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### Term 5 2017-2018 – Week 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy term already in school. The year 3's are enjoying their swimming lessons and the infants enjoyed their school trip this week to Plumpton Agricultural College.

Next week the Year 6 children will be doing their SAT's. These are national tests in reading, maths and grammar, spelling and punctuation. The teacher assessment for writing, is submitted towards the end of June.

All of them have been brilliant in their focus and have a good understanding of the types of questions they will be asked. We wish them calm and success for the week. The tests are a snapshot of performance on the day and then teacher assessments are collected in June. These assessments give a more informed account of where they are in meeting age related expectations. We are extremely proud of them for the progress they have made and their positive attitude and effort.

#### ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to High Peaks who have had Attendance Bear over the last 2 weeks.

|        | Underwater | Bugs  | High Peaks | Jungle |
|--------|------------|-------|------------|--------|
| Week 3 | 95.0%      | 95.9% | 97.4%      | 96.4%  |
| Week 4 | 97.7%      | 97.7% | 98.4%      | 97.0%  |

#### REWARDS

Congratulations to the following children who have received their pupil point awards in assembly:

300 pupil points- Underwater-Jove, Tom, Wolfie

400 pupil points- Underwater- Bea, Isabella

Bugs- Rhea, Dora,

500 pupil points- Bugs- Charlie, Flossy, Shane

700 pupil points- Bugs- Yara

#### GOLDEN MILE

Congratulations to the following children

50 miles- Bugs- Ava Elphick, Dan Shettle, Alice Hammond,

75 miles- Jungle- Maisy Barnard, Finley Stokes, Emily Walton

#### SAFEGUARDING

Please remember, if you have any concerns related to safeguarding, please contact Mrs Brown, or Mrs West, our Designated Child Protection Officers. They can also be contacted outside of school hours, by email.

#### FEDERATION

We will be contacting parents in the next few weeks, to share information regarding parent governor positions for the federation.

#### PARTNERSHIP

Staff have been working together over the past 2 weeks, looking at both maths mastery and science in school. The year 3 and 4 teachers, working with a consultant from ESCC, have met together to moderate writing.

#### Diary

##### May

- 14<sup>th</sup> SATS week Yr 6
- 15<sup>th</sup> Eco Day King's Academy
- 18<sup>th</sup> Crazy Hair Day  
PGL parents meeting 3pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Patina fundraising fair  
Last day of term  
High Peaks Bake Sale

##### June

- 4<sup>th</sup> Year 5 and 6 topic day- Firle
- 6<sup>th</sup> LSA Father's Day shop
- 8<sup>th</sup> Pre-school Bake Sale
- 11<sup>th</sup> PGL- Jungle
- 13<sup>th</sup> LSA Father's Day shop
- 21<sup>st</sup> Bugs Bake Sale

##### July

- 6<sup>th</sup> Underwater Bake Sale

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### EYFS AND KSI

The infant classes have had a busy week this week. On Wednesday the children enjoyed a fantastic trip to Plumpton Agricultural College with the children from Firle. They spent the day learning about farming as part of their Nature Detectives topic and studied the cows and milking, pigs and planting and growing.

"My favourite part of the trip was planting coriander seeds. We planted them in paper pots and now we can watch them grow back at school" Dan. S

On Thursday, each year group took part in a drama workshop lead by 'Perform' and they enjoyed going on a jungle adventure.

### ECO UPDATE

With the glorious weather making our field usable again the Eco Warriors litter picked the field and filled an entire bin bag so well done to them. Everyone is doing a great job with keeping the school looking beautiful and tidy. Next week 3 year 5 children have been selected to go to King's Academy, Ringmer to take part in an Eco day, which we look forward to hearing about. As the many bird's nests around the school empty, as chicks fly the nests and as the bulb plants begin to fade, summer is looking like it is on the way.

We look forward to doing some gardening soon. Eco Ernie had a great time in Underwater and has been playing with all the new 'loose part' items! This time he is awarded to Bugs class for excellent recycling! Well done!

### Save Our School Music Service!

East Sussex County Council have announced that plans are being made to close the music instrumental service by 2019 because of a funding shortfall of £80,000. This will result in loss of valued music provision for thousands of children across the county and job losses for teachers and administrative staff. East Sussex Music Service, celebrating its 84th year, delivers music lessons to around 7000 children in schools. Nearly 1000 children aged between 4 and 18 attend area music centres each week.

Staff at the music service believe that the funding can be found or alternatively there are viable structures that the council can implement that would allow the service to continue. This ePetition runs from 19/04/2018 to 20/07/2018.

<https://democracy.eastsussex.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?ID=500000014&RPID=50108222&HPID=50108222>

### PLAY AREAS

Please can I remind you that the playground is supervised from 8:30 a.m. and the member of staff is not responsible for children going into the fenced play areas. If you bring your child into school and they play in these areas can you stand next to the area to supervise your child. A number of children are going in with another adult watching them. If you do this, please check with their parent that they are happy for you to have this responsibility. Thank you.

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### ABLE WRITERS DAY

5 children from Year 6 worked with children from Firle, Alfriston and Ringmer during an Able Writers Day held here at Laughton. The children explored chapters from the book 'The Eye of the Wolf' by Daniel Pennac, before using the ideas to create their own piece of creative writing. The children really engaged in the day and produced some fantastic work.

### SWIMMING

We would like to remind parents, in Year 3, that there is no swimming now, for the next 2 weeks due to other school commitments. The next session for swimming is Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018

### SATS BREAKFAST

We would like to remind parents that next week we are offering a free **SATS** breakfast to all children in **Year 6**. Children are invited into school for 8.15am on Monday to Thursday where they can enjoy a delicious breakfast to set them up for the day. Younger siblings will need to be accompanied on the playground until 8.30am when a member of staff will be available to take responsibility for them.

### PATINA PREPARATIONS

Jungle class are busy trying to raise money for the Patina Parade in Lewes that Year 6 will be taking part in, in June. Next week, on Friday there is a Crazy Hair day for the whole school. All children can come in with crazy hair and donate £1 to raise money for the patina.

The following week there will be the Patina fair (Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018). This will take place in the school hall from 2pm-3pm. Could we please remind you to speak to the office or Miss Mandy, if you are able to donate any prizes for the raffle. Thank you to those of you who have made generous donations already.

Kind Regards  
Rachel West

Vicki Brown

Reminders

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