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Term 2 2016 - Week 8

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made it! I think this is the latest date in December that I have ever been at school in my 22 years of teaching. The children have been remarkable and continued to focus with lots of merriment and singing and sparkle. I hope you all have a fabulous Christmas and look forward to hearing all about it from the children when they return on **Wednesday 4th January 2017**.

REWARDS

Congratulations to the following children for getting their pupil point awards:

300 points – Bugs – Fitz, Henry, Charlie

400 points – Bugs – Yara, Theodora, Tarkan

500 points – Bugs – Grace, George

Attendance bear has been won by High Peaks Class in the last week. Well done

FOREST SCHOOL

Christmas has come early for Forest School with the purchase of £150 worth of new outdoor equipment including a 7 litre campfire kettle, bow saw, bill hook, fire strikers and gloves. The greatest of thanks to the hard working LSA team for their generous donation. Forest School begins on Fridays in January for Year 2 and Year 4 pupils, and there will also be 5 Wednesday after school club sessions for KS2 - check with the office to see if places are available. And remember to include warm coats and boots on your Christmas list!



CHRISTMAS DINNER

The children had a lovely Christmas dinner prepared by Mrs Hunt and Mrs French. They were served by all the staff and broke into song when the staff sat down to eat their lunch. The whole school sat down together and there were crackers and games as well as a very important visit by Father Christmas. Every Class received gifts and I have seen many of them already in use.

LSA CHRISTMAS SHOP

The LSA ran the Christmas shop on 3 afternoons and the children really enjoyed buying presents for friends and family. Thank you so much to all those who donated gifts and for helping with the running of the shop. It was very festive!

SAFEGUARDING

I would like to make sure that you are all aware of our reviewed Child Protection Policy on our website. It is in information, under policies.

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Mrs Brown is the Designated Safeguarding Lead and Mrs West is the Deputy Lead. Mr Dickie is our Safeguarding Governor and the East Sussex LADO (Local Authority Designated Officer) is Amanda Glover (01323 466606). It is very important that you contact Mrs Brown or myself if you have any concerns regarding your child's safety in school. This can be done by either speaking to us in the playground, emailing us through the office email or calling the school directly. Thank you

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND FAYRE

We had a fantastic Christmas Concert and Fayre on Monday. The children sang beautifully and it was lovely to see our new choir performing together. The musicians played cello and violin with confidence and are clearly enjoying their lessons.

The parent choir now has men too, which is fantastic. If you are interested in joining this group then please let the office know and we will forward your details on.

I thanked most people at the event but owe a huge apology to the Lets Get Cooking group as they had worked extremely hard in making the mince pies (along side other children in school) and had their own stall at the back of the hall with delicious items including, sausage rolls, biscuits and gingerbread houses. Well done to you all.

Mrs Dann guided the event with great leadership and has fully embraced taking on the music development in the school. We have a staff INSET on Monday 3rd January on developing our teaching of music and linking projects to our topics.

CLUBS

All clubs will start in the week beginning 9th January. There are still a number of spaces on Forest School, Book Club, Craft Club and Cross Country. Please contact the office by the 5th January so we can confirm if these clubs will run.

POETRY WORKSHOP

Yesterday one of our old pupils returned to Laughton to lead a poetry workshop.

'First we had to draw a picture or make a collage of anything you wanted. Then Steffie came around and asked us what we thought the pictures really represented. With the words that we said, she helped us make a poem. Then she wrote down the lines that we came up with and our ideas about it.

I felt really happy as I thought we were just going to write poems but then we did lots of arts and crafts to do with poems. A few of us got sparkly colouring pencils because we worked so hard. We made a lot of mess but it was a lot of fun!' By Wini, Sammy and Maisy.

Kind Regards,

Rachel West
Headteacher

Diary

December

21st End of term Service 2p.m
Break Up for Christmas

January

3rd INSET
4th Children return to school

