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### Term 1 2020-2021- Week 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are enjoying the lovely warm weather and are making the most of it while it lasts! It is still a good idea for your child/ren to bring a coat/ jacket to school every day so that they are prepared for all weathers.

We hope you have now had chance to meet your child's class teacher either through the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions or at pick up at the end of the school day. We have parents evening at the end of this term and bookings are done through the school learning platform. If you have not been able to make an appointment to meet your child/rens' class teacher for one of these, then please contact the school office who will assist you.

#### ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to High Peaks for their attendance of **98.3%** last week and to Underwater class for their attendance of **98.9%** this week.

#### REWARDS

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

200 Points     **Bugs:** Mason   **Jungle:** Jack K  
 300 Points     **Underwater:** Hector K   **Jungle:** Lucien  
 400 Points     **Underwater:** Henry, Martha   **Bugs:** Isla, Kitty, Millie, Bonnie, Riley, Mason, Teddie, Ethan  
 1000 Points   **Jungle:** Bea, Chloe

#### STAFFING

This year we have timetabled Mrs West to be in school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Mrs Brown on Thursdays and Fridays. We will alternate on Mondays and there may be a few exceptions for particular meetings/ courses etc.

Mrs Filtress is at Laughton on Thursdays, Fridays and alternate Wednesdays.

#### CENSUS DAY AND UIFSM – THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> October.

#### Diary

##### September

29<sup>th</sup> Y2 Forest School

##### October

6<sup>th</sup> Y2 Forest school

6<sup>th</sup> Individual school photos

12<sup>th</sup> LSA meeting

13<sup>th</sup> Y2 Forest school

13<sup>th</sup> New to EYFS (2022) open day

13<sup>th</sup> LSA second hand uniform sale

14<sup>th</sup> Bags2School collection

15<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival

19<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening

20<sup>th</sup> Y2 Forest school

21<sup>st</sup> Halloween day

21<sup>st</sup> Parents Evening

21<sup>st</sup> Last day of Term for children

22<sup>nd</sup> INSET

##### November

10<sup>th</sup> Jungle Class bake sale

19<sup>th</sup> LSA school disco

22<sup>nd</sup> INSET

23<sup>rd</sup> Flu vaccinations

##### December

8<sup>th</sup> LSA second hand uniform sale

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.

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.

## ROALD DAHL DAY

The children had a lovely day dressing up as characters from the different Roald Dahl books and took part in fun activities throughout the day.

'Jungle class made little cakes that looked like Mr Twit's beard and decorated a beard for Mr Twit to wear which is on display in the classroom. We created a wanted poster for the enemies in the books. It was a really fun and creative day' Alice H



'We researched Roald Dahl and created posters telling people about his life. I really enjoyed doing all the different activities. My favourite part was making the Mr Twit cakes' Alice P



## PARENT CONSULTATIONS

The online booking window for our parent consultations on **19<sup>th</sup>** and **21<sup>st</sup> October** are now open. You will need to use your parent e-School login (not your child's) to access this. If you have any problems, please contact the office. Thank you.

## FLU VACCINATIONS

The flu vaccination nasal spray is on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** and not in October, as mention in the diary dates of our last newsletter. Apologies for any confusion. The NHS are launching a new e-consent form for this and you will be sent an invite next week.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

We are delighted that so many children applied to be on this year's School Council. They had to claim their interest by writing a manifesto and then had to canvas their peers for election. The following children will now form our School Council.

Jungle: Jack S, Dizzy, Henry FG, Ava, Henry W, Jack K. High Peaks: Holly, Sophie Bugs: Isla, Florence.

## MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

Many thanks to the LSA and our new School Council for their help with this event.

The teachers have bought and made cakes and we have had some great contributions from families too. Please come along from 2:15p.m for a coffee/tea and a slice.



## DIGITAL LEADERS

Digital leaders - Mrs Coakley is looking for KS2 children to join the current digital leaders' team. Digital leaders are children with a skill and interest for computing, keen to share their knowledge with others, and promote the use of all things digital throughout the school community. If you would like to apply please ask Mrs Coakley for an application form. If you are currently a digital leader please let Mrs Coakley know if you'd like to continue the role, no need to reapply.

## ECO UPDATE

September is the time of year where we recruit for the next group of eager Eco Warriors. I will be in assembly on Monday with details on how pupils can apply for the roles. We have two positions available per class and Eco meetings will be held every fortnight after school from 3pm to 3.30pm (day to be confirmed) and parents will receive a fortnightly reminder by email. All pupils will be offered a snack and siblings are also welcome to stay. To apply for the post, pupils must fill in the Eco Warrior manifesto and hand into their teacher or to the school office where all applications will be considered carefully. Eco Ernie, our Eco mascot is also making a welcome return to assemblies. He will be awarded to the most eco-friendly class every fortnight and he is looking forwards to spending time in the classrooms again!



For our parents who are new to the school, please join in with our recycling schemes as this helps raise money for the school as well as being kind to the environment. We collect pens, crisp packets, biscuit wrappers, batteries and ink cartridges all of which can be handed into the school office.

Watch out for regular updates in newsletters about what the Eco Warriors are up to and how you can help.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2022 you will receive a leaflet about how to apply. 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/)

## OPEN SESSIONS

We are having the first of our Open Sessions for parents and carers with children due to start school in September 2022 on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021**. There will be two sessions, the first at 9:15am prompt, and the second at 1:30pm. So we can monitor numbers, please can you book with the school office on 01323 811306 or email [laughtonoffice@oaktreefederation.co.uk](mailto:laughtonoffice@oaktreefederation.co.uk) where you will also need to confirm who will be attending with you. The session will last a maximum of 45 minutes, and you will have the opportunity to meet with the Executive Head teacher, Rachel West.

Please spread the word if you know anyone who has a child due to start school next year. The other Open Day dates are **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021** and **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022**. The ESCC closing date for applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2022**.

## HARVEST

On **Friday 15<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 whole school assembly. We will be collecting food for the Hailsham Foodbank; please send in any donations suggested on the list below, with your child/ren on the Friday. We will put a reminder in the next newsletter as well.

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

- Longlife dairy milk
- Tinned soup
- Tinned vegetables
- Longlife juice
- Crisps/savoury snacks
- Gluten free options



You can also visit their website to get up-to-date information on what they are in need of or currently enough of <https://hailsham.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Individual school photos will take place in school on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October** and the order forms will be sent home shortly afterwards. We are allowing siblings photos this year, which will be done before school.



