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Term 2 2016 - Week 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have settled well into the new term and having the Halloween disco on the first day back was very exciting.

The weather is getting a lot colder now so please make sure that they have a coat in school every day.

REWARDS

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

300 points- Jungle – Iliana, Luke P, Louis, Bruce, Luke O

600 points- Jungle - Jack

700 points- Jungle- Libbi

800 points- Jungle- Tom

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Over £300 was raised from this event and everyone had a fantastic time. Many thanks to our fabulous LSA for putting it all together. I was so impressed by the number of pumpkins carved for the competition that we had to have more prizes! I think all the staff picked up some new dance moves from the children and their costumes were fantastic.

The money raised from this event will go towards class cameras, so thank you very much for your support.

MATHLETICS

The children have all been given usernames and passwords to access a new programme we have subscribed to for maths. This is to support all the children in meeting the requirements of the curriculum and can be used at home and school. The programme is individualised to their needs so please make sure that they log on to access their account and don't use that of a sibling. Teachers can view how often they have accessed their account and what level they are currently working at. It is a fun way to practise skills and develop confidence in mathematical concepts.

NEW DATES

We have a number of new dates on the diary so please check you have them on your calendar.

LATENESS

If your child is coming into school through the front door entrance then they are arriving late to school, please can you make every effort for them to come in with the rest of their class from the playground. Although it may only be a few minutes, it does have an impact on their start to the school day. There are activities and tasks already set up in classes and children have already started to be 'school ready' from lining up in the hall. Thank you.



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HARVEST FOODBANK

Thank you so much for all your contributions to the school harvest collection for the Uckfield foodbank. 69.08Kg were donated in total which will provide 164 meals.

REMEMBRANCE

The whole school met for 2 minutes silence this morning at 11 o'clock to remember those who had died in war and conflict. High Peaks' class had produced some lovely drawings which they shared during the assembly.



NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Mr Herdman was successful in bidding for funding to get a table tennis table and musical instruments for our school and the local community. He has installed these at Chiddingly and East Hoathly Primary Schools and they have been a great success. We would like to thank him for his hard work developing this project and hope everyone gets a lot of enjoyment both at school and in the community, playing with them.

Please remind your children that the table tennis table is only to be used with a table tennis bat and ball and to not go near it when on bikes or scooters. The instruments are low sounding but please ensure that they are used properly and do not cause disturbance to our neighbours. This shouldn't be an issue if they are used properly. If they do cause distress to our neighbours then their use will be restricted and we will have to look at methods of covering them. Thank you.



LINK SCHOOL

We are supporting a school in Ethiopia through the Link Ethiopia project. This enables us to link learning with children in Ethiopia and learn more about their culture. In return we raise money for their school to support resourcing their learning needs. We have an assembly planned shortly to relaunch this project with the children.

Each year we give our children and families the option of designing a Christmas card to the whole school instead of spending money on cards to send to individuals. These cards are then displayed in the hall so that everyone can read the message. We recommend a minimum donation of £5 for the card poster that can be collected from the school office. If you would like to purchase a card for this cause they will be available in the office from 21st November. Thank you.

CHILDREN IN NEED

You will have received a letter regarding the School Council plans for raising money for Children in Need. Their event is on Wednesday 16th November in the afternoon. The children are invited to dress in spots, yellow or both and donate £1 on this day. Sponsorship forms for the 'Spotty Mile' should now have been sent home so please encourage your children to start raising money. We will attach the letter again with this newsletter. We would be grateful for any cake donations for our cake stall in the afternoon. A separate email will be sent with regards to this. Please bring the cakes in on Wednesday morning. We look forward to seeing as many of you who can make it.



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GOLDEN MILE

We have been successful in an application for a Schools Health Grant from Public Health and one of our projects is called the Golden Mile. This is a new initiative to get all the children participating in active learning using our school and local environment. Premier Sport are facilitating it and will be promoting the Golden Mile in our School. This involves marking out different tracks in school, in the playground, on the field and through the woods so that the children can measure how far they walk, jog and run throughout the year on these tracks. The aim is for each child to cover at least 50 miles over the year. This is logged on a child friendly system so that they can keep a track of their distance and even have competitions with other classes and schools!

Sometimes they will run round the track but it can also be used as part of their learning e.g. walking in pairs sharing ideas, reflecting on learning using talking partners etc. We hope it will enable the children to get out of the classroom more often and also increase their levels of fitness along the way.

We will be introducing the programme to you on 16th November for Children in Need for which you can take part and gain sponsorship. Some children from Years 5 and 6 have become Golden Mile Monitors and will ensure that distances get logged so that everyone can track their progress.

FLU VACCINES

Children in Years 1, 2 and 3 will be having the scheduled flu vaccines on Wednesday 16th November. A letter was sent out about this earlier last term. Please ensure that you notify the school before Wednesday if you **DO NOT** wish your child to have the vaccine, if you haven't already done so. Thank you.

Kind Regards

Rachel West
Headteacher

Diary

November

- 14th – 18th** Anti Bullying Week
- 16th** Flu vaccine for Yrs 1, 2 and 3
Golden Mile launch to parents and Children in Need tea p.m
- 18th** Take Over Day
Cross Country Team at Ringmer 1:30p.m
- 21st** LSA meeting 7:30p.m Roebuck
- 22nd** 2p.m Open Afternoon for those with children starting school in September 2017
- 28th** 9:15 a.m Open Morning for those with children starting school in September 2017
- 29th** KSI and EYFS Michelham Priory trip

December

- 5th** Jungle Class 'Big Sing' -1:15 leaving school. 5:30p.m performance at Winter Gardens
- 6th** Pantomime by Lewes Priory 1:30 at Laughton
- 7th** Dress rehearsal for Infant Nativity
- 9th** Infant Nativity 2p.m
- 13th** LSA Christmas Shop 2-3p.m
- 14th** School Christmas Dinner
- 15th** LSA Christmas Shop 2-3p.m
- 16th** LSA Christmas Shop 2-3p.m
- 19th** Community Concert and Christmas Fayre 1:45p.m.
- 21st** End of term Service 2p.m
Break Up for Christmas

January

- 3rd** INSET
- 4th** Children return to school