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Term 4 2018-2019 – Week 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4. We hope you had a lovely half term. The children have settled back into school and it looks set to be another busy term! Please see additional dates on the diary below.

ATTENDANCE

The last week of term 3 attendance was so awful we couldn't award attendance bear. However this was much improved in the first week of this term and congratulations go to Jungle who will have Attendance Bear for the next week. Our school target this year is 96.5%.

	Underwater	Bugs	High Peaks	Jungle
Week 7 T3	91.3%	91.9%	92.2%	90.4%
Week 1 T4	93%	97.7%	96.1%	98.9%

REWARDS

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

700 points – High Peaks – Flossy, Dizzy
Jungle- Emily

800 points – High Peaks- Malin
- **Jungle**-Ryan

900 points- Jungle-Grace

1000 points- Jungle- Hamish

1300 points- Jungle-Aurora, Ebony

1400 points- Jungle- Freya J, Josh

Golden Mile

Congratulations to the following children for getting their next Golden Mile certificate.

10 miles – Alice in Bugs

ECO UPDATE

The Eco Warriors took their busy hands to planting this week and not only renewed all of our beautiful hanging baskets but also potted up our new clematis plants that will grow up the structure in the quiet area and once start growing over will provide so much needed shade! Our thanks go to Paradise Park and Mrs Fradd- Gilbert for the pots, compost and plants for the quiet area and the LSA and Mrs McGowan for the plants for the hanging baskets.

The Eco warriors really enjoyed doing this and we will look at renovating some more of our many flower beds soon. February went very quickly and now March has arrived it seems an age since the snow... especially after the 2 days of almost summer weather! Eco Ernie has had a fantastic time in Jungle and really enjoyed listening to all of the children in there! He has also enjoyed meeting Mrs Filtness and has enjoyed seeing the Thrive room being set up! This week Eco Ernie is awarded to High peaks for fantastic recycling and turning off lights! Well done!

Mr Herdman

Diary

March

4th- Jungle LGT Heats

5th- High Peaks LGT Heats

6th- Infants LGT Heats

5th - LSA Pancake breakfast

7th- swim gala

8th- Yr 6 Click Online at Ringmer Primary

13th- Netball tournament

15th - Red Nose Day

21st - Year 5 Big Bang STEM workshop at KAR

30th – Laughton's Got Talent

April

3rd - RE day

5th - LSA Easter Mayhem

End of term 4



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YEAR 3 SWIMMING



The Year 3's got off to a great start with their swimming this week. The session is with the year3's from Firlie as well and it was lovely that they got on so well in their mixed groups. We look forward to them building their friendships through these sessions and hope to provide an opportunity for them to go back to each other's school

on one occasion in the summer term.

However we are aware that there is a danger of this pool being closed due to the need for a replacement filter system that there is currently no funding for. It is a great resources for us and our community and hope that a way to save the pool from closure will be found. We will refund any monies if we are unable to find alternative provision for the summer term if the closure goes ahead.

A reminder that there is **no swimming next Tuesday 5th March** as Mrs Brown is on a course.

BIRTHDAY REMINDERS

Please can I remind everyone that we are no longer giving out birthday cakes/ sweets/ food in classes as there has been some confusion recently. If you want to bring in something then you are more than welcome to do it in the playground at the end of the day but we will not be handing out anything from classroom/ hall doors e.t.c.

We are trying to limit the amount of sugar we promote in school and avoiding birthday treats for classes has really helped us do this. We will still have occasional bake sales and do have many events with food involved, however we are trying to control the amount of sugary options available and introduce some healthier ones!

Many thanks for your support.

KWIK CRICKET

Well done to Oliver, Freddy, Flynn, Frazer, Joey, Genevieve, Jess, Max, Freya W, Grace, Ella who were all absolutely amazing at the Hailsham cricket tournament on the Thursday before half term. They took part in an indoor KWIK Cricket competition run by Sussex Cricket. The children played in teams of six and showed great collaboration skills when working together in batting partnerships and in the field. Their teamwork was amazing and Miss Mandy was incredibly proud to be with them. We would like to thank Ollie Smith from Sussex Cricket for running a number of cricket training sessions in school over the last term.



RED NOSE DAY



Comic Relief are hosting their Red Nose Day on Friday March 15th. The year 6 children would like to invite the whole school to wear something red on this day and bring in their funniest joke to share in class, in return for a donation towards Comic Relief. As we are striving to be a healthy school, we will also be hosting a Laughton Skipathon on this day, which will be a competition between the house colours. More information will be sent out nearer the time.

KS2 TOPIC DAY

Last term, KS2 thoroughly enjoyed learning about Ernest Shackleton and his adventures across Antarctica. To top off a fabulous term, the children took part in a topic day on the last day of term. During the day they: learnt how to pitch tents and empathise with the men on the island, designed a sleeping bag for someone visiting Antarctica and completed some artwork in the style of the ship's artist, George Marston. It was lovely to see their enthusiasm and discipline when working together.

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END OF DAY ARRANGEMENTS

Please can we remind you that if your child is in the infants then they will only be released at the end of the day to a parent or identified carer. We are unable to allow other parents to look after them whilst they wait for you unless you have informed the office in writing.

The juniors are allowed to leave by themselves but if their parent is not outside they must return in to school and wait for them in the office. This is for safeguarding purposes as the school playground is on public land.

PARKING

There is an event in the Parish Hall over the next 3 Fridays which will require all the Parish Hall parking. The event starts at 08:00a.m so please can these spaces remain free for attendees of the hall.

'JUNGLE BOOK' WORKSHOPS

On Wednesday Ruth and Claude from Lilley Lovett hosted 2 theatre group sessions with KS2.

'At the beginning we sat down and we were taught a section of a song- Bare necessities. They conducted us and then after that we did a song that included movement and marched around in a circle singing the song. They taught us line by line.

There was a game called 4 corners that we played. There was someone in the middle and there was lots of people around them, they were blind folded and counted down from 15, the rest of the class had to go to a corner as light footed as possible or stamp around to imply people were there. Then the person in the middle after counting down from 15 would point to a corner and whoever was there was out.

It was a really upbeat session and we liked really liked the singing' by Rowan and Frazer.



PELHAM FIELD

We had a meeting on Wednesday this week with members of the East Sussex Health and Safety and Safeguarding teams and 2 members of the Parish Council to further discuss the fencing in regards to safeguarding. We have discussed a number of options and will be sharing them at the March or April Parish Council meeting and will confirm which one as soon as we know. If you are a member of the Parish, please do come along to this meeting so that you can share your views on the options available. Many thanks

YEAR 6 CLICK ONLINE

The Year 6's will be going to watch a presentation on online safety at Ringmer Primary School next Friday morning to learn more about how to stay safe. Parents of Year 6 will need to arrange transport to Ringmer Primary for 9:10 but a mini bus from Kings Academy will return them to school after the event.

SAFEGUARDING

Yesterday we sent parents and carers a letter about MOMO .Since this was distributed, further details have followed that it was a media hoax. We did investigate this before sending out our letter and at the time this information was not available. Obviously we want to keep you informed of any safeguarding issues that could affect your child/ren and didn't mean to cause any unnecessary angst in sending this out.

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Next Tuesday we have our LSA Pancake Breakfast. Please let Nicky (Dizzy's mum) know if you can help set up, serve or clean up. The breakfast starts at 8 a.m and we will be starting school at the normal time as need to make the hall available later for the parent toddler yoga session. They will meet in the library whilst we clear the hall.

FUN RUN

We are organising a fun run on **Saturday 18th May** with both the Laughton School Association and Friends of Firle. We are keen to get more people involved in the planning and invite anyone who is interested to an initial meeting at The Ram, Firle on Thursday 7th March at 7p.m. The aim is to raise as much as possible for both schools so please let the school office know if you are interested in being involved but unable to make this meeting. Many thanks.

LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST

Ila and her mum have donated their hair to the little princess trust. This is a wonderful thing to do and helps so many children when faced with the losing their hair through illness. Well done Ila.

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown

