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Term 1 2017-2018 - Week 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all those who have made it to the Meet the Teacher sessions and parent forums e.t.c we hope you found these useful in learning more about life in school.

Next week on **Friday 29th** we have our **MacMillan Coffee afternoon from 2p.m in the Hall**. The School Council will be serving cakes and the LSA are helping with refreshments. We do hope to see as many of you as possible to raise money for this worthy cause.

ATTENDANCE

	Underwater	Bugs	High Peaks	Jungle
Week 2	98.6%	100%	98.3%	98%

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

Congratulations to Bugs Class who had Attendance Bear for the week.

REWARDS

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

400 points- Bugs- Alice

500 points- Jungle- Emily

1200 points- Jungle – Fraser, Maisy

Golden Mile

Gold award for 50 miles has gone to Louie S in High Peaks.

STAFFING

We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Felicity Candogan will be joining our staff as a TA and MDSA. She will be working in Underwater on Mondays and in High Peaks for the rest of the week. Mrs Candogan has already met the children as she came into school last week to assist with Forest School in Year 4.

FOREST SCHOOL

All children in yrs 1-6 will have a 6 week programme of Forest School this year run by Mrs Dann. The LSA have kindly donated a £100 budget to purchase resources so that there is no cost to parents.

The proposed sessions are as follows

Term 1- Year 4

Term 2- Year 3

Term 3- Year 5

Term 4 -Year 2

Term 5- Year 1

Term 6- Year 6

Diary September

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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LONG HAIR

Just a quick reminder that any children with long hair (shoulder length or longer) should have it tied up for school. This is part of the school uniform policy.

PARENT FORUM

Thank you to those who were able to come to our forum on Tuesday. We discussed items that parents would like to know more about and suggestions were made about which workshops would be helpful to give more information about children's learning. These included a SAT's meeting for yr 6 parents, an IT workshop where the children showed what they learnt on l pads, laptops and how to code roamers and Beebots, further information on e-safety and a workshop on healthy eating and nutrition for children.

We also had a discussion on improving sport by having trials for teams and introducing more opportunities for sport. We will have 'Sport' as our agenda item for our next parent forum as would like to hear more views and ideas on how we can improve this at Laughton. We also hope to provide a social parent coffee morning for parents just to chat and get to know each other. This will be later in term 1, younger children will be able to attend too.

E-Safety

We are hoping to keep you up to date with e-safety news by putting a link to e safety information on the newsletter. This week I am directing you to the NSPCC online safety page to find out more about playing games online.

[Online safety- NSPCC](#)

PARTNERSHIP

This week staff met to write their subject leader action plans so that we can share resources and provide some further opportunities for the children to work together. Jungle Class have a topic day planned with Firle on 10th October and we have a football tournament with Firle and Alfriston next Thursday from 9:30-11:30 at Laughton. We have sent letters by email to inform you of Firle's request to explore a federation and you will have had the notes on the meeting sent in a separate e mail.

ECO WARRIORS

We have just received an email with this news....

Congratulations on achieving your Eco-Schools Bronze Award

For our achievements in promoting energy efficiency and being green

Well done to Mr Herdman, Mrs Pratt and their team of Eco warriors.

Last year we had a great set of Eco Warriors who did a tremendous job in helping make our school more eco aware! This year we are looking at recruiting a new group to work with. Mr Herdman spoke to the entire school in assembly last Friday and explained what the Eco Warriors do and what a high standard the new Eco Warriors will have to reach following last year's group. This year, instead of being chosen, the children have been asked to apply for the post. Each class have a pile of application forms to fill out, which when completed should either go to the office or posted in the green Eco suggestion box in the hall. The two best applicants from each class will form our new Eco Warrior group. Our Eco meetings last year were held fortnightly at 8.15am in the hall and we supplied free breakfast to all the children. We would be looking at a similar arrangement this year. If your child is interested in being an Eco Warrior please ask your class teacher for a form or speak to Mr Herdman.



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UNIVERSITY RESEARCH

We have been asked by Sussex University if we would like to take part in a research project they are carrying out to do with gender and diversity. I have attached the information about it with this newsletter. It is an exciting piece of research to find out how children perceive voices and occupations in regard to gender.

I will be sending out further letters next week for permission from parents for their child/ren to take part.

The school will also receive a small amount of funding for each study. This will go towards class resources.

PARENT PAY

Please can you not ask your child to order a school dinner if you don't have sufficient funds in your Parent Pay account. Our school cook is increasingly put in a difficult position when her company ask her why there are arrears on accounts. The account must be in credit. If you have any difficulty in accessing Parent Pay, please contact them directly to get help to set it up. Children in KS1 and EYFS continue to have free school meals so this only applies to parents in KS2.

SCHOOL CENSUS

Thursday 5th October is school census day and there will be a special dinner menu of Fish Fingers or veggie lasagne with chips, designed to be especially popular with children. The more children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 that have a school dinner that day, the more funding the school receives. Dinners are free for all children in Underwater and Bugs so please let them have a school dinner that day if possible – it really helps us. Thank you in advance for your cooperation

SCHOOL ACCESS

We are experiencing a high number of children and parents accessing the school before 8.45am and after school has finished. Please can we remind you that people should not be coming into school and classrooms before 8.45am as this is the time when staff are trying to prepare themselves for the day.

Please remind children to go to the toilet as they come out at 3pm, if you are planning on staying to play outside.

There are a great deal of children trying to come in through the front door after 3pm and there is not always somebody in the office to let them in and out, or monitor them in the building. Once school has ended at 3pm, unless children are attending an after school club with a designated adult supervisor, they should not be re-entering the building. Thank you.

SCHOOL ROUTINES

Now that we have settled into the school routine there will be information sent home on various occasions either by email or hard copy. Please ensure that your child comes to school each day with a book bag to bring anything home.

Children also need a water bottle in school every day, kept separate from their book bag to avoid spills.

Please could I remind parents to ensure that all your child's belongings are clearly labelled to avoid confusion. We already have quite a collection of unnamed items heading into lost property.

All information sent home is available on the school website. Thank you

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WRITERS WORKSHOP

This Thursday, 4 children from Jungle class were chosen to attend creative writing workshops at Ringmer Academy, led by the children's poet Brian Moses. Megan, Fraser, Finley and Isabelle B joined some Year 6 children from Firle, Alfriston, Ringmer, as well as a group of Year 7 children from Ringmer Academy, to enjoy a day of stretching their minds and exploring language. They created a number of different poems, including a love letter to an alien, and were able to share their ideas throughout the day. The children behaved brilliantly and were a credit to Laughton. Brian Moses has a blog set up containing ideas for getting children writing if anybody wants to search up any good ideas: brian-moses.blogspot.co.uk

It was really funny when he asked us to do an alien love poem and when he read out one that another child had written. It was a very useful day because it helped be more creative and imaginative with things that I was writing. (Izzie B)

I think it was a really good experience because I got used to secondary school and got to meet a very famous poet. I think the workshops gave me lots of new ideas to start new pieces of writing. (Finley)



LSA

We would like to welcome more people into our LSA meetings and wanted to know which time people would prefer. Please could you let me know which times you would prefer?

After drop off



Before pick up



Evening



Kind Regards
Rachel West
Headteacher