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Term 4 2018-2019 – Week 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now well into term 3 and there has been a lot going on as you will see from the reports below. Please can you pop 18th May in your diary as we will be doing our first joint fundraising event with Firle which is a fun run, see more details in this newsletter. We would like as many volunteers as we can to help on the day and hope that you can also take part in the race itself.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Jungle and High Peaks Class who were awarded attendance bear and achieved our school target this year of 96.5%.

	Underwater	Bugs	High Peaks	Jungle
Week 2	94.1%	95.7%	96%	96.9%
Week 3	95.7%	94.6%	96.5%	93.9%

IMPORTANT NEW ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

We have now been instructed to carry out the following in regards to parents and carers taking children out of school during term time 'Head teachers may *not* grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional circumstances**'

'A penalty notice should be requested for all parents who are liable'
'Penalty Notice for a planned absence, i.e. holiday, can only be requested for absences of 10 or more consecutive sessions (5 days).'

REWARDS

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

100 points –Underwater– Elsie

300 points – Bugs- Hannah

600 points- High Peaks-Jacob

1000 points- Jungle- Lily

Also, big congratulations, to Jess in Jungle Class who received her Laughton School pen today for her consistently neat cursive handwriting.

SWIMMING GALA

'Last week on Thursday we went to Ringmer swimming pool to do the primary swimming gala. It was really fun. There were 8 schools competing and Laughton came 6th. Freya J, Grace, Sol, Josh, Max, Ella, Jess, Oliver Rowan, Thomas Emily, Tom, Rudy and Flynn all took part and cheered each other on. Miss Mandy even said that we were the loudest! Both the Laughton and Firle teams supported each other' By Sol and Grace W

NETBALL

Our netball team were fabulous on Wednesday in the tournament at Ringmer Primary and the organiser has emailed us to say 'a massive thank you to you all for coming and bringing such enthusiastic children. It was a pleasure to umpire games full of supportive children - of their team mates and those from other teams.'

Diary

March

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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They were brilliant and stayed to cheer Firlle on in the final. We are going to set up a friendly with other schools in Term 5. Well done to Genevieve, Toby, Tom, Sol, Emily, Thomas, Aurora and Freya J.

RED NOSE DAY

We are celebrating Red Nose day today by wearing red for a donation, telling a favourite joke and having a skipathon in the afternoon. We achieved 15 887 skips as a whole school and the Blue team won the House cup in assembly with 4646 skips. Some children have asked to do their own fundraising and will be in the playground at the end of the day which is lovely that they want to make a difference. Many thanks.

ECO UPDATE

In our latest Eco meeting the Eco Warriors discussed our consumption levels for oil, water and electricity and compared it to last year. We were able to see that every month in the past twelve months we have reduced our consumption of all our utilities by 10% or more. Whilst we have been helped a little by a mild winter this is still an incredible achievement and everyone in the school should be proud. However we cannot stop trying to reduce this further and we have set ourselves a target to reduce this by another 10% by this time next year. We have also challenged the entire school to recycle over 50kg of crisp packets by this time next year. Since we launched the scheme we have been inundated and we already have 3kg of crisp packets that have been sent for recycling which is great news when before they were going to land fill, incinerator, ending up as litter or in our oceans. We are also delighted that King's Academy Ringmer and Chiddingly School have joined us in recycling their crisp packets. It will be the Eco Warriors' job to sort through and pack these up ready for collection!

Eco Ernie had a great time in High Peaks and especially enjoyed sitting in the conservatory and listening to some of the children read. This time Eco Ernie is awarded to Jungle class for great recycling! Well done!

Don't forget if you have any great ideas to let me know and also try to your little bit at home!

Mr Herdman

PELHAM FIELD

The Parish Council will be discussing the next steps on Pelham field fencing at their meeting at 7:30p.m on Wednesday 20th March. It would be great if any members of the Parish could attend.

SAFEGUARDING

Mrs Kathleen Swaine is no longer a governor for the Oak tree federation due to work commitments, so Mrs Gemma Collins will be the only safeguarding governor at present.

If you ever have any safety concerns about policy or procedures at school please do let us know via the school office or when we are on duty as we will then address them or affirm what we have in place. Many thanks.

YEAR 6 ONLINE SAFETY 'CLICK'

The children in Year 6 went to Ringmer Primary for a show on being safe online last Friday.

'It was an interactive, exciting and funny performance. The message was to be safe online by not giving out any personal information, photos, phone numbers etc. Afterwards we went to Kings Academy Ringmer library and got refreshments as we waited for the mini bus to collect us. The art teacher gave us materials to use and we made thank you cards to the school for letting us stay there.' By Aurora and Freya J.

Please click <https://www.ceop.police.uk/CEOP-Reporting/> if you want to report any inappropriate online behaviours.



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LAUGHTON'S GOT TALENT

Laughton's Got Talent is back on Saturday, 30th March at 6pm in the Laughton Village Hall. We've got some excellent Acts performing this year so it's going to be another great show. Tickets will be available from the school office from Monday 18th March costing £6 for adults and £3 for children. Due to fire regulations, places are limited and this event has sold out for the last 4 years. **Please do buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment.**

If your child is performing in one of the Acts in the competition, they do not need a ticket. However, if your child is performing as part of the school choir and they want to watch the rest of the show, they will need to have a ticket. We are still looking for volunteers to help out on the night. Helpers will need to arrive at the hall at 5pm and/or help to clear up afterwards. Helpers will still be able to watch the show, but please do buy a ticket if you want to watch, as we will need to allocate a place for you. Please contact Ruth at ruth.lilley@gmail.com if you can help out.

There will be a cash bar with snacks open in the small hall at the village hall from 5.30pm and the doors to the main hall will open at 5.45pm for the big show. Join us for this fantastic event and help us to decide who should be crowned the winner of Laughton's Got Talent 2019.

WORLD BOOK DAY VOUCHERS

Your child should have brought home a book voucher from World Book Day. These can be swapped for one of the selected books on the voucher or used to reduce the price of another book by £1. The vouchers run out at the end of March.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The children had a lovely time last week at the LSA Pancake Breakfast. We raised £142.45. Thank you to all the helpers who enabled it to go ahead and made it run so smoothly.



LSA

Please see the parent skills audit and LSA secretary position attached to this newsletter. We really need someone to be/ or share the secretary position as soon as possible. Please can you also complete the skills questionnaire and return to the school office so that we can keep a record of who to approach when we need specific guidance, advice etc. Many thanks.

We would also like to give our many thanks to Wolfie in Year 2 who has designed the posters for the Pancake Breakfast and Mother's day Shop. Well done!

FUN RUN

The LSA and Friends of Firle are co coordinating a fun run for Saturday 18th March which will run from 10am (maybe a bit before) until 12 noon. There will be a 5K and a 1K run around Firle. There will also be family entertainment and refreshments so it's going to be a great event. Please put the date in your diary and let the school office know if you can help at all, we will need a lot of volunteers. Please also spread the message to family and friends.

We want to raise as much money as possible.

Our next meeting about the event will be on Monday 1st April at 7p.m at The Ram in Firle, please come along if you think you can help. A letter with more information will follow but you might want to dust off your trainers and start training!

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown