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### Term 3 2017-2018 – Week 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back!

Thank you all from ourselves and the rest of the staff for your lovely Christmas wishes and gifts before the holiday, we hope you all had a fantastic break.

Please can you remind your child/ren that they need to have a coat in school every day as the weather is still very cold and often damp. We always ensure the children are wearing coats before they can go out to play, despite some trying to sneak out in just a fleece!

Please can I also draw your attention to the dates on our diary as there are a number of events coming up.

#### ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to High Peaks Class who have had Attendance Bear.

	Underwater	Bugs	High Peaks	Jungle
Week 1	95.2%	98%	100%	96%

Please could you refrain from booking dental and medical appointments during school time, except for emergencies, as your child misses parts of their class learning which impacts on their understanding during the following lesson. Thank you.

In term 1 we had 96.8% attendance and in term 2 it was 94.4%. We are hoping for a healthier term 3! Good attendance is 95% = our school target this year is 96.5%.

#### REWARDS

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

300 pupil points –Bugs - Isabella  
 400 pupil points- Jungle- Summer  
 500 pupil points- Bugs-Alice  
 600 pupil points- High Peaks- Theodora  
 700 pupil points- High Peaks- Grace B-P,  
 Jungle- Frazer P, Danny  
 800 pupil points- High Peaks- Flynn, Lily, Oliver B  
 1000 pupil points- Jungle- Tom  
 1300 pupil points- Jungle- Scarlett

#### GOLDEN MILE

Congratulations on their new certificates for;

**50 miles- Jungle-** Fraser

**75 miles- Jungle-** Freya and **High Peaks-** Louie S

**100 miles- Jungle-** Josh and Max

#### Diary January

15 <sup>th</sup>	RE Day
19 <sup>th</sup>	LSA meeting 8:45a.m
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bags2School
23 <sup>rd</sup>	EYFS and KS1 trip to Paradise Park 9a.m Jungle workshop followed by Yr6 SAT's meeting
24 <sup>th</sup>	Parent consultation meeting on federation at Laughton 6:30p.m
25 <sup>th</sup>	9a.m High Peaks workshop Parent consultation meeting on federation at Firle 9a.m
30 <sup>th</sup>	9a.m Underwater and Bugs workshop followed by EYFS and Yr 2 meeting

#### February

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Inter house Cross Country p.m
6 <sup>th</sup>	Pancake breakfast
9 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 3
19 <sup>th</sup>	Children return for Term 4
20 <sup>th</sup>	Parent consultations
21 <sup>st</sup>	Parent consultations
26 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming team gala
27 <sup>th</sup>	Netball tournament at Ringmer

#### March

23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sports Relief Inter house 5 aside football
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### ECO UPDATE

On Wednesday the Eco Warriors met up for the first time following Christmas. We discussed how to get everyone involved in being eco-friendly and making sure that rather than doing everything themselves they need to encourage everyone to get involved. Over the coming weeks we will be launching some new eco initiatives which the eco warriors will be leading so watch this space! We are also looking at visiting King's Academy Ringmer at some stage with the Eco Warriors to look at their Eco programme and all the different energy saving ideas they employ. If you have a moment please check out our energy policy on our website. This initiative is not just a method of saving money that can then be better spent, but also tackling a wider problem of wasting resources we all take for granted, decreasing our carbon footprint and help tackling climate change, especially as it is highly likely that the children in our school today are the ones who will be left with the problems our fossil fuel powered world has created.

There has been great progress in all of the classrooms although there is still a lot of work to be done. Everyone has been recycling really well and I was struggling with the amount in our recycling bin last week which is very encouraging! We still have lights being left on with rooms lying empty and are looking at ways of tackling this and other electrical equipment being left on. I have been very impressed so far with the Eco Warriors enthusiasm and ideas, but would remind everyone that they cannot do it on their own! Everyone at the school needs to work together for this to be successful including staff, governors, pupils and parents!

This week also sees the awarding of our eco mascot Eco Ernie. Ernie is our cuddly elephant who loves to see the children being eco friendly and so goes to the most eco friendly class of the last fortnight. Last time he was awarded to Underwater and Ernie tells me that he really enjoyed all the cuddles he got and was really pleased to see all of the children recycling. This time the award goes to Jungle who have done a great job of not just recycling but also making sure lights are turned off! Well done!  
Mr Herdman



### PARTNERSHIP

You will have received a letter regarding the consultation to federate Laughton and Firle Primary Schools. First of all I would like to apologise that some of you seemed to receive this with edit lines as this didn't appear on the office screen when sent. I hope you all received the second email and a hard copy where it was correctly formatted. I have spoken to some parents in the playground today and would like to reinforce that we are really keen to hear your views. This is a consultation to find out how you feel about Laughton and Firle schools federating. We want to know what you think; be it concern, support, or any questions you may have. These comments will go back to the governors and they will take them into consideration as to whether they vote to federate or not. If you have questions and cannot attend the parent meetings please put them in writing and we will answer them for you. It is important that everyone responds to this consultation.

Please can you email the response form to our Chair at [dkong@laughton.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:dkong@laughton.e-sussex.sch.uk) or drop it into the school office. I hope you are able to attend one of the parents' meetings on either Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30p.m at Laughton or Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 9a.m at Firle.

Additional partnership news is that teachers have planned the new terms topics together and KS1 and EYFS are looking forward to a joint trip to Paradise Park on 23<sup>rd</sup> January. The maths leads have written the new calculation policy which we will be making available to you shortly. They are also working on a 2 yr maths mastery programme with the Sussex Maths Hub in raising children's problem solving and reasoning skills through the curriculum. All staff at both schools will have a consultation meeting next week.

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### SAFEGUARDING

At Laughton we take safeguarding very seriously. If you have any concerns of this nature, please contact Mrs Brown, or Mrs West, our Designated Child Protection Officers. They can also be contacted outside of school hours, by email.

We would also like to draw your attention to the latest Ofcom report on 'Childrens' and parents' media use' which can be found at the link below:

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/research-and-data/media-literacy-research/childrens>



The research looks at children's media literacy and includes findings relating to parents' views about their children's media use, and the ways that parents seek to – or decide not to – monitor or limit use of different types of media. In line with recommendations from a safeguarding meeting with East Sussex County Council advisers this week, we will now have a member of staff on each of the entrance gates from 8.30am every morning as well as a member of staff on the playground. This is to ensure the safety of all the children once they arrive in school for the day.

### DOGS

Following the recent safeguarding and security meeting with the team from East Sussex County Council we have been advised that no dogs should be on the school site during the school day. This is best practice for all schools and brings us into line with ESCC policy. Please could we request that there are no dogs within the school gates between 8.30am and 3:15pm (please be aware that after school clubs may run up until 4pm on some days so they will need to be kept away from that specific area during that time). We appreciate your support with this safety issue.

### NEW WEBSITE SETTINGS

Please take a look at our new website design to help you find information. We would be very grateful of any feedback as to what you can or can't access or think maybe helpful.

The website has to hold statutory information for the public but is also a vehicle of communication to parents and carers at the school as well as prospective parents and carers.

Staff are working on creating class pages which may help you locate information needed for your child.

All newsletters and class letters sent home are available on the website.

### OFSTED

We are currently in the Ofsted window for an inspection. When we do get the call we will inform you by email and they will be in to inspect on the following day. One of the requirements is for you to access the parent view site and answer 12 questions about how you feel about the school in relation to your child/ren.

It would be great if you could use the link below to put in your answers now so that we can get as many responses as possible. Thank you

**PARENT VIEW** <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

### CENSUS DAY

We have a special menu on School Census day next week Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January. Please see the menu attached.

Census day is when we record the number of children on roll for each year group and how many take school dinners. Our school funding relies on this and the uptake of infant (Rec, 1 and 2) school dinners on this day is very important as we are funded for them in our school budget.

Please can you encourage your child, if possible to have a school dinner on this day if they are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Thank you.

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### LSA

Please come along to the next meeting on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 8:45-9:45. Welly walk will take place after this.

### BAGS 2 SCHOOL

The next Bags2School will be at **9am on Monday 22 January** please follow the link below for more details <http://uk.bag2school.com/what-we-collect>



DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE CROWNED BRITAIN'S  
BEST LEGO BUILDER?  
**LEGO MASTERS**

Do you love to build awesome creations? We are looking for brick obsessed pairs of all ages to register interest in a second series of 'LEGO MASTERS' on Channel 4 to find Britain's most talented amateur builders.

Please email [build@tuesdayschild.tv](mailto:build@tuesdayschild.tv) to register your interest. If you are under 18 please ask a parent or guardian to email on your behalf. Unfortunately, we won't be able to answer all the requests individually. Applicants must be 9+.

**TUESDAY'S CHILD**

### PARENT WORKSHOPS:

This term we will be holding a series of parent workshops so that you can come and see some of the strategies being used in class by your children. Underwater and Bugs will be having their workshop on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 9am**. The workshops will last for approximately 30 mins. After the workshops there will be a short meeting for EYFS parents on 'How to help your child to succeed in EYFS and be school ready for Year 1' and a meeting for Year 2 parents in Bugs about KS1 SATS.

### Reminders

#### EASY FUNDRAISING

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

Jungle will have their workshop on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 at 9am**, followed by a Year 6 parent meeting regarding SATS at 9.30am

High Peaks will have their workshop on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 9am**. The focus of KS2 workshops will be problem solving and reasoning in maths.

### BREAKTIME SNACKS

Could we please remind you that children are welcome to bring in a snack from home to have at playtime, in accordance with our approach to Healthy Eating. Children should only have a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable as a snack. All children in EYFS and KS1 are provided with a free piece of fruit every day through the government scheme. KS2 pupils can sign up for fruit in the office which is £6 for Term 3 and 4

### CROSS COUNTRY

Yesterday 4 of our children represented Laughton at the South Downs Area Cross Country County final in Lewes. They had all got through to this round by being in the top 15 after the Ringmer cluster event.

Maisy and Jia came in the top 20 and Max and Josh made it through to the Sussex School games finals. This is an excellent achievement and we are hugely proud of all of them. Good luck to Max and Josh in the next stage.



Kind Regards  
Rachel West

Vicki Brown