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Term 2 2019-2020 – Week 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is our last newsletter for this term and the staff and myself would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas. We have an incredibly busy week ahead so please make sure you read the attached letter which helps explain some of the events going on.

The children will break up from school on **Thursday 19th December** as the following day is INSET.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Bugs and High Peaks who have had Attendance Bear over the last two weeks. Our school target this year is 96.5%.

Our attendance has dropped this term and we will be carefully monitoring this over term 3.

	Underwater	Bugs	High Peaks	Jungle
Week 5	95.5%	96.8%	95.0%	93.6%
Week 6	91.3%	94.4%	96.8%	90.6%

Some of you may have received an attendance letter. This is a standard letter that is sent out if your child has missed the number of sessions set by East Sussex County Council. If attendance does not improve over the following term then the next stage is an attendance meeting with the Headteacher. Whilst we appreciate that children should not be in school when they are ill, it's important that we work in partnership to avoid attendance impacting on their learning. Thank you.

REWARDS

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

- 100 Points – Bugs- Jess
- 300 Points - Underwater- Jon
- 400 Points –Bugs- Maisie, Thea, Arthur
High Peaks- Hannah
- 800 Points – High Peaks - Dan
- 900 Points- High Peaks- Dizzy, Flossy
- 1200 Points – High Peaks - Alice
- 1500 Points- Jungle- Jess
- 1600 Points- Jungle- Tom

Well done to Ebony and Ella who received their handwriting pen for their lovely fluent cursive writing in all their books.

GOLDEN MILE AWARDS

Running awards have also gone to the following children;
75 Miles – Jungle – Finlay

ECO UPDATE

There are Christmas trees popping up all over the school as the inevitable countdown to Christmas continues! I'm sure even Eco Ernie will be sporting some tinsel at this rate! In our latest Eco meeting we have decided to design some posters to go round the school to promote all our Eco friendly initiatives so I look forward to the designs coming back from our artful Eco Warriors! We will also receive our latest payment from

Diary

December

- 16th – 1:45p.m Community Concert in Hall
- 16th – 3pm Christmas Fair (after the community concert)
- 17th - LSA Christmas shop 2-3p.m
- 18th – Underwater class learning journey share. 2:30pm
- 18th – Children's Christmas dinner
- 18th – School Christmas jumper day
- 19th – 2p.m Christmas service
- Children break up
- 20th – INSET

January

- 6th – Children return to school
- 20th -24th Healthy Eating Week

OTHER INSET DAYS Monday 24th February

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Terracycle this month which is the company we send all our pens, crisp packets and biscuit wrappers too and have raised an incredible £110 in the last 12 months just through recycling these items so keep them coming in! This money will go towards more Eco initiatives including expanding our criss recycling to more schools and a new compost bin for the newly renovated sensory garden.

In our Eco assembly we learnt what happens to our classroom bin recycling once it leaves the school and we watched an amazing video of a recycling plant at work and saw how some very clever machines sorted out all the mixed recycling! Eco Ernie had a great time in Jungle and enjoyed seeing all the children in there... this time Eco Ernie is awarded to High Peaks for great recycling! Well done.

Mr Herdman

MESSAGE FROM MRS RICCA

We are in need of newspapers to use for a project in Underwater class next week. Please could you save any you have at home and bring them to the office on Monday please? Thank you.

THE BIG SING

A huge congratulations to the children in Jungle class for performing so well at their Big Sing performance at The Kings Centre in Eastbourne. They have been rehearsing so well and their hard work paid off. It was a fantastic performance enjoyed by all.

"The Big Sing was at the Kings Centre Eastbourne. There were lots of schools across Sussex who joined together to make one big choir. There was a director and a band. We had one rehearsal all together and then we performed it to all the parents. It was quite a big a crowd and I felt quite nervous as I was in the front row. I was very proud of us all and it was very satisfying. I really enjoyed it" Louie S

PANTOMIME

The children all got to enjoy a fantastic Pantomime by Sussex Downs College who performed 'The Lorax' to the whole school.



INFANT NATIVITY

The infants have been practising extremely hard and gave a fantastic performance in their Nativity 'Born in a Barn' to parents on Monday. They all looked amazing in their costumes and did so well. Well done to all involved.



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VIKING DAY

High Peaks visited Mac's Farm with the other Y3/4 children in the Oak Tree Federation from Firle C of E Primary. They had a wonderful day learning more about the Vikings to support their topic work this term. They had the chance to create bowls and arrowheads out of clay, as well as inscribing the Viking alphabet into their creations. They also thoroughly enjoyed playing Viking games. Thank you ever so much to the LSA for their generous contribution towards the trip.

“Thank you for such an amazing day on Monday. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting the chickens. They were so cute and friendly. I also liked the Viking warrior scream, I got so far. This was the best school trip ever. From the start I felt lucky to be there and would love to come back” Henry

“I enjoyed my experience at Mac's Farm. I really liked meeting the chickens. I was stroking one and another came up behind me and pecked me. When Connor painted on the face paint it was really chilly! I also like creating the arrow heads and the clay pots”

Chloe



CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS

A huge well done to each class for creating some beautiful decorations for the Village Christmas Tree. Please do take a look at them on display if you get chance. The staff were incredibly creative in their designs and choice of materials to withstand the weather!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND FAIR

On Monday 16th December we will have our Community Concert in the school hall. We hope you can come along to what is always a really lovely event, everybody is welcome. The LSA will be serving refreshments and the children will be singing a selection of festive songs. After the concert will be our Christmas Fair where there will be a raffle to win one of the amazing hampers put together with the items kindly donated today. Father Christmas will also be in his Grotto to meet the children and hear what they would like for Christmas. **Doors open from 1:45pm.**



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On 18th December we will be supporting Save the Children by wearing Christmas Jumpers and or headdress to school with a voluntary donation of £1

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our school Christmas dinner is on Wednesday 18th December. Thank you for returning your choices, please remember to pay via ParentPay. If you have not ordered a Christmas dinner for your child, by completing the form sent home, you will need to bring in a packed lunch for them on the day.

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CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Our Christmas Church Service will be on Thursday 19th December at 2pm. Everybody is welcome.

THANK YOU

We have started to receive gifts from the Amazon wishlist set up by our LSA. Thank you so much to those who have bought them.

LSA

We have the Christmas Concert and Christmas Fair & Grotto on Monday the 16th December. We are looking for any mince pie, Christmas cake or biscuit donations to be served during the concert. We know this is a very busy time of year for us all but any help is gratefully received.

We have 10 empty wooden veg crates left over. If anybody would like them please do let us know.

We have recently signed up to a new school uniform supplier called Myclothing. Each child received a leaflet to take home last week which can also be found on the school website under info for parents. Uniform can be ordered online at <https://myclothing.com/ueslink/26417.school?t=1573142876531> and delivered to you directly rather than the school office. We are hoping that this is a more efficient way of purchasing uniform for parents. *There is a limited supply of PE T shirts, fleeces and cardigans that can still be bought from the school office whilst we move to the new website.* If you have any questions or feedback regarding this please contact the school office or Sarah (Finlay and Josh's mum) in the playground.

Rachel West and Vicki Brown

**Please can you ensure that your
child has a coat for school every day
as we still have a few children
coming in without them.
Thank you**

