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Term 5 2020-2021 - Week 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend, it's hard to believe we are in May already!

It has been a busy week in school and despite the cold weather we have still managed to have our assemblies, lunches and many lessons outside. The children are really enjoying having face to face assemblies again and being able to see the whole school, sat in bubbles, from a distance.

Please make sure your child has a coat in school each day, even when it is sunny weather, thank you.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to High Peaks for their attendance of **99.3%** last week and to Bugs class for their attendance of **100%** this week. Please note that if children are self-isolating, they do not affect our attendance as they are recorded as learning from home

REWARDS

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

100 Points- **Jungle:** Henry W
200 Points – **Underwater:** Ivy
300 Points – **Underwater:** Isla
400 Points – **Underwater:** Kellan
500 Points – **Jungle:** Rupert
600 Points – **Bugs:** Thea, Bryce **High Peaks:** Hannah
700 Points – **Bugs:** Daisy
800 Points – **High Peaks:** Tom
900 Points – **High Peaks:** Bea
1000 Points – **Jungle:** Dizzy
1400 Points – **Jungle:** Alice

SCHOOL DROP OFF & PICK UP

Please can we remind you all that the staff carpark is in use at all times. We have had incidents this week where children are running between vehicles. Please could we ask you to speak with your child/ren about the importance of safety whilst waiting for the gates to open. When collecting children, please can we ask you to meet your child/ren from the school gates rather than waiting in vehicles and leaving children to walk out on their own. This is for the safety of the children, particularly younger siblings who may not be road safety aware. Thank you.

WATER BOTTLES

Please could you make sure that water bottles are cleaned and refilled before arriving at school. Mornings are very busy in class and having to do this at school is taking a lot of time for staff.

Diary

May

12th Forest School (Year 1 & 4)
19th Forest School (Year 1 & 4)
19th LSA- Second hand uniform shop
26th Forest School (Year 1 & 4)
28th LSA wear your home clothes for £1 day
28th Last day of term

June

7th Children return to school
9th Forest School (Year 2 & 5)
16th Forest School (Year 2 & 5)
16th Father's Day shop
22nd Snappy Opera performance- Jungle class
23rd Forest School (Year 5)
30th Forest School (Year 3 & 6)

July

7th Forest School (Year 3 & 6)
14th Forest School (Year 6)

ECO UPDATE

Gosh it feels like we have had every single type of weather the last few weeks... we have gone from snow to blistering sunshine to gale force winds! Must be time for the British summer! In our last Eco meeting the Eco Warriors got their litter pickers out and we went around the field collecting everything in sight and reach. We managed to pick up an incredible whole bin bag full in just 15 minutes! Every piece of plastic that becomes litter is dangerous to wildlife and we are proud to make sure we are doing our bit. We will look at doing more litter picks in the future. We have also just sent off our latest collection of crisps packets which weighed over 10kg! Well done everyone and keep them coming in.

Eco Ernie was awarded to High Peaks for excellent recycling.

Mr Herdman

MAHOGONY OPERA

We are delighted to welcome Mahogany Opera to Laughton CP School who have created a Snappy Opera called the 'Magical Music Tree', which Jungle class will be performing.

A 'Snappy Opera' is a ten-minute opera for children which introduces all the essential elements of opera – singing, acting and making – in fun, colourful and bite-sized chunks. Mahogany Opera has commissioned some of the UK's top composers and writers to create Snappy Operas with children from across the UK- by working directly with young people to develop the stories and characters.

The children will be exploring the key elements of opera through a series of workshops. They will learn to sing safely, combine music and movement and also design and create their own props and costumes.

Over the coming weeks, Jungle class will take part in workshops and rehearsals to develop their knowledge, skills and confidence before they are joined by a small orchestra to perform their opera on stage, in line with local restrictions, on Tuesday 22nd June.

This opportunity has been funded by the Villages Music Festival and is a fantastic opportunity for the children involved.

"The opera was very exciting and enjoyable and even though there were lots of lines to learn everyone had a great time. There were lots of different roles to play and it was very fun to pretend to be the different characters" Orlando

"It was fun and I enjoyed doing something different. My character was a hunter and near the end all the fish, Dodo and Unicorn were all sleeping and we walked around them with imaginary bows. I really enjoyed it" Flynn

PATINA DREAM TEAM TOURNAMENT

Well done to Louie S, Josh C, Rupert, George, Flynn W, Flossy, Rose and Louis N who all represented Laughton in the Patina Dream Team Football tournament last week. You did so well and we are very proud of you all. A huge thank you to Gemma (Rupert's mum) for organising a team.

"Sadly we lost but we had lots of fun. The winners were Walland's team, Tree Nil. We played well as a team and Louis scored an epic goal!" Rupert

"We did fairly well working as a team and we tried our best. We had lots of fun doing the tournament" Flossy

The results are as follows:

Wolfpack **4-1** Mighty Acorns

Oak R Ok **1-0** Mighty Acorns

Piggies **1-0** Mighty Acorns

Wilderness Wanderers **4-2** Mighty Acorns

Despite the score sheet, the team improved with every game and showed real determination and resilience. It was



utterly wonderful to be part of a sporting event involving 14 different teams from the Lewes district. Congratulations to the whole team!
Gemma (Rupert's mum)

Census Day and UIFSM – Thursday 20th May 2021

On Thursday 20th May 2021, it is national School Census Day and in an effort to increase the uptake of the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) on that day, the menu theme will be a taste of America: Beef burgers or veggie hot dogs. There will also be a jacket potato on offer on this day. Please see the attached menu for your information.

Census Day is when the Local Authorities collect information electronically from every school in their area, partly to guide them in planning and funding. They collect details such as pupil numbers, numbers of pupils with Special Educational Needs, entitled to Pupil Premium funding, entitled to Free School Meals, attendance information and so forth. One thing in particular they are looking at this term is the number of children taking the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM), to provide schools with appropriate funding for this service such as utility costs.

To maximise our potential funding, we would encourage all families with children entitled to UIFSM to enjoy their free meal on Thursday 20th May, rather than bringing a packed lunch that day.

It is the number of children in Key Stage One **eating** the free meal on the actual day's lunchtime that informs our funding, rather than meals ordered for that day or children attending school. Pupils who bring a packed lunch from home unfortunately are not able to be included, nor are children who normally take UIFSM, but who are absent on 20th May.

Once again, we encourage as many as possible to commit to eating the UIFSM on Thursday that week; this will record those children as having eaten on Census Day and therefore count towards the total Government funding that will be allocated to our school for UIFSM for a whole year.

Hopefully it will also create some enthusiasm amongst the children who don't normally take the meals and lead to more of them eating over the rest of the school year.

Thank you for your continued support.

HOLIDAY CLUB

Please see attached information from Premier Sport regarding a holiday camp over the half term, and how to book a place.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Thank you to all those who took part in our breakfast club survey, we have analysed the results and are looking into staffing to see what we may be able to offer.

LSA NEWS

Firstly we would like to say a massive thank you to Gemma, Sarah, Gemma, Ellie, Jo, and Nicky for all their hard work. You may or may not be aware the LSA held their AGM last week and as a collective decided this would be an ideal opportunity for a 'makeover.'

The new committee is as follows:

Chair - Natalie (Ruby's mum, YR1 Underwater)
Vice Chair - Katy (Bea's mum, YR1 Bugs)
Secretary - Kirsty (Toby's mum, YR1 Underwater)
Treasurer - Sarah (Pippa's mum, YR2 Bugs)

We are full of enthusiasm and ready for the challenge.

We are also looking for some class reps, less scary than it sounds! This is basically a point of contact for ourselves in each year to help spread the word of upcoming events on your year group WhatsApp groups, that's it!

Lastly, a call out for helpers. We would love to have as many of you as possible become 'Friends of Laughton' that can help as and when you can. Watch this space for more dates/ news from 'Friends of Laughton' on behalf of the LSA. Thank you.

Natalie.

Sarah and Gemma would like to thank the following LSA committee members for all their help and support during our time as Joint Chairs of the LSA.

Vice Chairs: Gemma C and Ellie

Treasurer: Jo-ann

Secretary: Kirsty

Catering Co-ordinator: Nicky

Also, a big thank you to everyone who has helped the LSA raise funds for the school in the last 2 and a half years - we couldn't have done it without you! We wish the new committee all the best in their new roles.
Sarah

LSA KEY DATES

Wednesday 19th May

Second hand uniform shop after drop off and pick up (also ideal time to drop off any second hand items)

Friday 28th May

Own clothes day (last day of term)

Wednesday 16th June

Father's Day shop. Any donations would be much appreciated and remember at least 5 of same item please.

Underwater



As part of 'A Country Garden' topic learning, Underwater Class have been comparing a country garden to a farm: what's the same and what's different? We invited Farmer Chris and Farmer Grace (Florence's parents) to visit us and answer our questions about their farm, and we then had a chance to climb into the cab of their tractor!

Bugs



"We got to draw and paint the kingfisher and adder" Bonnie
"We have been learning about The Lost Words. We have been painting flowers" Bryce
"We've been looking at plants and how fruit and vegetables grow. We looked at seeds in food and got to try some. It was good!" Ellie



"We had fun in the woods, we looked at bluebells up closely and sketched a picture of them. When we got back, we painted them, it was very, very fun!" Esta
"We added some soil to pots and planted sunflower seeds. I really hope I get the red velvet sunflower" Nancy



High Peaks

High Peaks class tasting Mrs Candogan's Blackberry Jam and hunting for plant parts in Laughton Woods.



Jungle

Snappy Opera Rehearsals with Jungle class.



Kind Regards

Rachel West, Vicki Brown