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Term 2 2018-2019 – Week 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are definitely on a countdown to Christmas and the children are all very excited. It has been so lovely hearing their singing throughout the school in preparation for concerts and performances.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your kind words on my return to school. I have missed everyone hugely and am delighted to be back and fully recovered.

There are a number of new dates so please make sure you have them in your diary. Further information on specific events will come out separately.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to High Peaks who will have Attendance Bear for the next week. Our school target this year is 96.5%.

	Underwater	Bugs	High Peaks	Jungle
Week 5	99.0%	94.0%	99.4%	97.8%
Week 6	93.9%	98.8%	99.4%	94.4%

REWARDS

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

200 points – Bugs- Lucien

300 points – Bugs- Holly

500 points – Bugs - Kit

500 points – High Peaks- Ava

1300 points- Jungle- Freya

Uniform Draw-

Last week we carried out our uniform draw for this term. Congratulations to the following children who received a £3 WH Smith voucher from the LSA.

Underwater- Bryce

Bugs- Ava

High Peaks-George

Jungle-Tom

PARENT AND TODDLER SESSIONS

Our parent and child yoga sessions at Laughton will continue to be held on Tuesday mornings from 9am-10am from 8th January 2019. If you know of anyone with a baby, toddler or rising 5 please tell them about it. We are also running parent/ carer toddler sessions at Firlie on Wednesdays from 2-3 p.m if anyone would like to come along to those too. They are both drop in sessions £2 per child.

THE BIG SING

A huge congratulations to the children in Jungle class for performing so well at their Big Sing performance at The Kings Centre in Eastbourne. They have been rehearsing hard and it was clear that their effort and enthusiasm paid off. Their smiles and enjoyment shone through and they made us all very proud.

Diary

December

10th - Pantomime in school

11th - Christmas Concert at 2pm

12th - Christmas Lunch

14th - Christmas Jumper Day

LSA Christmas Shop at 2p.m

17th - Parent coffee/forum, 8:45a.m.

RE day

19th - Christmas church service 2pm

End of Term 2

January

3rd - Children back to school

8th - Parent child yoga restarts

Tuesdays, 9-10am

14th-18th - **STEM week**

22nd - KSI and EYFS parent workshop on reading

February

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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LSA MOVIE NIGHT



Last Friday the LSA put on a film night, which was very well attended. The children had the option of watching Nativity 3 or The Incredibles 2. They had a fabulous time, thank you very much to all the volunteers and organisers.

INFANT NATIVITY

The infants have been busy practising their nativity over the last few weeks and got to perform it to the other children on Tuesday and to parents, carers and family today. They were fantastic and gave a brilliant performance.

CHRISTMAS SHOP

Many thanks to the LSA and volunteers for helping to run the Christmas Shop. The last one is on Friday 14th December at 2p.m. The children have really enjoyed buying their gifts.

ECO UPDATE

With the cold weather upon us, the last Eco meeting was spent discussing with the Eco Warriors how important it is to keep the school at the correct temperature. Too cold and everyone is chilly, too hot and we are not only uncomfortable, but we are also wasting oil and electricity. At Laughton we aim to heat all rooms to 19 degrees centigrade and there are thermometers in every room specially to monitor this. All of the Eco Warriors were asked to monitor these twice a day for a fortnight and I look forward to seeing the results in the next meeting when we will discuss how the temperature can be raised or lowered if necessary. It was also great to see the Eco Warriors take part in the tree planting of the two white beams in the car park and we look forward to taking care of them and watching them grow.

This time last year, our previous Eco Warrior group took part in an assembly on paper usage within the school. Everyone, from Mrs West down, was shocked when we revealed that between 130 people including adults and children we were using a massive 144,000 sheets of A4 printing paper per year! That is the equivalent of 16 large trees. We have introduced lots of ways to try to tackle this and since then we have reduced this amount by 10,000 sheets which is great news but there is still more that can be done to tackle waste in this area.

In the past eight months we have also reduced our water consumption by a massive 50% simply by placing half a brick in every toilet cistern thus reducing the water from each flush whilst electricity consumption is down 10% at the moment which is down to the Eco Warriors work in the classrooms! It is amazing how much we have done to reduce this in the years since I have been here. When I first arrived in July 2013 on average we were consuming around 7,500 KWH per month in electricity alone... it is now 1600 KWH per month... an 80% reduction!!! With the mild weather this winter, we are currently using less oil than is normal at this time of the year to heat the school so across all our utilities we are going really well!

Eco Ernie had a great time in Jungle and has not only learned a great deal about the Second World War but has also enjoyed seeing the Christmas decorations go up in there! All the classes have impressed me and it is hard to decide which is good but this time Eco Ernie is awarded to Bugs class! Well done!!!

Mr Herdman



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PARENT COFFEE MORNING

We are reaching the end of term and have just realised that we have not had the opportunity for a parent coffee meeting/ forum. This is an informal event where parents are invited to meet with either myself or Mrs Brown and a governor to talk about a specific topic and then raise any other items that they would like the school to develop further.

It is a constructive discussion over coffee to help build better communication in gaining parental views.

Mrs Brown will be running our next Parent coffee meeting on **Monday 17th December at 8:45 a.m.** and the focus will be on feedback on being a federation.

Please pop in for a coffee and join in the discussion. You are welcome to bring other items you would like to discuss with the school.

Many thanks.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND FAIR

On Tuesday 11th December we will have our Community Christmas Concert. Everyone is welcome. The LSA will be serving refreshments and the children will perform a range of festive music. After the concert there will be a raffle for some amazing hampers and then each class has made gifts for you to purchase. Father Christmas will also be in his Grotto for the children to visit. It is a lovely event so please come along. Doors open from 1:45p.m.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



On 14th December we will be supporting Save the Children by wearing Christmas Jumpers and or headdress to school with a voluntary donation of £1. This isn't compulsory; it's just for those who want to take part.

Kind Regards

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown



Please pop along on Saturday to support Yara and Rhea, if you can. Good luck girls.