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### Term 2 2017-2018 – Week 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an incredibly busy couple of weeks as you can see from this week's newsletter. We are heading into December at the end of next week so please make sure you have jotted down dates in your diary so that you can attend lots of our festive events.

#### ATTENDANCE

	Underwater	Bugs	High Peaks	Jungle
Week 3	96.7	98.5	95.5	96.4
Week 4	92.4	98.5	97.6	90

Good attendance is 95% = our school target this year is 96.5%.

Congratulations to Bugs Class who have had Attendance Bear to visit over the last two weeks

#### REWARDS

The following children have received their pupil point awards in assembly:

300 pupil points- Summer, Shane (Jungle) Kit, Dora (Bugs)

400 pupil points – Rose, Jacob (Bugs)

800 pupil points- Thomas (Jungle)

1000 pupil points- Aurora, Issy F-G (Jungle)

1200 pupil points-Callie (Jungle)

1300 pupil points- Maisy (Jungle)

#### NEW ECO WARRIORS

Well done to our new eco warriors who received their badges in assembly. They are; Seth, Isabella, Yara, Flossy, Jemma Josh, Callie and Aurora

#### PARTNERSHIP

We had a maths moderation staff meeting last week which involved teachers from Ringmer, Firlie and Laughton. Teachers shared maths books and moderated assessments together.

A panel of governors from both schools have met to discuss the impact of the current partnership and share ideas for ways forward.

#### TAKE OVER DAY

On Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017 the Laughton year sixes took over the school.

It started from 11am and went until 2p.m. I took assembly and read out some important things we had to remember about anti bullying. Some of the children remembered but some needed reminding about the 4 things that define bullying which are hurtful, imbalance of power, intentional and repetitive. After that I handed out the Headteacher's awards to the happy children that received them. Leading the assembly was an interesting experience I never thought it would pan out like it did. I thought it would go much more smoothly and thought I would remember all the stuff the headteacher has to say but actually it was really hard. No one would have got it first time.

#### Diary

##### November

27<sup>th</sup> RE Day

28<sup>th</sup> Open Morning for new parents to Reception in Sept 2018

##### December

1<sup>st</sup> Pantomime – Beauty and the Beast in school

5<sup>th</sup> Big Sing- Jungle Class – Kings Centre

6<sup>th</sup> Infant Dress rehearsal

LSA Christmas Shop 2p.m

8<sup>th</sup> Mufti Day

Nativity 2p.m

12<sup>th</sup> Christmas concert and Fair

13<sup>th</sup> LSA Christmas Shop 2p.m

15<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner

19<sup>th</sup> Church service 2p.m

20<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY

Last day of term

##### January

2<sup>nd</sup> INSET

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After assembly the other Yr6 teachers went into action teaching their classes. They taught maths, English, art and cooking. I inspected the classes on a learning walk jotting down all the things that impressed me and the aspects that needed work on. The teachers were all doing ok. (By Finley Stokes)



### ANTI BULLYING WEEK

We had Anti bullying week last week and the children accessed a range of activities around the subject of bullying and how to stop it. We are a telling school so if anyone sees or is subject to any bullying, they must tell an adult so that it can be dealt with.

'One of the things we did was Mrs Dann found a short clip called 'Wing' and there was a short humanoid who got bullied by some crows. One had a wing and one didn't. The one who didn't have a wing was always being bullied by the crows. The humanoid with both wings distracted the crows but then they broke one of her wings so she couldn't fly. At the end both of the humanoids decided to join together and fly away together. We learnt that if someone is being bullied you should try to help them. We have also made our own story with the same plot as 'Wing' I have nearly finished mine.

In assembly we were told that if you see someone being bullied or you are being bullied then you must tell an adult. Bullying isn't once or twice, it's constant.' By Ebony

### BUGS CLASS

The new carpet has been laid in Bugs class and through the corridor, following the flood at half term. Bugs class have now returned to their classroom. Thank you for all your support and understanding during the time spent in the temporary classroom in the hall. It was a great adventure for the children who behaved brilliantly throughout the disruption.

### OPEN AFTERNOON

Thank you very much to our Year 6 children who were fantastic ambassadors in showing parents, with children due to start school in September 2018, around our school. Those that didn't get a chance on Monday will be able to lead groups on Tuesday morning next week at 9 a.m. If you know anyone with a child due to start in September 2018, please encourage them to come and have a look at the school in action. Thank you.

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### CROSS COUNTRY

A huge well done to the children from Jungle class who attended the recent cross country festival on Tuesday. A number of children came within the first 15 in their races and will be going through to the next round. The girl's team came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall and the boy's team came 8<sup>th</sup>. Well done to all those who participated, for their excellent behaviour. They were a real credit to the school. A huge thank you, also, to all the parents who came to support the children and cheer them on.



### LSA

We had a very well attended meeting this morning in the school library, thank you to all those who could make it. We have planned our next meeting for Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 8:45-9:45 followed by Welly walk. We will ensure that we have a mix of morning and evening meetings to allow those who work on Fridays to be able to attend meeting. If you are able to help at all at the Christmas Concert and Fair on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 1:30p.m please let the school office know.

If anyone has any pampas grass that they are able to spare a cutting from please let Sara (Aurora's mum) know as she would like to plant some in the sensory garden.

### MUFTI DAY

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December we will be having a Mufti day for our Christmas Hampers. On this day children will be able to wear their home clothes in return for an item for our Christmas Hampers that are raffled at the Christmas Concert and Fair. Details of what children need to bring in will be sent out shortly as each class is asked to bring in selected items. Thank you.

### CHRISTMAS DINNER

The menu for the school Christmas dinner is being sent home today, as a paper copy and needs to be returned by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December at the latest, so that the kitchen staff can place their order.



### CHRISTMAS CARDS

The school Christmas post box will be put out on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September for the children to exchange Christmas cards through. Instead of buying Christmas cards you can also purchase a poster card for your child or family to decorate from the school office. This will then be displayed on the windows and walls in the school hall for everyone to see. Money raised from this will go to our Link Ethiopia programme. We recommend a minimum donation of £3 to purchase the card and have it displayed. Thank you

### TEXT SERVICE

We want to start to use a text service to alert parents of messages from school, as we recognise that not everyone picks up their emails and sometimes school emails go into clutter boxes without parents being aware. We are buying into a Text 2 Parents service to take effect from January 2018. We will shortly send information out, to show how you can download the app and access the service provided by eschools. You will then be given a user name and password to get started.

### NATIVITY

All the parents and carers of EYFS and KS1 children are welcome to come and watch our Nativity 'Nearly No Nativity' at 2p.m on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. The children have had letters about costumes and song words to practise at home.

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### CHRISTMAS TREE

A big thank you to Wyevalles who are donating a Christmas tree to us next week. It is very generous of them and we hope to get it decorated on the 1<sup>st</sup> December by the School Council.



### CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to our new school council members who successfully coordinated the cake stall and 'toy shop' for Children in Need 2017. Your generous donations were gratefully received and you supported the school in raising a total of £192.62 for this brilliant cause. Well done!

### PARENT VIEW

Please could you spare a few minutes to go onto the Ofsted parent view site to help us monitor how we are doing in the different aspects of school life. If you don't have a log in you can get one very quickly by signing up on the link below. It is really important for you to share your views and this is one of the ways we can access them. Thank you.  
<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

### EASY FUNDRAISING

As Christmas approaches please remember that you can raise money for our school by purchasing through the easy fundraising scheme. All you need to do is register and then every time you buy from one of their registered stores e.g Amazon we get a percentage of how much you spent from them.  
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>



As you may know, ESCC has announced plans to close 7 libraries and the mobile library. Ringmer is one scheduled for closure and we wanted to give you the opportunity to comment before the consultation deadline on 14 December. Corina and Woz will be in the playground next week with a petition to sign, questionnaires and more information if you need it.

1. If you wanted to do one thing to help please take the time to fill in the consultation document either in hard copy (available from libraries) or online

at <https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/economy-transport-environment/draft-strategy/>

2. You may feel that the consultation form is very structured, aimed to lead to responses that ESCC favour and people have commented that it is almost impossible to answer in any other way. So the Save Ringmer library campaign has also produced a questionnaire for parents and another for children. The response to these questionnaires are really helping to build up a picture of how the closure of our libraries will affect the community, and the more we have the better our views can be expressed to the relevant people.

3. However the most effective form of help is to write individual letters or send emails to those who represent us, or have a role in making decisions about the library service. There is a 'key facts' letter available to help, including a list of the decision makers, if you'd like to do this. There is also a Save Ringmer Library campaign which you can follow on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/Save-Ringmer-Library](http://www.facebook.com/Save-Ringmer-Library) and Twitter: <https://twitter.com/SaveRingmerLibr>

### MUSIC QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to those who returned their consent forms regarding a music questionnaire for children in KS2 run by Wendy Forbes (a consultant who is currently carrying out research for the Royal College of Music). She is coming in next week to interview some of the children to find out more for this gender study in singing research. If your child would like to be involved in the interview, please can you make sure you have signed the consent form. There are plenty of copies in the office if you want to pop in and get one. Thank you.

Kind Regards

Rachel West

Vicki Brown