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Term 1 2018-2019 – Week 7

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to wish you all a very happy half term break, it has certainly come round quickly! We have added a number of dates to the diary and further information will come out next term.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Jungle 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 6	92.2%	98.4%	99.4%	100%
Week 7	91.7%	95.6%	98.1%	91.2%

REWARDS

Congratulations for starting the new school year with their next Pupil Point certificate go to...

100 points- Underwater-Theo, Pippa, Thea, Phoenix, Nancy, Mya, Kye, James, Filippo, Esta, Daisy, Bryce, Arthur, Ava Mae, Franklin

200 points- Bugs- Hannah,

300 points- Underwater- Mason,

500 points- Bugs- Dora

1000 points- Jungle- Max

1200 points- Jungle – Ebony, Aurora

HANDWRITING PEN AWARD

Congratulations to Freya and Emily in Jungle Class for being awarded their Laughton pen in last week's assembly. This is for their fluent neat cursive handwriting which is evident in all their work. They are the first children to receive our new pens.

UNIFORM DRAW

Congratulations to the following children who were picked out of our uniform draw last week. They all won a £3 WH Smith voucher kindly funded by the LSA.

Underwater- Nancy

Bugs- Lucien

High Peaks- Grace BP

Jungle- Ella

HARVEST FESTIVAL ASSEMBLY

Thank you so much to High Peaks class for their lovely Harvest Assembly this week. The children had rehearsed their speaking parts very well and projected their voices clearly. Thank you for all your contributions that will be making their way to Uckfield food bank and will be gratefully appreciated by local families.



Diary

October

29th – Children return to school

31st – LSA Hallowe'en Disco

November

5th- 9th Coppers Week

16th- Take Over Day

16th- Children in Need

16th- Flu vaccinations YR R-5

19th- Open afternoon 2-3pm

21st -Open morning 9.15-10.15am

23rd Whole school cross country

28th-Big Sing for Jungle class

30th LSA Film night

December

3rd- LSA Christmas Shop 2p.m

4th - LSA Christmas Shop 2p.m

7th - KSI Nativity

11th- Christmas Concert at 2pm

12th –Christmas Lunch

14th - LSA Christmas Shop 2p.m

19th –Christmas church service at

2pm

19th – End of Term

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PUPIL PREMIUM

If you are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

Income Support, Income-based Jobseekers Allowance, Income-related Employment and Allowance Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, Child Tax Credit (provided they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) or some forms of Working Tax Credit, your child may be eligible for funding.

You can apply online through East Sussex County Council. This year the school received a grant of £1320 per pupil. This money is spent on additional staff to support small group work or in class support. It can also be used for resources, to help fund trips and uniform etc for these children. Please see Mrs Brown or Mrs West if you think you may be eligible to apply. All conversations will be held in the strictest confidence. This applies to all children from Reception to Year 6 irrelevant of whether they are receiving the government initiative of infant free school meals. As many of you may be aware school budgets are quite tight and we seek funding wherever we can to help provide for all the children in our care.

Application for FSM (free school meals) is through ESCC on-line, parents have to enter their NI number and are checked for eligibility by return. Further advice is available here <https://www.entitledto.co.uk/help/free-school-meals>

Please use the hyperlink for East Sussex <https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/school-life/meals/free/>

STAFFING

Mrs West will be absent for a few weeks after having a routine operation on 30th October. We have arranged cover so that there is always a member of staff available should they be needed. Mrs Brown's timetable will be slightly different during this time and there will be some alterations to this due to meetings and pre booked courses e.t.c. If you need to contact a member of the SLT please contact the school office who will either put you in touch with Mrs Brown, Miss Mandy or Mrs Levey depending on the nature of your contact.

For most weeks the following timetable (for point of contact) will be in place.

	Laughton	
	a.m	p.m
Monday	Miss Mandy in class but will be available in an emergency	Mrs Brown
Tuesday	Mrs Brown	Staff member on subject lead time
Wednesday	Mrs Levey	
Thursday	½ day Mrs Brown	
Friday	Mrs Brown	

LSA

We had an LSA meeting this morning and plans are underway for the Halloween Disco on Wednesday 31st October. Please make sure that you have bought your tickets from the school office. There will be prizes for best dressed boy and girl and best boy and girl dancer. There will also be a pumpkin competition so children can bring in their carved pumpkins on the day.



The LSA still need a secretary and are happy for this role to be shared. If you think you can help in anyway please let Gemma (Bea's mum) or Sarah (Josh and Finlay's mum) know. You can also leave a message through the school office.

Here are a number of other dates for you regarding LSA events.

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Coppers Week 5-9th November



Please could you search sofas, in drawers, under beds and purses and wallets to see if you have any coppers that your child could bring in to school during our Coppers week starting on 5th November. Each year group will have a collection jar in their classroom and over the week there will be a mid-week count to see which year has raised the most. There will be a final count on Friday and the year group that has raised the most will get a small prize.

We are also hoping to have a **'Film Night'** on Friday 30th November which will run from after school until 5p.m giving parents a bit of time to shop! Further information regarding this will follow next term but you may want to pop the date in your diary.

Christmas Shop- This is an opportunity for the children to buy and wrap gifts for their families at school. Each item will be £2 (we have had to raise this, this year). The dates for the Christmas Shop are **3rd, 4th and 14th December**. More details will follow in next terms newsletter.

EASY FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOL

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your shopping to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Laughton School Association and the school? It really is a very simple way for us to boost our fundraising and we urge you to join up before you start your Christmas shopping. In particular we are currently fundraising for lots of lap top computers and iPads for KS1 so that they can have easy access to IT, and this will really help. So... head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/laughtonschool/>

ECO GROUP

After many fantastic applications and going through the shortlisting process I have decided on the 2018/19 Eco Warrior group. It was not easy and with just 8 posts to fill it made my decisions very difficult... However, I am also appointing a ninth position this year in a new capacity. The first 8 Eco Warriors will be the voices in the classrooms and playgrounds but after an amazing manifesto I have also decided to appoint an extra Eco Warrior whose responsibility it will be to promote our message beyond the school and into the community. The following applicants are the successful Eco Warriors:

Underwater: Franklin and assisting from Bugs Hannah

Bugs: Bea and Rhea

High Peaks: Jemma and Yara

Jungle: Emily and Tom

Community Eco Warrior: Ebony

The first Eco meeting will be Wednesday 31st October at 8.15am. I look forward to seeing them there and working with them. Those that did not get the job still have a massive role to play because we can only achieve our goals by working as a whole school.

Mr Herdman



FOREST SCHOOL

Our Year 3 children will be starting Forest School on Tuesday mornings after half term. Parents will have received a separate letter out regarding this so please check emails. All year groups will have up to 6 weeks of Forest school sessions over the year and we are aiming for them to experience different seasons as they move through the school.

Kind Regards

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown