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Term 4 2023- Week 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children are really embracing their new topics and I have seen some lovely work going up in classrooms. It has been a busy start to the term across the federation and there are plenty more events coming up, so please make a note of any relevant dates. Next week we have STEM week, which is always an exciting opportunity for lots of hands on learning and exploring related to previous topics. This week always provides a range of experiences to promote inquisitive and collaborative learning. The theme of this year's STEM week is 'Connections to Our Planet'.

The science ambassadors will be revealing a competition for children in the assembly of Monday, when STEM week will be launched.

Whilst we are all hopeful that Spring is just around the corner, this week has proved that the weather is still far from warm and dry. Please remember to send your child in with a coat every day as we continue to have outside playtimes, even in the drizzle.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **Jungle Class** who had an attendance of **98.5%** last week and to **High Peaks** who had the highest attendance this week.

REWARDS

Congratulations to the following children who have received their next Pupil Point certificates.

100 Points	High Peaks:
200 Points	Underwater: Arthur, Emily, Rudi, Rupert, Spencer, Tallulah, William
300 Points	High Peaks: Rafe
700 Points	High Peaks: Isla
900 Points	Jungle: Alice
1300 Points	Jungle: Isabella
1500 Points	Jungle: Ava

STRIKE ACTION

As you may know the NEU are carrying out industrial action on **Wednesday 15th** and **Thursday 16th March**. We have tried to reduce the disruption to families and have remained open all day, for all classes, for the previous 2 days of action. However due to lack cover next week, there will be different arrangements for specific classes. If your class is affected by the closures, then you will receive a separate class email.

Diary

March 2023

Monday 13 th	Underwater and Bugs Welly Walk
Monday 13 th	Y6 SATs Booster Session
Tuesday 14 th	KSI Trip to Hove Synagogue
Tuesday 14 th	School Library Sessions
Thursday 16 th	Year 1 Forest School
Thursday 16 th	LSA Mother's Day
Thursday 16 th	Y4 Swimming
Friday 17 th	Red Nose Day
Friday 17 th	LSA Mother's Day
Monday 20 th	Underwater and Bugs Welly Walk
Monday 20 th	Y6 SATs Booster Session
Tuesday 21 st	CLASS+ Coffee and Chat session
Tuesday 21 st	School Library Sessions
Thursday 23 rd	Year 1 Forest School
Thursday 23 rd	Y4 Swimming
Monday 27 th	Y6 SATs Booster Session
Monday 27 th	Dance/Gym club free taster
Tuesday 28 th	School Library Sessions
Wednesday 29 th	Easter Working with Others Day
Thursday 30 th	Year 1 Forest School
Thursday 30 th	Y4 Swimming
Friday 31 st	Last day of term 4

April 2023

Tuesday 17 th	Children return to school – Term 5
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BUGS AND UNDERWATER CLASS WELLY WALKS

Please note, there is no welly walk on **Monday 27th March**.

UNDERWATER CLASS LEARNING SHARE

All Underwater Class parents and carers are invited to share our learning. Please note that this term's event will be a picnic in the woods, from **1.15pm on Tuesday 28th March**.

WORLD BOOK DAY

The theme for World Book Day this year was **"You Are a Reader"**. Children and staff really embraced the day by either dressing up as their favourite book character, or turned up for class in their PJ's and shared a book they love to read at bedtime. We also had some lovely opportunities for classes to pair up and share books together with different year groups.

A huge thank you to everybody who donated books to the library and for donating cakes for the bake sale, which raised a fantastic £45 for the library.

Our wonderful librarians put together a world book day activity and the following people were chosen at random and won a £5 book voucher. George T (Bugs) Sophie (High Peaks) – We hope you enjoy spending your voucher! We wanted to encourage a love of reading and would like to say thank you to everybody who supported us.



MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL LIBRARY TEAM

Thank you to everyone who donated books to the library last week; we are looking forward to adding them to the library stock and sharing them with the children. Thank you also to everyone who donated and bought cakes last week; this will help us buy some new library books.

Well done to all the children who completed the activity sheets and congratulations to those who received book tokens for their entries. We loved reading your answers!



RED NOSE DAY

Red Nose Day is on **Friday 17th March**. The School Council got together today to discuss some fantastic fundraising ideas. Therefore, we are inviting everybody to participate in any of the following, if they wish:

Dress up in red clothing in return for a £1 donation. This could be home clothes, fancy dress or pyjamas. Children can also have their face painted and/or come to school with some funky red hair.

Creative arts competition – 50p to enter

Design your own red nose using the template we will provide children with, and label the design with the materials used to make it. If designing is not your child's preference then we also have the option to write a short story about a Red Nose Adventure.

We also hope to have red noses for sale in school and will confirm this early next week,

KSI TRIP TO BRIGHTON AND HOVE PROGRESSIVE SYNAGOGUE

As part of our RE focus this term, we have booked a trip for the Year 1 and Year 2 children to Brighton and Hove Progressive Synagogue. They will be joined by the KSI classes from Firle. At the synagogue, pupils will explore the Torah, make connections to the Christian Bible, and explore traditional Jewish food e.g. Challah. Pupils will have the opportunity to draw features of a synagogue and make comparisons to the features of a church.

If you haven't done so already please make sure payment and permission forms are returned by Monday morning as we need to order packed lunches from the kitchen.

RE DAY

During our RE days this term, we learnt about the Jewish Festivals Shabbat, Rosh Hashanah, and Yom Kippur. We reflected on our learning of Jewish festivals and applied it to our own experience of celebrations and festivals and family rituals.

FOCUS 5K FUNDRAISING EVENT, KS2, SUNDAY 14TH MAY 2023

Calling all runners: - we would like at least one team to represent our federation and to raise money for our chosen charity, Chailey Heritage Foundation. Each team needs to have 5 entrants, of the same year group, with a team leader that can either be a member of staff or a parent/carer. I (Emma Ricca) will be a leader for one team - unless there is a very keen parent/carer who would like to take this role instead of me. The cost of entry is £50 per team.



Please let the office know if you are interested in taking part.
Emma Ricca

CLASS + COFFEE AND CHAT SESSIONS

The next CLASS+ Coffee and Chat session at Laughton will be on **Tuesday 21st March, 9am – 10:30am**. These sessions are for parents and carers of an autistic child (or a child who is on the autism pathway) to meet, talk and share information or ideas with other parents/carers.

Please see the attached poster with more dates and locations. There is no need to book, just turn up.

HOLIDAY CLUBS

Please see the attached flyer from Premier Sport regarding their upcoming Easter holiday clubs, with details on how to book a place.

FAMILY GRAPEVINE

The **Eastbourne, Wealden & Lewes Family Grapevine WINTER 2022/23 digital issue** is now available online! It is a one stop directory of things to do for family with children from bump to teen. The magazine lists activities, places to visit & events taking place this spring/summer. It also feature 4 fantastic competitions for a chance of winning some fabulous prizes, from days out to a family camping weekend, as well as the chance to win copies of a lovely book!

It is available to view online and to download here: <https://thefamilygrapevine.co.uk/eastbourne-wealden-lewes/see-a-copy/>

FRIENDS OF LAUGHTON NEWS

The upcoming LSA events for this term are:

- **Mother's Day Shop - Thursday 16th and Friday 17th March** - All children have the opportunity to visit the shop and buy presents for their friends and family. All presents will be £2 each. Any volunteers to help on either day are also most welcome, please just let one of the LSA know. **As ever, any donations for the shop are gratefully received - please leave with the school office or give to a member of the LSA. Please ensure that any donations do not contain alcohol.**
- **Underwater Bake Sale** - Thursday 23rd March - Any donations of bakes and helpers are much appreciated.

Kind regards

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown