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### Term 4 2017-2018 – Week 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all received the topic planners that went out this week, apologies for the delay. Thank you so much to all those who completed the parent survey that went out in the last newsletter and follow up email. We have had 40 responses. If you get chance this weekend to go on the Ofsted parent view link that would be great as we only have 9 responses so far which is not enough for them to display results. The link is at the end of this newsletter and on our website's homepage. Thank you.

#### ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to High Peaks who have had Attendance Bear for the past 2 weeks.

	Underwater	Bugs	High Peaks	Jungle
Week 2	94.6%	94.2%	95.8%	95.5%
Week 3	93.8%	96.5%	99.3%	94.4%

#### REWARDS

Congratulations to the following children who have received their pupil point awards in assembly:

200 pupil points-Underwater- Mia

600 pupil points-Jungle-Iliana

#### GOLDEN MILE

Congratulations on their new certificates for;

**50 miles- Bugs- Arlo**

**Jungle- Shane**

#### ECO UPDATE

Since our triumph of achieving green flag status everyone has been doing a great job of carrying on our progress with the Eco Warriors leading the way. We took part in the Great Big School Clean and filled 2 bags of rubbish from the site. I was also pleased to hear that some of you have been doing this outside of school... especially Rowan so well done! Last week a group of four children went down to Lower Vert Woods to plant a legacy tree in the woodland. Ebony, Winnie, Flossy and Yara did a great job and we look forwards to continuing to work with Lower Vert Woods Community Woodland in the future. After Easter we will begin looking at other ways of reducing our environmental impact including those not directly controlled by the school! Eco Ernie had a fantastic time in Bugs and enjoyed watching the children learn about deforestation and the damage this causes to the planet and habitats. This time Eco Ernie has been awarded to High Peaks class for excellent recycling! Well done everyone!

Mr Herdman

#### Diary

##### March

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

26<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Bikeability training

28<sup>th</sup> Music recital

29<sup>th</sup> Easter Mayhem

##### April

16<sup>th</sup> Return to school

17<sup>th</sup> Yr 3 swimming begins

25<sup>th</sup> Nutritionist parent workshop 8:45a.m

28<sup>th</sup> Laughton's Got Talent

#### PRE SCHOOL FUNDING

Laughton Preschool has just been accepted for the bags for help at Tesco (The blue tokens at the end of the tills) please can you help us out with filling our container. This could make a huge difference to our preschool and any help would be much appreciated! Our container is there from 1st March- 30th.

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### PARTNERSHIP

This week staff met together for INSET training with a focus on reading and how best to support this in classes to develop the range of skills involved, whilst promoting a lifelong love of reading. Staff then worked together to work on the curriculum topic planning for term 5 and 6 for this year. The next staff meeting together will focus on writing moderation.

The governors' working party from both schools has met recently to go through the feedback from all stakeholders, regarding the proposed federation.

### SAFEGUARDING

E-safety continues to be a huge topic in schools and at home, in order to help children stay safe online. Following on from the Safer Internet Day earlier this term, children are still focusing on the keys messages when using technology in school. If you would like tips and advice in keeping children safe online, please use the following link;

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

Please remember, if you have any concerns related to safeguarding, please contact Mrs Brown, or Mrs West, our Designated Child Protection Officers. They can also be contacted outside of school hours, by email.

### LSA

We hope everybody enjoyed the Mother's Day treats the children brought home last week. Thank you to the LSA for organising and running the shop again. The children really enjoy being able to choose gifts independently to treat their family members. This year the Mother's Day shop raised £211, which will go towards supporting the school. Easter Mayhem will be taking place on the last day of term 4, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Children will be able to come into school in their own clothes on this day, in exchange for an Easter egg for the 'Egg Tombola'. The LSA are also looking for donations towards the hamper, which will be raffled off after school. If you have any donations please give these to Nicky Anstiss before the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

Laughton's Got Talent Heats will be taking place next week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons so please remind children to practice their acts over the weekend.



### SPORTS RELIEF



17-23  
March

This year our Sports Relief activities will take place on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Details regarding this will be sent out in due course. To raise money this year, we are planning to create a golden mile of coins in the sensory garden. Please start saving up any loose change to bring in and support our efforts next Friday.

### NUTRITIONIST

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April we will be having a nutritionist come into school to talk to the children about healthy eating choices. We have also planned a **parent workshop from 8:45-9:30** which will involve advice on hidden sugars in foods and healthy alternatives, packed-lunches to boost brain power and concentration, healthy eating on a budget with recipes to take home and ideas on how to include children in cooking at home. We hope it will be helpful and informative for you so please try to attend. Thank you.

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### PLANTING THE LEGACY TREE IN VERT WOODS COMMUNITY WOODLAND by Sue Redshaw

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018, we planted the Legacy Tree in Vert Woods Community Woodland (VWCW). Four children, Wini, Ebony, Yara and Flossy, represented Laughton Primary School, accompanied by Michelle Aloof, Paul Herdman and Andrew, Flossy's granddad. Tom Ottaway and I were there on behalf of VWCW.

The Legacy tree was donated by the Woodland Trust to commemorate the launching of the Charter for Trees, Woods and People last November on the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Charter of the Forest, which came into effect in 1217 two years after the Magna Carta.

All the children had a go at digging the hole for the tree, which wasn't easy as we are on the inevitable Laughton clay!

Tom hammered in a stake and the children fixed the little plaque to it.

The Tree is a Hornbeam, which could eventually grow to 30 metres but not in my lifetime as it is very slow growing! We have chosen a space where it can reach its full potential, all being well.

I talked to the children about the Tree Charter and gave them each a laminated print of the Child-friendly Principles detailed on the Woodland Trust website. One of the Principles is 'Planting for the Future', which is exactly what we were doing. I see the legacy of the tree as being a **gift to the future** and at the same time being a **reminder of the past**.

We were so lucky with the weather as it was a mild Spring day, in complete contrast to the weather just a week ago. All the children had a great time, as did the adults. I felt quite uplifted!

If you are inspired by this story and would like a stake in the future of the Community Woodland, we are looking for more folk to get involved with the management of the woodland. We particularly need financial expertise, from book-keeping to accounting and budgeting. Also Internet skills would be useful. If you'd like to know more contact Stewart Boyle on **07785 726 306** or at [stewart@oneplanetmedia.co.uk](mailto:stewart@oneplanetmedia.co.uk) by Sue Redshaw



### MUSIC RECITAL

There is still time for children to sign up for our first music recital, which will be taking place this term on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 2.15pm. The recital is a chance for any children that are learning to play an instrument, inside or outside of school, to perform. Please hand any forms into the office by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March. If your child is signed up please can they bring their instrument in on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Monday 26<sup>th</sup> for a practice. Thank you.

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### RINGMER LIBRARY

You may be aware, the East Sussex County Council voted last week to close all seven threatened libraries (including Ringmer) and the mobile service on Saturday May 7. The Save Ringmer Library campaign is trying to see if we can keep our library open, run by the community. We're holding a public meeting on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 11am at Ringmer Village Hall: please come along to share your ideas and enthusiasm. For a community-run library to be viable, we'll need people who are willing to get involved with helping with admin, organising, IT, book keeping, fundraising, or working a shift at the library. Jane Belton

Kind Regards  
Rachel West

Vicki Brown

Reminders

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<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

**EASY FUNDRAISING**

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



  
**Laughton**  
**Cricket Club**  
2018 season  
Under 5's to under 16's  
Girls & Boys welcome  
Friday evenings from  
5.30pm till 8.30pm  
Starting Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April for 11 weeks  
(excluding 25<sup>th</sup> May)

For further information contact Mark Buttifant 01323 811868 or email [Laughtoncc@aol.com](mailto:Laughtoncc@aol.com)