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Term 3 2017 - Week 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term has gone very quickly and the children have worked really hard despite there being quite a lot of illness.

ATTENDANCE

	Underwater	Bugs	High Peaks	Jungle
Week 4	88.9%	96.5%	95.6%	<mark>100%</mark>
Week 5	85.3%	96.2%	97%	<mark>97.1%</mark>

Good attendance is 95% = our school target is 96%. well done Jungle Class.

AWARDS

The following children have received their pupil point awards in assembly: 100 points- Underwater- Maya, Kit, Delilah, Rhea, Isabella, Arlo, Bea 300 points- Underwater- Rose 700 points- Jungle – Sam

Golden Mile Bronze awards have gone to Max, Josh, Thomas, Hamish and Flynn in High Peaks and Delilah in Underwater. They have already achieved 10 miles! Well done.

PARENT PAY

Please note that you are not allowed to go into debt on Parent pay for school dinners. A number of reminders have gone out his week so please make sure you have topped up your account. If your child does not have sufficient funds in the account to pay for the meal you will be asked to provide a packed lunch for them. Thank you.

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING

Parent Consultation evenings will take place on Tuesday 28th February 3:20-5:30 and Thursday 2nd March 3:30-8:00pm. The signing up sheets for Parent consultations will be available in the foyer by the school office from Wednesday 8th February. Jungle Parents have had the opportunity to meet previously with Miss Hayes and Miss Mandy so they do not need to sign up. Miss Mandy will be available for a 'drop in' chat on the Thursday session until 4:30p.m if you would like to see her about anything.

STAFFING

Miss Simpson who has been with us since September 2016 will be leaving next Friday. She has worked across the classes and has also been a MDSA 3 days a week. We would like to thank her for all her enthusiasm in her time here and wish her luck in her future roles.

We have a TA and MDSA position that is currently being advertised. A copy of the details is available on our school website under vacancies.

In term 4 Mrs Miller will start working 2 days a week at Firle Church of England Primary School. This is a temporary position until the end of the academic year. Mrs Clark will work 3 days in the school office. Mrs Miller will hold the role of School Business Manager across both schools.



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WORLD BOOK DAY



World Book day is on Thursday 2nd March, however we will be celebrating it on **Wednesday I**st **March** as we have PE on Thursdays and Welly Walk and Forest School on Fridays.

ECO WARRIORS

The Eco warriors had their first meeting on Wednesday when they decided their name. They will be getting their badges in assembly on

Friday and will be introducing 'Eco Ernie' pictured here. Do ask your children about him!



PARTNERSHIP



The teachers of Firle and Laughton held a shared staff meeting to discuss and plan together for English lessons, using good quality texts to develop the key skills of reading, spelling, grammar, punctuation and extended writing.

The teachers are now sharing subject leadership roles across both schools so that they can share the workload and gain from each other's specialist knowledge. This has already has a positive impact on sharing training and leading staff meetings.

The teachers from Laughton have also been attending joint moderation meetings for English and maths with other schools in and around Lewes. This is very beneficial as it helps us compare standards across schools and ensures our standards remain in line with other schools.

THE LION KING KIDS



We are very excited that in July, children in Key Stage 2 will be putting on a production of The Lion King Kids as part of their topic 'What a Performance'. This week, the children took part in a taster workshop during which they danced, sang and acted. Lots of fun was had by all and the children are already looking forward to working on this production after Easter. Auditions for The Lion King Kids will be held at the end of March and more information about those will be sent out shortly. However, in the meantime, we are looking for help with the staging of the production. If you, or anyone you know, has skills or equipment which could help with staging, lighting, sound, set design and building, props making, mask making, costumes etc, please could

you let us know as soon as possible. In particular, we are looking for some scaffolding for the production so if anyone has access to scaffolding or has contacts in companies who might be able to sponsor the production by providing scaffolding to us, please let us know as soon as possible. The production is being coordinated by Ruth Lilley (Mum of Megan, year 5 and Tom, year 3). Please get in touch with Ruth direct (<u>ruth.lilley@gmail.com</u>) or via the school office if you think you can help in any way. All offers of help are welcome no matter how big or small. Thank you! Ruth



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LAUGHTON'S GOT TALENT

We have had a fantastic response to Laughton's Got Talent this year with over 30 Acts wanting to take part in the final on Saturday 18 March. We will be running heats on Thursday 23 February for key stage 2 and Friday 24 February for key stage 1 to decide which of the Acts will make it through to the final. If your child has told us that they would like to take part in Laughton's Got Talent, you should have received a second form asking for more details about their act, including details of any backing tracks required. Please fill in the form and return it to the school office, along with the entry fee of $\pounds I$ per Act, by Monday 6 February. If you haven't received the form, please let Mrs Miller know and she will be able to give you a copy. Thank you, Ruth.

CARETAKER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Mr Herdman has achieved so much at our school and in the 2 others he works for that we would like to recommend him for East Sussex Caretaker of the Year award. (He does know about this!) He has been successful in getting bids for the school building and the playground area and he organised the whole renovation of the school clock project. He also instigated and runs the breakfast club and is very thoughtful to the children in encouraging them to enjoy school.

If you wanted to send in any comments to go in a book that we are making for this nomination then please could we have them by 20th February. You can either write something or drop us an email.

Kind Regards,

Rachel West Headteacher



Diary

February

- **3**rd LSA Quiz Night
- 10th Last day of term 3
- 13-17th Half Term
- 20th Pupils return to school
- 23rd Laughton's Got Talent Heat KS2
- 24th Laughton's Got Talent Heat KSI Cross Country team racing at Ringmer Primary
- 28th Pancake Breakfast Parent consultations

March

- **2**nd Parent consultations
- 3rd LSA Film Night 3-5pm
- 18th Laughton's Got Talent
- 20th Mother's Day Shop 2-3pm
- 22nd Mother's Day Shop 2-3pm
- 24th Comic Relief
- 28th Safeguarding Day- Parents and Carers esafety workshop 8:45-9:45 (crèche provided)
- **31**st Last day of term LSA Easter Mayhem

April

18th Pupils return to school