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Term 1 2017-2018 - Week 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new term. I hope you all had a lovely summer. It is so nice to come back and see all the children looking great in their uniform and ready for learning. They have clearly been very busy over the summer and I have heard about lots of new skills learnt and experiences had.

We will be sending out the class topic planners next week so you can see what they will be learning this term. If anyone would like to help in school please let the school office know.

ATTENDANCE

	Underwater	Bugs	High Peaks	Jungle
Week 1	100%	97.4%	97.1%	100%

Good attendance is 95% = our school target this year is 96.5%.

HOLIDAYS

Please can I remind all parents not to take your child/ren out on holiday during term time. It does impact on their learning as our curriculum planning is tightly focused to achieve the objectives they need for their age related standard. I know they experience lots on holiday too but I will not be authorising any holidays. Any holidays taken will be referred to East Sussex County Council and they will be issuing a fine. This is £60 per child per parent per child and will be issued if more than 5 days absence are taken. If this is not paid within 21 days it will increase to £120 per parent per child.



BREAKFAST CLUB

We would really like to have a breakfast club on Tuesdays and Wednesdays but need at least 6 children for this to go ahead. We currently have 2 wanting Tuesday and 3 for Wednesday. Please let us know by Monday 11th September if

you would like a place.

The proposal is to start on Tuesday at 7:15 and Wednesday at 7:45. They would receive breakfast and have a range of fun play activities to help them start the day.

STAFFING

Mrs Clark will be in the school office on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays and Mrs Miller will be in on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

We will have a new TA starting in High Peaks Class to work alongside Mrs Dann and Mrs Pratt. They will also be working in Underwater on Mondays. We hope to share who this will be in our next newsletter.

Diary September

- 11th 2.30-3pm **UNDERWATER** meet the teacher
- 12th 2.30-3pm **BUGS** meet the teacher
- 13th 2.30-3pm **HIGH PEAKS** meet the teacher
- 14th LSA meeting 7:30p.m
Ringmer Academy Opening Evening
- 15th 2.30-3pm **JUNGLE** meet the teacher
- 19th 7:30p.m Parent meeting re future partnerships
- 19th Parent coffee forum 8:45 a.m
- 21st Priory Opening Evening
- Wk beginning 25th class workshops dates tbc
- 28th Football tournament at Laughton
- 29th Macmillan Coffee morning

October

- 10th Parent consultations
- 11th Parent consultations
- 16th Harvest 2:30p.m
- 20th break up for ½ term
- 30th return to school
- 31st Halloween disco

November

- Wk beginning 13th Anti bullying week
- 17th Take over Day
- 20th Open Afternoon
- 28th Open Morning

December

- 6th Dress rehearsal
- 8th Nativity 2p.m
- 12th Christmas concert and Fair
- 15th Christmas Dinner
- 19th Church service 2p.m
- 20th INSET DAY
Last day of term

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NASAL FLU PROGRAMME

Children in Reception and Yrs 1, 2, 3 and 4 are offered a nasal vaccine to protect them against Flu. These letters will be coming out shortly through Kent Community Health. You will need to complete the consent form for your child to have the vaccine.

PARKING

Please do not park on Zig Zags or in the teachers' car park. Please ensure that you respect our neighbours and not move their bins or park directly in front to their gates and driveways. Whilst I understand that the road is a public highway there has been some hostility at busy times. Our main aim is to keep the children safe so please ensure there is room for them to access school safely and allow traffic to pass. We also want to get along with our neighbouring community so please refrain from getting caught up in disagreements.

SAFEGUARDING

Data collection sheets will be sent home next week. It is important that you check the details and make any changes/additions needed before returning to the office as this is the information we use in a case of emergency.

PARTNERSHIP

Staff are now planning our curriculum with teachers from Firle to provide more opportunities, resources and moderation across both schools. The children in Yrs 5 and 6 are planning a joint topic day and the children in Yr 1 and 2 are hoping to arrange a school trip together.

We have also recently bought into a counselling service that we are sharing with Firle.

UNIFORM

We are very grateful to Vanessa for helping sort out our uniform for the last few years. She is extremely busy and as no other person has been able to take on or share this responsibility, Mrs Clark will support Vanessa through the school office. If you do require uniform please use the uniform e mail and then either Vanessa or Mrs Clark will contact you. We will run a **uniform shop on the first Monday of every month after school from 3:10-3:45**. If you cannot make this time then it can be arranged for uniform to be sent home with your child once monies have been received.

Thank you for your understanding in this. We will review the process at the end of term 2.

SAM

Guitar + Drum Kit + Piano + Vocal (and more) lessons - spaces now available!

There are now spaces available if your child is interested in starting a musical instrument, including - piano, guitar, drums, singing, DJing, woodwind, strings, brass and more!

Lessons will take place at Laughton CE Primary School from September and are available as one-to-one or paired and provided by Sussex Academy of Music (SAM), they take place both in school and at SAM's premises in Shoreham.

If interested, please call SAM on 01273 465 122, email schools@sussexmusic.com or visit their website www.sussexmusic.com/schools to find out more information.

SAM's teachers are experienced and passionate real-life musicians; lessons are fun and engaging; and parents/guardians are kept up to date with weekly online feedback.

SAM accepts payment via Childcare Vouchers, thus helping to keep the price of lessons to a minimum.

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LSA

There is an LSA meeting at **7:30p.m at the Roebuck on Thursday 14th September**. Please come along and find out what we have planned for the year. I imagine we will be discussing the Halloween Disco at this meeting, so all ideas welcome. We are still in need of a Chair for our LSA so if you are interested in this position please let Alistair – our vice chair know.

The committee are very supportive and the Chair's role is to coordinate groups of people to lead events. They don't need to do it all themselves so please don't be put off by the position!

CHANGE OF DATE FOR PARENT MEETING

On Tuesday 19th September will be having a meeting for parents and carers on 'Our Way Forward'. This will be at 7:30p.m in the hall.

This is a follow up meeting from last year where we will be feeding back on issues raised and provide an opportunity for a discussion on what we want regarding partnerships for our school in the long term. We will send out an agenda next week.

NEW CHILDREN

We would like to welcome all our new Reception children to our school, they are settling in very well. We would also like to welcome Lucien in Yr 1, Flynn and Orlando in Yr 3 and Rudy in Yr 4. We hope they will all enjoy their learning experience at Laughton.



CHALVINGTON TRUST

The Chalvington Trust is inviting applications for education grants in advance of its next half-yearly meeting early in October. Residents of Chalvington, Ripe and Laughton are eligible as well as organisations based in these three villages.

One of the functions of the Trust is the promotion of education, and because provision is made by schools and colleges, the Trust tends to focus on extra-curricular learning involving extra expense for parents, individuals and organisations. Contributions by the Trust have been made in the past to sport, music and dance studies, school trips, children's opera and theatre projects.

Applications should reach: Secretary of the Chalvington Trust,
Brooklands,
Ripe Lane,
Ripe,
Lewes,
BN8 6AR.

Email: charlesian.garner@gmail.com

Apply by post or email with a description of the activity and evidence of cost from the provider by Monday 25th September 2017

Kind Regards
Rachel West Headteacher