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Term 1 2018-2019 – Week 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children are well and truly settled into their classes now and enjoying their topics of 'Star Gazers' in KS2 and 'Land Ahoy' in EYFS and KSI.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Bugs, Underwater and High Peaks who have had Attendance Bear over the last two weeks. Our school target this year is 96.5%.

	Underwater	Bugs	High Peaks	Jungle
Week 2	99%	94.4%	99%	98.8%
Week 3	98.9%	97.6%	97.8%	97.6%

REWARDS

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

800 points- High Peaks - George
Jungle- Rowan, Grace W

900 points-Jungle- Hamish, Lily A

1200 points- Jungle- Tom

STAFF

We are pleased to announce that Miss Mandy will take on our TLR role this year for Assessment. She will be joining the SLT.

If you have any issue that your child's class teacher can't help with and Mrs Brown or myself are not available then Miss Mandy will be your point of contact.

INSET 24th SEPTEMBER

School is closed on Monday 24th September for staff INSET. All our staff will be taking part in a maths mastery training day led by a national leading maths consultant.

KSI PIRATE DAY



This Tuesday the children in EYFS and KSI had a Pirate Day as part of their topic focus.

'First we came in and took some photos and then we went on a treasure hunt.

Afterwards we wrote a message in a

bottle, we were thinking that we were stranded on a desert island. Then we took off our tights and shoes and went in the sandpit to find treasure.

We played Pirates and looked for treasure in the water play area. It was really good fun.' By Dora and Madison

Diary

September

22nd-Pre school Sale

24th – INSET Day

28th – Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

October

9th –Individual school photos

16th - Parent Consultation at 3.30pm-6.30pm

16th – Harvest Festival at 2.30pm

17th - Parent Consultation at 3.30pm-5.30pm

19th – End of Term

29th – Children return to school

31st – LSA Hallowe'en Disco

November

16th- Take Over Day

16th- Children in Need

16th- Flu vaccinations YR R-5

19th- Open afternoon 2-3pm

21st -Open morning 9.15-10.15am

28th -Big Sing for Jungle class

December

7th-KSI Nativity

11th- Christmas Concert at 2pm

12th –Christmas Lunch

19th –Christmas church service at 2pm

19th – End of Term

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MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON



You are all invited to a Macmillan coffee afternoon on Friday 28th September from 2:30p.m. The LSA and staff will be making cakes but you are welcome to contribute a bake if you would like to. The hall will be set up as a café so that you can stay after school too.

ECO UPDATE

As we start another year the challenges of being eco-friendly continue. At Laughton Primary School we are committed to not only minimising our impact upon the environment, but also in educating the children the changes we can make to preserve our planet. In assembly last Friday I brought in our Eco mascot Eco Ernie. Ernie is a very special elephant who is awarded fortnightly to the class that is the most eco-friendly. We will be talking the children about our Eco Warrior initiative which we have now run successfully for the last two years. The Eco Warriors consist of two children from each class, whose job it is to promote being eco-friendly to the rest of the class. To become an Eco Warrior the children who are interested will be given an application form which they have 2 weeks to complete and once completed hand in into the office. The applications will then be looked at and we will shortlist for each position before deciding on the 2 from each class. Please be aware that Eco meetings are every fortnight at 8.15am and so this will entail coming to school early every fortnight for a year. We provide breakfast and are also happy to take any siblings should you wish. Last year's Eco Group will be a very tough act to follow as they did a tremendous job and won many awards including our prestigious green flag award. However I am sure the new Eco Warriors will be up for the challenge and look to using their enthusiasm and commitment to continue our good work.

One of the focuses this year will not only be to highlight to the children the carbon footprint of the school itself but also the carbon footprint of everyone coming to school as well as looking at paper usage, further recycling schemes and ideas from the children. Don't forget our pen and biscuit wrapper recycling schemes! The school gets money for every pen and biscuit wrapper and the collection points for these are by the office. The more we send off the better as not only are we tackling waste plastic but also we are getting something back as well!

We have already seen the huge impact that we are making in the school. We used to recycle around 40% of our waste at the school... that figure is now 80%, the amount of water we use has dropped by 20% in the last six months and electricity is being used more carefully. We have seen improvements in our building that are assisting with all this. In the past five years we have seen energy efficient lighting installed, solar panels on the hall erected, the old storage heaters replaced and an energy efficient boiler put in. In the past year we have also had the Victorian part of the building re- insulated and the front entrance roof replaced and re- insulated as well as putting water saving devices in cisterns. All of this combined with the Eco Warriors work and the school energy team, who meet fortnightly, have made a massive difference in a short time with the consumption of all our utilities dropping



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significantly. If you want to find out more about the work we are doing please feel free to speak to me or read our Energy Policy on the website.

Mr Herdman

PLAY AREAS

Please can we remind you that the playground is supervised from 8:30 a.m. and the member of staff is not responsible for children going into the two fenced play areas. If you bring your child into school and they go in these areas can you stand in or directly next to the area. A number of children are going in with another adult watching them. If you do this, please check with their parent that they are happy for you to have this responsibility. Thank you.

CENSUS DAY- Thursday 4th October 2018

On Thursday 4th October 2018, it is national School Census Day and in an effort to increase the uptake of the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) on that day, Chartwells have a special Halloween themed menu with the children's favourites. The menu for that day will be: **Stewed Eyeballs Turkey Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Petrifying Pasta or Witches Cauldron Smokey Mac N Cheese with Gory Garlic Bread, Peas and Carrots and for dessert Strawberry Jelly Slime and Vanilla Eye-Scream.** There will also be a jacket potato on offer on this day.

Census Day is when the Local Authorities collect information electronically from every school in their area, partly to guide them in planning and funding. They collect details such as pupil numbers, numbers of pupils with Special Educational Needs, entitled to Pupil Premium funding, entitled to Free School Meals, attendance information and so forth. One thing in particular they are looking at this term is the number of children taking the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM), to provide schools with appropriate funding for this service such as utility costs.

To maximise our potential funding, we would encourage all families with children entitled to UIFSM to enjoy their free meal on Thursday 4th October, rather than bringing a packed lunch that day.

It is the amount of children in Key Stage One eating the free meal on the actual day's lunchtime that informs our funding, rather than meals ordered for that day or children attending school. Pupils who bring a packed lunch from home unfortunately are not able to be included, nor are children who normally take UIFSM, but who are absent on 4th October.

Once again, we encourage as many as possible to commit to eating the UIFSM on Thursday that week; this will record those children as having eaten on Census Day and therefore count towards the total Government funding that will be allocated to our school for UIFSM for a whole year.

Hopefully it will also create some enthusiasm amongst the children who don't normally take the meals and lead to more of them eating over the rest of the school year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

Mrs Rachel West, Mrs Vicki Brown