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### Term 1 2017-2018 - Week 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term is really flying by and with only 2 weeks left until half term everyone is working very hard. We had our School Improvement Partner visit last week and she spent her time going through the schools data, evaluations and the new school improvement plan. She fed back to some of our governors and SLT at the end of her visit. We were delighted that she recognised, from her analysis, that she supported our self-evaluation of being good with outstanding features. There are still lots of things that we want to do to improve and these are all in our school improvement plan which we will share via our website.

### ATTENDANCE

	Underwater	Bugs	High Peaks	Jungle
Week 3	99%	98.8%	98.3%	96.4%
Week 4	94.3%	98.8%	92.4%	92.4%

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

Congratulations to Underwater Class and Bugs Class who have had Attendance Bear over the last two weeks

### REWARDS

The following children have received their pupil point awards in assembly:

400 points- Bugs- Henry, Fitz, Finley

500 points- Bugs-Daniel H, Chloe

900 points- Jungle- Aurora

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest celebration will take place in school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 2:30p.m in the School Hall. This will be led by High Peaks Class. We will be inviting contributions of food (non-perishables) that will be given to the Uckfield food bank. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as you can.



### PARTNERSHIP

This week staff met to explore 'Spirals of Inquiry', a new initiative we will be pioneering in both schools. They also spent a twilight session together after school, focusing on the curriculum and how to develop creative approaches to raise standards.

Please remember that if you have any questions regarding Firle's request to explore a federation, you can email the office or post your enquiry in the black box to the right of the front door.

### Diary October

10<sup>th</sup> Parent consultations

10<sup>th</sup> KS2 topic day

11<sup>th</sup> Parent consultations

16<sup>th</sup> Harvest 2:30p.m

20<sup>th</sup> break up for ½ term

30<sup>th</sup> return to school

31<sup>st</sup> Halloween disco

### November

Wk beginning 13<sup>th</sup> Anti bullying week

17<sup>th</sup> Take over Day

20<sup>th</sup> Open Afternoon

28<sup>th</sup> Open Morning

### December

6<sup>th</sup> Dress rehearsal

8<sup>th</sup> Nativity 2p.m

12<sup>th</sup> Christmas concert and Fair

15<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner

19<sup>th</sup> Church service 2p.m

20<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY

Last day of term

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### SCHOOL ACCESS

May we once again remind parents that people should not be coming into school or classrooms before 8.45am. If, for any reason you do have to come in, please use the front entrance by the office and not the hall doors. Homework should be brought into class at 8.45am when the children are collected from the playground. If you need to speak to a member of staff, please make an appointment in the office to meet before 8.30am or after school. Messages regarding pick-ups or appointments can be sent through the communication diaries or by email. Thank you

### INTERSCHOOL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Last Thursday we held a football tournament, here at Laughton, with Firle and Alfriston. The children were a real credit to their respective schools and the children from Laughton played brilliantly as a team, with determination and resilience.

"In the tournament there were three teams; Firle, Alfriston and Laughton. Each team played up to six games. Our scores were 0-0, 0-0, 1-1 and 2-1. It was a lot of fun playing and in the end we won the final. It was a great experience" (Josh-Yr 5)



### ECO WARRIORS

We have just received an email to confirm that we have followed up our Bronze Award with a **Silver Award**. Great news!

## Congratulations on achieving your Eco-Schools Silver Award

For our achievements in promoting energy efficiency and being green



Well done to Mr Herdman, Mrs Pratt and their team of Eco warriors. We can't wait to welcome to the new Eco Group soon.

### PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Please sign up for parent consultations if you have not already done so. The parent consultation meetings are next week on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. The sheets are in the entrance hall by the school office.

### MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Macmillan Coffee on afternoon on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October. We raised £125 for this great cause. A big thank you too, to all those who helped run the event.

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### HALLOWEEN DISCO

The LSA are organising a Halloween disco for the children. This will be held on 31<sup>st</sup> October from 3:30-5p.m. More details to follow.

### LAUGHTON LODGE COMMUNITY PROJECT

You may have heard of a proposed project to install charging points for electric cars at Laughton Lodge. There is a prospect of a grant from M & S to help Laughton Lodge support the project; however the grants and funding are determined by those projects receiving the most votes.

Laughton Lodge is seeking support from the wider community. More information can be found at <https://www.mandsenergyfund.com/projects/the-electric-vehicle-project>. Please take a look and consider supporting this venture. It has been confirmed that people voting will not be subject to junk mail or spam following the vote as long as you don't click the box asking if you want to receive promotional offers.



### STAFFING

This week we sadly had to say goodbye to our brilliant school cook, Mrs Hunt. We will all miss her and her delicious lunches.

We are pleased to let you know that Mrs Felicity Candogan, our new TA and MDSA, will be officially starting next week on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017. She will be in Underwater on a Monday and in High Peaks for the rest of the week.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

Just a reminder that individual school photos, plus siblings, will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Anyone wishing to be photographed with a pre-school sibling should come to school at 8.15am. Please note that year 4 pupils should come to school in their uniform that day so they can be photographed before going out to Forest school.

### OUR WAY FORWARD MEETING

Mr Lilley will be holding the rescheduled parent meeting, regarding 'Our Way Forward' in the hall at 8.30 am on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October. This will be an opportunity to discuss and ask questions about the request we have received regarding a federation with Firle School. You can bring along any younger children and have a coffee whilst sharing your thoughts. Thank you to those who have emailed questions we will put these to the working party.

Kind Regards

Rachel West  
Headteacher

Vicki Brown  
Acting Deputy Headteacher