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### Term 5 2017 - Week 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the last newsletter for this term which seems to be flying by!

Thank you for all your support in attending parent meetings, workshops and offering help for the LSA and Lion King.

Please can I ask you to ensure that your children are in school to be registered at 8:45 a.m. any children arriving after this are late and this affects our attendance figures. I attended a meeting last week where we were informed that East Sussex has the 3<sup>rd</sup> worst attendance nationally and they are currently working on initiatives to address this. At Laughton we will not be authorising any holidays and fines will be issued if children go beyond 10 consecutive sessions (5 days).

#### ATTENDANCE

	Underwater	Bugs	High Peaks	Jungle
Week 4	95.3%	98.5%	96.5%	97.2%
Week 5	98.4%	98.1%	98.5%	95.9%

Good attendance is 95% = our school target is 96%. Well done High Peaks and Bugs Class.

#### AWARDS

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

**200 points-** Underwater- Rhea and Bea

#### Golden Mile

Silver awards for 25 miles have gone to Lily in High Peaks and xx in Jungle.

**Gold awards which is 50 miles – has gone to Max in High Peaks.**

Well done everyone.

#### ECO GROUP

The Eco Warriors met last week and we took a look at the boiler room and learnt about everything in there that keeps our school warm in the winter and how important it is to get right monitoring to ensure efficiency. We are making positive strides in our aims to lower the amount of electricity and water we use every day and everyone is doing a great job to ensure this continues!

This week's Eco Star awards go to:

Underwater: Rhea - For being enthusiastic and caring about the environment

Bugs: Dan - For always being tidy and helping to look after the classroom

High Peaks: Emma - For collecting pens to recycle in class

Jungle: Tom - For tidying up the classroom.

#### Diary May

26<sup>th</sup> Underwater Cake Sale

#### June

5<sup>th</sup> Violin assembly 10:15a.m

8<sup>th</sup> Whole School Walk with Firle school

12<sup>th</sup> Phonics screening for Year 1's  
Yr 6 cricket at Buxted

15<sup>th</sup> Bugs Cake Sale

19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> Refugees Week

19<sup>th</sup> Yr 4/5 cricket at Buxted

23<sup>rd</sup> Sports Day and picnic

26<sup>th</sup> Visit to County Cricket ground

30<sup>th</sup> High Peaks Cake Sale

#### July

5<sup>th</sup> Community Concert

7<sup>th</sup> Jungle Cake Sale

14<sup>th</sup> Lion King Performance - eve

15<sup>th</sup> Lion King Performance – eve and matinee

17<sup>th</sup> Leaver's Trip

19<sup>th</sup> Leaver's assembly

20<sup>th</sup> Break up for Summer holiday

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Eco Ernie loved being in High Peaks and said the children are looking after their new carpet very well! It was again a tough choice this time round but Eco Ernie is awarded to Bugs class!!! Well done Bugs!

### CRICKET

Miss Mandy has organised for the school to be involved in the following cricket events next term. More details will follow.

Monday 12th June - Year 6 mixed KWIK cricket - Buxted (10-3)

Monday 19th June - Year 4/5 mixed KWIK cricket - Buxted (10-3)

Monday 26th June - Hove County Cricket Ground - schools day and cricket match



### MR HERDMAN EAST SUSSEX CARETAKER OF THE YEAR

We are really delighted to announce that Mr Herdman has won East Sussex Caretaker of the Year award. He was presented with a cup and silver plate in Celebration assembly last week and the press have picked up on the story.

Mr Herdman has done so much to improve our learning environment from painting and recycling fences and benches to raising successful bids for the music equipment and table tennis table on the playground. He instigated and led the Heritage Day with his renovation of the school clock project and is constantly looking at ways to improve the site for the children. It is well deserved and we are very proud of his achievement. Please follow the link below to read the article.

<http://news.eastsussex.gov.uk/2017/05/15/passionate-fund-raiser-paul-is-countys-top-caretaker/>

### PARTNERSHIP

The teachers have met to discuss and plan science teaching. They have also had a staff meeting on assessment for learning strategies and how to make plenaries within and at the end of the lesson more effective.

We are in the process of moderating assessments together to ensure we agree on outcomes. Miss Mandy has been working with the maths co-ordinator at Firle to look through maths books across all years and see what we do well and what we need to further develop.

The school football team played against Firle in the tournament in Seaford this week. They did extremely well and reached the semi-finals.

The football coach at Firle is keen to set up another tournament in term 6 so we hope to play them again then.



### SCHOOL WALK

You should have received a letter yesterday by email about a whole school walk up to Firle Beacon on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June, with the children and parents of Firle School. It will be a great event to meet each other and take our minds off the election! Please return consent forms by Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May so that we can order the correct amount of school packed lunches. Thank you.

If anyone has a 4 wheel drive and can help out on the day with pit stops please let me know.

### SAT's

The children in Year 6 had their statutory assessments for Reading, Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation and Maths last week. They worked incredibly hard for these challenging tests and we were very proud of their effort and focus.

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I would like to thank all of you who attended the booster group sessions to support your child and to staff who gave up time after school to support and advise. In particular, I would like to thank Miss Mandy for all she has done in preparing the children as they were very calm throughout the week. The writing assessments will be submitted by teacher assessment towards the end of June so booster sessions for writing will continue into term 6.

### **VIOLINS ASSEMBLY**

On Monday June 5<sup>th</sup> there will be a violin assembly where children who have lessons already will perform to the rest of the school and Mr Smith will be recruiting new musicians. If you would be interested in your child starting violin, or would like to come to watch the assembly it will start at 10:15a.m

### **REFUGEES WEEK**

We will be supporting Refugees Week - 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Mrs Dann is planning with the teachers to have a daily focus on this topic through the week. If you would be interested in supporting it in any way please speak to Mrs Dann, thank you.

### **BAGS2SCHOOL**

Thank you for all your bags we raised £100.

### **SPORTS DAY**

Our School Sports Day is planned for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. This will be led by our Year 6 children and they will run a series of field events for all the other year groups. The winning team will receive a cup and awards will be given for sportsmanship. The event will start at 10 a.m and afterwards we will have a family picnic on the field. You will be able to take your child/ren home after this. Provision will be in place in school for those who can't go home after the picnic. More details will follow in a separate letter but we want you to be aware of the date and the earlier end to the school day.

### **CHARTWELLS EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

We are delighted that Anne French our school kitchen assistant has been awarded the Employee of the month for Chartwells. She was nominated by our school cook for her hard work and for knowing the children so well. Well done Mrs French.

### **CHARITY DONATION**

Grace in Year 3 made a massive gesture to charity by having her hair cut off to be made into a wig. After watching Little Women, Grace asked for her hair to be cut into a bob 'just like Jo!' She wanted to donate the cut hair to The Little Princess charity.



### **POLICIES**

We have recently reviewed the following school policies. Please follow the hyperlink or visit the school website to view them.

[Behaviour](#) [Handwriting](#) [Homework](#) [Lettings](#)

### **WRITING WORKSHOP**

Thank you to all those who could make our EYFS and KS1 writing workshop today. We hope you found lots of interesting ways in encouraging your child to practise the cursive form.

Kind Regards, Rachel West Headteacher

