

news

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Term 5 2017 - Week 3

Dear Parents and Carers.

It has been a very busy term already in school. The year 3's are enjoying their swimming lessons, the Lion King has lots of parents coming forward with skills they can offer the children and classes are working very hard as they prepare for end of key stage assessments.

Next week the Year 6 children will be doing their SAT's. These are national tests in reading, maths and grammar, spelling and punctuation. The teacher assessment on their writing is submitted towards the end of June. All of them have been brilliant in their focus and have a good understanding of the types of questions they will be asked. We wish them calm and success for the week. The tests are a snapshot of performance on the day and teacher assessments are collected in June which give a more informed account of where they are in meeting age related expectations. We are extremely proud of them for the progress they have made and their positive attitude and effort.

ATTENDANCE

	Underwater	Bugs	High Peaks	Jungle
Week I	<mark>100%</mark>	99.5%	93.3%	99.6%
Week 2	96.8%	<mark>98.1</mark> %	91.5%	97.5%
Week 3	98.7%	<mark>99.5</mark> %	96.2%	97.2%

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

AWARDS

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

100 points- Underwater- Dora and Jove

300 points- High Peaks – Joey

700 points- High Peaks - Thomas

800 points- High Peaks - Jessica

Jungle- Harry

900 points- Jungle- Sammy

1100 points- Jungle- Megan, Maisy

Golden Mile

Bronze awards have gone to Mrs Dann who has achieved 10 miles! Silver awards for 25 miles have gone to Tom, Rhea, Delilah and Arlo in Underwater, Hamish, Ebony, Jessica, Rowan, Andrew, Genevieve, Callie, Caspar, Frazer in High Peaks and Fraser, Luc, Scarlett, Jia, Sammy, Libbi, Finley and Maisy in Jungle.

Gold awards which is 50 miles – our target for the end of the academic year! Go to Josh and Thomas in High Peaks.

Well done everyone.

Diary

May

8th- 12th KS2 SAT's week

12th LSA Plant sale and Preschool Cake

Sale

26th Underwater Cake Sale

June

12th Phonics screening for Year 1's

15th Bugs Cake Sale

19th--23rd Refugees Week

23rd Sports Day and picnic 30th High Peaks Cake Sale

July

5th Community Concert

7th Jungle Cake Sale

14th Lion King Performance - eve

 15^{th} Lion King Performance – eve and

matinee

17th Leaver's Trip

19th Leaver's assembly

20th Break up for Summer holiday



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PARENT MEETING

Thank you very much to all those who were able to attend our parent meeting on Tuesday night about partnerships and the future direction for our school. Notes from the meeting will be emailed to everyone.

BAGS2SCHOOL

Thank you for all your bags to help raise funds for the LSA. I will let you know how much we raised when we hear how much it all weighed.



ECO GROUP BISCUIT WRAPPER RECYCLING

As well as running our successful pen recycling scheme which gives the school Ip for each pen recycled, we have signed up for another recycling scheme where biscuit wrappers of any brand can be recycled. Again the school gets Ip for every wrapper brought in and there is a blue box to pop them, in the front entrance near the fish tank. The accepted waste is:

- Any brand of non-savoury biscuit wrappers (ie choc digestives, custard creams etc.)
- Any brand of multi pack biscuits (ie club, penguin etc.)
- Any range of McVities nibbles' pouch

Please bring your recycling into school and do your bit for the planet as well as raise money for the school!

PARTNERSHIP

This term we have had joint staff meetings with Firle on Science and Computing. The teachers have been planning joint topics for the future to see how they can work together, sharing resources, planning and providing opportunities for the children to learn with each other.

We now share our subject leads and have specific support from Firle's Maths lead as Miss Mandy takes on this role for Laughton.

Both schools will be taking part in the Alfriston football Tournament in a couple of weeks and we want to increase this opportunity for sporting events over term 6.

PARENT PAY

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

GARDENING

If any parents who are keen gardeners, would like to come in and work with some of the children at lunchtime please contact the school office. Mrs Durrant is particularly keen to get the beds sorted outside Underwater classroom. Sara Mc Gowan has kindly been carrying out this role and we would like to build a team of volunteers. Thank you.





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SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS

We are collecting Sainsbury's vouchers in the box outside the office. Please ask family and friends for theirs if they have any and if you're really brave, the person in front of you in the queue (if they don't want them of course!)

E SAFETY

We have attached the guidance from our parent workshop with this newsletter.

CENSUS DAY

On Thursday 18th May we have a school census day. This affects the way in which we access our funding. It would be great if can you encourage your child in EYFS and KS1 to have a school dinner on this day as we receive funding for infant free school meals which is based on the numbers from these data collections. Thank you.

NEW DEFIBRILATOR

We are delighted that through the hard work of members of the community and one of our governors Suki Stokes, we now have a community defibrillator on the external wall of the school near reception. This is for anyone to access in an emergency.

PLAY AREAS

Please can I remind you that the playground is supervised from 8:30 a.m and the member of staff is not responsible for children going into the fenced play areas. If you bring your child into school and they go in these areas can you stand next to the area. A number of children are going in with another adult watching them. If you do this, please check with their parent that they are happy for you to have this responsibility. Thank you.



LSA

Jane Alford has been a fabulous treasurer for the LSA for the last 6 years but she has decided to step down at the AGM this summer and give someone else a go before she leaves the playground for good next year. No qualification is needed for this job except the ability to add and subtract, and a willingness to engage. An enjoyment of counting money would be an asset! Jane is happy to talk to anyone who might be interested in the position to give them more information. Jane, thank you for all your hard work over the last 6 years.

Bring and Buy Plant Sale - Friday 12 May - 3pm

If you are spending time in the garden could you please remember that the annual LSA plant sale is coming up. Start putting things in pots or saving spare plants, seedlings, cuttings etc ready to bring them along on the day. All plants accepted, veg, flowers, fruit, trees - everything is popular.

Next LSA Meeting - Tuesday 9 May - 7.30pm at The Roebuck

There are plenty of exciting things coming up this term - not just cake sales! The up and coming performance of The Lion King in particular will be on the agenda so please come along if you can and support Ruth and the school in the build-up. Any other items for the agenda to Corina or Margaux in advance of the meeting please.

Kind Regards, Rachel West Headteacher