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### Term 4 2021 Week 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you had a good half term and managed to get a break. From talking to the children we know that many of you suffered from Storm Eunice's force. There were a number of people who had damage to homes and gardens and also quite a few were without power for a while. We are pleased to see that everyone is safe though and are very fortunate not to have had any damage at school.

The children have started their new topics and you should receive the topic webs shortly to show you what objectives they will be covering.

Mrs Brown is currently self isolating as she has tested positive for Covid, we wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her when she is able to return. In the meantime please speak to your child's class teacher if you have something to discuss or contact the school office to arrange a meeting with myself or Mrs Levey, thank you.

### ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Underwater for their attendance of **96%** at the end of last term and to Bugs class for their attendance of **99%** this week.

### REWARDS

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

200 Points      **Underwater:** George T  
500 Points      **High Peaks:** Seth  
700 Points      **Underwater:** Henry

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST



We will be holding our pancake breakfast on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March** and all families are invited to attend. Service will be from 8:00am however, we are in need of helpers from 07:45am. Please let the office know ASAP if you are able to help, or speak to a member of the LSA on the playground. Please could you notify us of any allergies that need to be catered for by Monday.

We haven't been able to have this event for a while so for those of you who haven't been before, it is an opportunity to raise funds for the LSA whilst celebrating Pancake Day. Children and families come into school earlier and buy a pancake breakfast. This can be eaten in the hall or outside. At the end (around 8:35am) the children sing a pancake song and then we start school as normal by lining up on the playground for 8:40am.

You are all welcome but we do need lots of helpers to make sure it runs smoothly. Thank you.

### TOPIC PLANNERS

Topic planners have been sent home today which outlines what your child will be covering in term 4. If you have any questions, please let the office know.

### Diary

#### March

1 <sup>st</sup>	LSA Pancake Breakfast 7:45am
1 <sup>st</sup>	Yr 5 Swimming
1 <sup>st</sup>	150 year celebration meeting
2 <sup>nd</sup>	YI Forest school
8 <sup>th</sup>	Library sessions
8 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 5 Swimming
9 <sup>th</sup>	YI Forest school
10 <sup>th</sup>	LSA Meeting 8:45am
15 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 5 Swimming
16 <sup>th</sup>	YI Forest school
16 <sup>th</sup>	High Peaks bake sale
16 <sup>th</sup>	LSA Second-hand uniform sale
18 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Library sessions
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Yr 5 Swimming
23 <sup>rd</sup>	YI Forest school
24 <sup>th</sup>	LSA Mother's day shop
25 <sup>th</sup>	LSA Mother's day shop
25 <sup>th</sup>	Friendship disco
30 <sup>th</sup>	YI Forest school
31 <sup>st</sup>	EYFS & KSI Trip
<b>April</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Last day of term</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	LSA Easter fun and home clothes day
19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Children return to school</b>

## TRAFFIC

We sent an email earlier in the week to let you know that we have already received complaints on the traffic and congestion during drop off. Please can we remind you to park with consideration to the safety of our families and local residents. Please slow down when driving past the school, and do not use the zig zags to drop children off or to turn as this causes obstructions for traffic and is a potential issue if an emergency vehicle needs to get through. Our local PCSO is going to make a visit during these times and support us with this ongoing issue and see if we can find a solution moving forward.

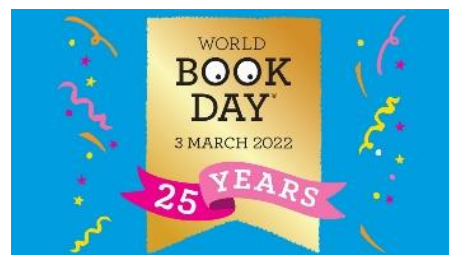
## THRIVE PARENT FORUM AND PRESENTATION

There will be a Parent Thrive Forum and presentation on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 2pm**. This will be held in the school hall and all parents and carers are welcome to attend.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

To celebrate World Book Day on **Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> March**, we will be having a special day at school to celebrate all of our favourite books. To celebrate this day your child can do one of the following:

- Come dressed as their favourite book character (with the book)
- Bring a teddy and dressing gown with their favourite bedtime story book
- Bring in their favourite book in their normal school uniform



We will be holding a special World book day assembly and doing World book day activities. If any parents or carers would like to come in at some time during the day, dressed as a book character to read to a class, please let me know! Your child will also receive a voucher for a special WBD book. For more information on these books and lots of fun activities, you can click on this link: <https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>

## EYFS & KSI TRIP

The new topic for EYFS & KSI is called 'Moon Zoom'. Children will be learning about space and exploring the question 'What happens when I fall asleep?' This will be a science focused topic as the children develop their understanding of the world, including broader aspects of how our immediate environment changes at night. As part of their topic, KSI have an exciting opportunity to visit the Herstmonceux Science Centre on **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March** and will be a lovely way for children to celebrate their learning this term. The children will take part in a space themed workshop as well as having a tour of the telescopes.

Letters have been sent home this week. Please can you ensure you return the permission forms to the school office by **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March**. We are very grateful to the LSA as through their fundraising they have been able to subsidise the trip by paying for half the costs.

## JUNGLE CLASS TRIP TO GLYNDEBOURNE

We were delighted to have the opportunity for Jungle Class to visit Glyndebourne Opera House this week. We bid for tickets for the schools performance of **Pay the Piper**, and were fortunate in receiving an allocation that allowed the whole class to attend. Dora performed in this production and it was lovely for her peers to be able to watch her. To support the cost of tickets and transport Dora's mum put in a bid to the 'The Village Music Festival', which the school supported, so this meant that there was no cost involved for parents. Thank you Georgie for organising this. A huge congratulations to Dora for her fantastic performance, we are all very proud of you.

## SINGING AND GUITAR LESSONS AT LAUGHTON

Music teacher and Friday choir leader Dan, has just a few spaces left for your child to learn to sing or play guitar. Lessons take place on Thursday mornings and have become hugely successful since they started last term. To book your child's free taster lesson with Dan, contact [dannyviceholt@harmonessence.co.uk](mailto:dannyviceholt@harmonessence.co.uk) or 07941 760 866 to arrange.



## ECO GROUP

In our last meeting, the Eco Warriors helped sort and weigh the crisp packets we have collected since September. Wow! There was so many, we calculated over 8kg of crisp packets! Well done everyone! We also boxed them up ready for collection. Sadly this will be our last collection as our recycling partner Terracycle have just announced that the crisp packet recycling scheme is ending in April and therefore we will no longer be collecting crisp packets in school from now on. This is a shame as over the years we have sent off over 300,000 crisp packets raising over £300 for the school. We hope however you will be inspired to keep on recycling your crisp packet wrappers. You can find your

nearest crisp recycle point using the Recycle Now Recycling Locator or the Walkers website. We will be looking at alternative schemes we may be able to join to continue unique recycling schemes. We will continue to take ink cartridges, batteries, pens and biscuit wrappers.

This week Eco Ernie is awarded to Underwater for excellent work in keeping lights switched off! Well done.

### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

A little reminder that breakfast club will continue to run on a **Monday, Wednesday** and a **Thursday** starting from **7:45am**. Children are provided with a nutritious breakfast, comprising of a choice of healthy cereals, toast, fruit, yoghurt or pancakes. Children will participate in an activity until 8:35am when they will be walked back to their classrooms ready for the start of the school day.

The sessions are £5 per child per session, which will include breakfast and participation in the activity that day. This can be paid for by BACs or cheque to the school office. To ensure the sustainability of the club we will require parents and carers to sign up to this termly, as we need 2 members of staff to run it. You can select your days and we will offer places on a first come, first served basis. You do, however, need to book a minimum of 1 session per week. Places must be booked in advance, you will then be contacted to confirm your place.

If your child is currently attending breakfast club, please could you confirm with the office if you would like to continue in term 4.

### **150<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY**

We are celebrating the school turning 150 years old this year as it was built in 1872. The School Council have been thinking of different ways to celebrate this across the year and we would like a committee of parents and carers to help support them. Please see the note in the LSA report below as there is a meeting on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March** at the Roebuck to get a committee together.

### **WARNING**

It has come to our attention that there is a badly damaged manhole cover near the village hall. This has been reported to East Sussex by a resident and the school but please take extra care when walking along Church Lane near this area.

### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

Just a reminder that after school clubs resumed this week. Unfortunately, basketball will not be able to go ahead on a Monday, however it will be included as one of the sports covered during multi sports. Please see the attached details on how to book. Please note that Lego club is now full.

Tuesdays	Multi-sports
Wednesday	Football
Thursday	Lego (Full)
Friday	Crafts



If your child is unsure about Multi Sports, we have arranged for SportsCool Brighton who run the after school club to come into next Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March to provide a taster session for each class. This will be during the school day.

### **FRIENDS OF LAUGHTON SCHOOL NEWS**

We hope you all had a brilliant half term break. Thank you for all the support for the Film Night, we really enjoyed putting it on and hope the children enjoyed it as much as we did.

We have got lots of events planned this term which we hope will provide a good mix of fun for the children and fundraising for the school. We are always looking for help at events and new ideas at meetings so please do come along to the next one on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 8.45** at the school.

Our next big event is Pancake Breakfast on Shrove Tuesday, we will be serving pancakes and drinks in the school hall. Helpers are needed from 7.45am, service starts at 8a.m; we would love to see as many of you as possible join in this previously very popular event.

We also have Mother's Day shops coming up at the school on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March** and **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March** and we are very excited to have rescheduled the postponed Friendship Disco which will now be happening on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March!**

Plans are forming for the main event of this year which is the celebration of the schools 150th birthday, there will be a whole week of events culminating in a very special day for the children. Please let us have any ideas for this. Gemma

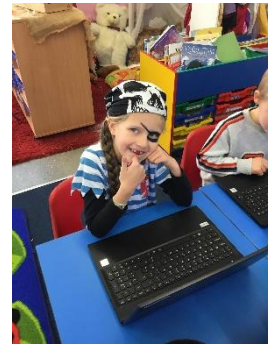


(Bea's mum, Yr 5) is setting up a sub-committee for this with the first meeting taking place at 6pm on **Tuesday 1st March at The Roebuck**, please do pop in if you have chance.

Kind Regards  
Rachel West, Vicki Brown

Here are some photos of our topic days last term!

### Underwater and Bugs – Pirate day



### High Peaks - Viking Day



### Jungle class – Ancient Greek day

