theo

400 Points-Jungle– Ella

700 Points- High Peaks– Sam

1100 Points-Jungle- Lily

1600 Points-Jungle- Genevieve

HARVEST

We had a lovely Harvest assembly last week. Many thanks for your donations. We have received this message from the Hailsham Foodbank.

‘Thank you for your donation of food to Hailsham Foodbank, we weigh all our donations as this helps us to provide information to our donors.

The donation we received from you, weighed 136.15kg, this will enable us to provide emergency food for 6 families.

Without the generous support of those within the community we would struggle to meet the needs of those who use the foodbank. We have seen a significant increase in use of the foodbank during the last 6 months, compared to this time last year.

When we ask those who use the foodbank what impact it has upon their lives, the response is very similar that without the foodbank being available they would not have known how they would have managed. It is not only those without work that are requiring the support, but also those who are on low incomes.

Without the support of people like yourselves we would not be able to help those in food poverty, please could you pass on our grateful thanks to all who donated.’ Kind regards

Tracey Bond Community Liaison

OPEN AFTERNOONS

Monday 11th November and Monday 25th November 2:00-3:00pm are our next Open events for parents with children who are starting Reception in September 2020.

Individual tours of the school are also available. Thank you.

Diary

November

4th – Children return to school

4th – PGL Meeting (Jungle class)

18th – INSET

11th – Open afternoon for children starting school in 2020 -2:00pm

25th – Open afternoon for children starting school in 2020 -2:00pm

December

3rd – Big Sing (Jungle class)

9th – KSI Nativity performance

20th – INSET

INSET

Monday 24th February

Wednesday 22nd July

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LSA THANK YOU'S

We have had lots of donations and help. Many thanks to:

Joss (Oscar's mum) for donating a tyre to the sensory garden

Marchants Hardy Plants and Danahans of Plants for their generous donations of plants

Ebony and Ella (School Councillors) for designing the Halloween posters

Thank you to everyone helped out at the disco yesterday and also to those who donated/baked cakes and treats, you are all amazing. We would also like to thank Zebedees for making and donating the fantastic pizza and Roland for the veggie sticks. Finally thank you to everyone who came along and supported this event, the children all looked awesome!!

HALLOWEEN DISCO

The children had a fabulous time after school yesterday. They looked amazing in their costumes.

A huge thank you to the LSA for putting on this event for the children and the time they gave to ensure it was a success. There was also a good range of imaginative pumpkin designs

The children danced with great enthusiasm and it was very difficult to decide who would take the prize of best dancer and best dressed home. These were our winners:

Best dancers- Grace H, Riley, Jess G, Shea, Isabella, Arlo, Jess H, Josh C

Best dressed- Isla R, Teddie, Mia, Wilf, Dizzy, Jove, Grace W, George

Well done to everyone for making it such a huge success.



ECO UPDATE

What a wet week! The rain has been coming down and it has seemed non stop! Our intrepid Eco Warriors have met and we discussed more of what they can do to make a difference! We also visited one of the few rooms in the school nobody ever sees... the boiler room! They learnt how important it is that the boiler is run efficiently and is only on for the times it needs to be and only heating the rooms to a certain temperature. Over the two weeks either side of half term the Eco Warriors will be actively monitoring the thermometers in their classrooms for me to get any idea of how effectively the boiler is running.

On Tuesday I had the honour to give a talk to 65 primary school and 20 secondary school students from all the Heathfield area schools. It was great to see so many other schools who want to make a difference and to be as Eco friendly as possible. All of the students and the staff who accompanied them were very impressed with all the great things we do here and they took away with them many ideas of how they can use our model in their schools!

After half term the Eco Warriors will be carrying out an assembly on what we recycle in school! Please don't forget our crisp packet, pen, battery, ink cartridge and biscuit wrapper recycling schemes... the boxes of which are just inside the front entrance by the fish tank. Every single wrapper or pen we send off we get 1p for and so far we have raised over £100 purely by sending off stuff that normally gets thrown in the bin! We also need to say a massive thank you to the Laughton village shop for sending us all their crisp packets! We also get crisp packets from the Roebuck pub and Six Bells pub Chiddingly however we are looking for more so if there are any pubs or cafes near you and you can persuade them to join in and don't mind picking them up on our behalf please feel free!

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PARENT CONSULTATIONS

We hope you found these meetings useful in knowing how your child has settled into the school year and what their targets are. If you were unable to attend please speak to your child's class teacher and they will meet with you in term 2.

MICHELHAM PRIORY TRIP



Jungle class enjoyed a class trip to Michelham Priory this week and took part in a range of activities relating to their topic for this term.

My favourite activity was quill writing because it was really fun. The other activities we did were: battle training, artefact handling and a burial. As a class, we would like to thank the LSA for contributing and making sure we could go. - **Flynn (Year 5)**

On Thursday 24th, Jungle class visited Michelham Priory on a school trip. We started by walking around the priory, talking about when buildings were made and why decorations are there. Next, we looked at Anglo-Saxon weapons and were trained to be Anglo-Saxon warriors. We then tried writing in a quill and creating our own seal from clay. Lunch followed, we then looked at jewellery, animal products, food and tools, which was followed by a role-play burial service in which we donated the artefacts to the dead. All in all, it was a great day where we learnt a lot and had lots of fun. **Tom (Year 6)**

MANAGING DEMAND AVOIDANCE IN YOUNG CHILDREN

Please see a training opportunity below

Date: Monday 2nd December 2019, 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Venue: The Atrium, Gildredge House School

Managing a child with extreme anxieties and demand avoidance is very challenging. This talk offers practical ideas to help...

Learning Outcomes:

What is the difference between challenging behaviour and anxiety?

Exploring individualised approaches to managing children with demand avoidance

An awareness of how the flow of the day can impact on a child's ability to cope with their emotions.

Exploring practical techniques to manage emotions, including; visual aids, drama, using dens, the power of play, and relaxation techniques.

About the Trainer:

Tracy Chadwick is the Founder of the Child Therapy Service CIC. As a teacher of social, emotional and mental health children, she understands the importance of having a greater understanding of mental health in young children. She also works as an SEN Consultant, with nurseries and schools, to establish resilient and positive well-being learning environments. She is committed to raising awareness of mental health in young children and looking at preventative ways families and professionals can adapt their settings to meet a child's emotional needs.

Refreshments are available, we just ask for a small donation

Ticket cost: £7.59

Available through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/managing-demand-avoidance-in-young-children-tickets-71255650569>

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BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all those who were able to support our Book fair. We made just over £600 -a staggering amount- and this means that the school will receive £300 in commission to spend on books.

CHARTWELLS

The new Autumn/Winter dinner menus will be coming home today with your child. Please note that there will be a change to the menu on 14/11/19 where a bonfire themed menu will be provided for the children. The menu for this date will be sent out with this newsletter.

OAK TREE FEDERATION

Committees, Working Groups and Link Governors 2019-2020

Standing Committee	Governors	Staff
Finance and Pay	Debra Vice-Holt © Gemma Collins Denise Kong	Rachel West Sue Miller

Special Committee	Governors	Staff
Head Teachers Performance Management	Debra Vice-Holt © Gemma Collins Denise Kong	ESCC SIP Rachel West

Working Group <i>(linked to federation improvement plan priorities)</i>	Governors	Staff
Quality of Education	Denise Kong © Katharine Martyn Debra Vice-Holt	Victoria Mandy Rachel West
Behaviour & Attitudes	Gemma Collins © Andy Sidebottom Denise Kong	Vicki Brown
Personal Development	Caroline Hampden © Kate Fleming	Rachel West
Leadership & Management	Liz Fradd-Gilbert © Debra Vice-Holt Patrick Fleming	Rachel West

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Link area	Governors	Staff
EYFS	Kate Fleming	Emma Ricca Liz Fitzpatrick
Foundation Governor (2)	Caroline Hampden	Emma Ricca
Health & Safety	Andrew Sidebottom	Rachel West / Sue Miller
Pupil Premium and SEND	Katharine Martyn Patrick Fleming	Vicki Brown
Safeguarding	Gemma Collins Denise Kong	Vicki Brown
English	Liz Fradd- Gilbert	Vicki Brown
Sports Premium	Debra Vice Holt	Victoria Mandy
Careers, education, guidance and employer engagement	Debra Vice Holt	Rachel West
Training	Gemma Collins	n/a
Executive Head Teacher	Debra Vice-Holt	Rachel West
Maths	Caroline Hampden	Victoria Mandy
Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing	Caroline Hampden	Jacqui Groves
GDPR	Gemma Collins	Sue Miller

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown