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Term 3 2018-2019 – Week 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a really busy couple of weeks with lots going on. Thank you for your support in attending events and preparing your child/ren for these.

The weather has definitely got a lot colder so please make sure that your child has a suitable coat for playtimes.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Underwater and Jungle who share Attendance Bear for the next week. Our school target this year is 96.5%.

	Underwater	Bugs	High Peaks	Jungle
Week 3	98.0%	95.8%	94.4%	95.7%
Week 4	97.4%	90.4%	95.0%	98.2%

REWARDS

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

500 points – Jungle - Joey

600 points – High Peaks - Charlie

900 points – High Peaks- Alice, George

Jungle- Flynn

1100 points- Jungle- Max

MATHS POP IN SESSIONS

It was great to see so many parents joining in with their child's maths lesson this week in our 'Pop in' sessions; we hope it was useful for you to see how mastery is taught. The emphasis is very much on children being able to problem solve and reason rather than calculating with larger numbers. There is a lot of visual and concrete resources to help aid understanding and fully explore the concepts being taught.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

We have parent consultations on Tuesday 12th February 3:20-5:50p.m and Wednesday 13th February 3:20- 4:20 and 5:00-6:30p.m. The signing up sheets will be in the foyer from Monday 28th January. If you are unable to come into school to sign up, please contact the school office who will try to make an appointment around your preferred time.

WHATS APP

It's great that so many parents are in touch with each other through social media however there have been a few occasions recently where people have posted comments about school that can be better dealt with by speaking to the class teacher. It can be unnerving for staff to know that comments on decisions made in school are

discussed in this way. Please can I ask that you speak first to your child's class teacher about any concerns you may have and then if a solution can't be found, arrange to meet with either Mrs Brown or Mrs West. Thank you.

Diary January

February

5th - Chinese New Year lunch menu

6th - Parent Forum/ Pop in - Thrive

8th - LSA Quiz night at the Roebuck

12th - Parent Consultations

13th - Parent Consultations
RE Day

15th - **End of term 3**

25th - Term 4 starts

March

5th - LSA Pancake breakfast

15th - Red Nose Day

21st - Year 5 Big Bang STEM
workshop at KAR

April

3rd - RE day

5th - LSA Easter Mayhem

End of term 4

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STEM WEEK

Last week we had our STEM week and there was a lot of investigating going on throughout the school in exploring science, technology, engineering and maths. We hope that you got to hear about some of it at home. We had a lot of parents visit classes last Friday afternoon to see what the children had been learning about.

We were also really impressed with their research of a scientist, technologist, engineer or mathematician as they cat-walked in assembly on the Thursday. We all learnt about people who we hadn't heard of before.

'I had a Headteacher award at the end of the week for building a rope ladder collaboratively. We had to thread the wood between a special knot in the rope. It had to be strong enough to lift us. Flynn and I tied it to a bench and a post and were able to make a hammock from it.' - Josh from Jungle.



'I enjoyed doing an experiment about penguins. We had to fill up tin cans (which represented penguins) with hot water then put the cans in a group and measure the temperature after, 3, 6 and 16 minutes. We had one table with no tissue around the cans and one with tissue around the cans to see if there was a difference in the temperature between them. We found out that the group of penguins stayed the warmest and the others started with a higher temperature but it went down a lot.' - Jess from Jungle.

'I enjoyed doing the Lego WeDo, which is where you get to code Lego and get it to do things. I made a crocodile that opened and closed its mouth, 2 spinning birds and a remote control spinning top.' - Tom from Jungle.



'I liked it on the Monday when we used fruit skittles and sour skittles to make rainbow patterns, some did it in a square and some did it in a circle. On Tuesday we made armour for eggs, we dropped the eggs to see if it was good armour and it was a fair test, mine didn't make it! On Thursday we made dragon food that stank and one of them looked like blood.' Dora from Bugs.

ECO UPDATE

Since the last update I have been amazed at the level of response to our crisp packet recycling scheme, with so many from the school and our wider community bringing in their crisp packets to be recycled! Please remember that every crisp packet we get, not only gets recycled, but the school gets money for them so make sure you bring them in from home or encourage your children to use the crisp packet recycling box in our front entrance if they have crisps in their packed lunches.

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After a long month of being on a Health and Safety course every Wednesday, I am looking forward to getting back to Eco meetings again in February and seeing what the Eco Warriors have been up to! The first Eco meeting of the year will be 6th February.

Eco Ernie has had a fantastic time in High Peaks and has enjoyed listening to their lessons and watching the children use their bins effectively. This time Eco Ernie is awarded to Bugs class for super eco efficiency! Well done!
Mr Herdman

BODIAM CASTLE TRIP



The infants had a great topic trip to Bodiam Castle on Wednesday.

'We had some hot chocolate in a little hut. We had a look around the castle. It had turrets and the queen and kings seats. We saw the well where they would lower a bucket in by a rope to get drinking water, but it is now all yucky. It was cold, but it was really fun. We put some armour on, we all tried helmets and there were shields' by Florence and Theo in Year 1.



PARISH COUNCIL

I attended the Parish Council meeting last Wednesday regarding Pelham Field as we have been working with East Sussex County Council to try to secure the fencing of the area and gated access. The draft proposal which I raised at our parent forum in term 1 went to the Parish Council and they have met with Councillor Bennett to respond to it along with a letter from him to support it.

It has been the Parish Council's decision to fence off the playground rather than the field as this was in a 1997 agreement when the Community Hall was built on the existing playground. It stated that the playground was to be fenced off at the time but this never happened.

We will be in discussions with ESCC and the Parish Council as to how this will be done. We are obviously disappointed with the decision but the Parish Council do not want Pelham field to have restricted access to anyone during school hours and we want to make sure that when the children are outside, there isn't the opportunity for anyone to access this area without the school's knowledge.

This will mean that a fence will be erected between the playground and Pelham field but it will have gates to allow access. We will still be able to use Pelham field for playtimes and sports activities but will access via a gate leading from one to the other. These gates will be open outside of school hours but locked during the school day except when children are accessing Pelham field.

At the meeting there were a number of residents who mentioned the dangers on Church lane at drop off and pick up times and I would like to ask everyone to be vigilant in driving slowly and not obstructing neighbours' drives when parking. Thank you.

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PARENT FORUM

Mrs Brown and Mrs Filtness will be running a parent forum/ pop in to share information about Thrive and how we will be introducing it at Laughton. This will be on Wednesday 6th February at 9 a.m.

As part of the Thrive approach we are setting up a Thrive room in the small group room. The Thrive room is used for 1:1 and small group work and gives children a calm, safe space in which to learn and flourish. To help us create a cosy and welcoming space we would be grateful of any donations of items listed below. Please let us know if you are able to help us out with any of the items so we do not end up with too many duplicates. Thank you.

Thrive Room Wish List

Please let us know if you are able to donate any of the following for our Thrive room

- Pop up tent/tunnel
- Rug
- Cushions/beanbags
- Exercise/fitness ball
- Small world toys/unwanted McDonald's toys
- Lego
- Good quality hand puppets
- Lava lamp
- Squidgy balls/stress balls/squidgy toys
- Shells, nice pebbles, pine cones, gems, natural tactile objects



LAUGHTON'S GOT TALENT IS BACK!

This fun, energetic talent show is open to all pupils in the school and has sold out for the past four years. We are now looking for the Acts which will perform in this year's final on Saturday 30th March. An application form is attached to this email. If your child is interested in taking part (as an individual or as part of a group) please fill in the application form and return it to the school office by **Friday 8th February** at the latest. If you have any questions please talk to Ruth Lilley (mum of Tom, year 5) or email her at ruth.lilley@gmail.com.

**LSA QUIZ NIGHT –
FRIDAY 8th FEBRUARY**
**Please get tickets from the
school office or your class
LSA rep**