

# news

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#### Term 5 2018-2019 - Week 3

Dear Parents and Carers.

We are flying through this very short term and have a number of new events in the diary so please check the dates below.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Congratulations to Jungle and Bugs Class who were awarded attendance

	Underwater	Bugs	High Peaks	Jungle
T5 Week 2	93.5%	93.6%	95%	<mark>97.9%</mark>
T5 Week 3	91.8%	<mark>99%</mark>	94.9%	97.8%

Our school target this year is 96.5%. Please can you make sure that your child is in school for 8:45 a.m. as a late registration affects their classes' attendance figures. Thank you.

#### **REWARDS**

Congratulations for starting the new term with their next Pupil Point certificate go to...

200 points - High Peaks- Andrew

300 points- Bugs- Seth

400 points- Bugs- Mia, Joshua, Ava

500 points- Bugs- Isabella

800 points- High Peaks- Charlie

1000 points- Jungle- Flynn

#### **ECO UPDATE**

The eco group are busy preparing for their own assembly to share with the school on how we can be more aware of our impact on climate change.

Yesterday we had an assembly on single use plastic and identified over 25 single use plastics. The children have been asked to try to eliminate at least one of them or reduce all of them. We are hoping that they will share some of this with you at home. Some ideas were to not use plastic cutlery for parties/ picnics, avoid buying fruit in packaging from supermarkets and saying no to plastic straws in restaurants and cafes.

### Diary

## May

13th-17th Year 6 SAT's week

 17th - Patina fundraising Crazy Hair Day 31
 Firle and Laughton Infant topic day at Laughton

 $18^{\mbox{\scriptsize th}}$  - Laughton and Firle Fun Run

20th- Jungle Class Patina reveal at Firle

21st - KS2 visit to Science Museum

- Last day of term

23rd - Bugs Bake sale

### June

3rd - Children return to school

6th - Underwater Bake sale

7th - Year 6 safety in action

II th - EYFS new parent meeting

21st - Sports Day

26th - KAR transition day year 6

27th - High Peaks Bake Sale

July

19th - Last day of term

22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> - INSET days

We do a lot of recycling in school so please use the boxes outside the office for crisp and biscuit wrappers etc.

## **STAFFING**

Friday 17th May will be Mrs Clark's last day and we want to thank her for all she has done in her time here at Laughton, both as a parent and in the school office. She is a very valued member of staff and will be sorely missed. I would like to take this opportunity to wish her well in all she does and hope that she will still visit Laughton when she can.

We will be welcoming Mrs Lisa Geer to Laughton as our new Office Administrator just before the half term.



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As some of you may know, Mrs Greed has been very unwell over the last few years and due to her health she has decided to resign. Her last day will be Friday 24th May. We would like to thank her for the love and care she has given to the children in her time here at Laughton and hope her health improves so that we can see her at future school events.

#### **FUN RUN**

Don't forget our joint fun run with Firle School on Saturday 18th May. We have two races: a 5.5k run (£5 in advance/£8 on the day) which starts at 10am and a 1k run (£2 in advance /£3 on the day) which starts at 10.45am. Registration opens at 9am for number collection. Advance race tickets are available from Firle Stores, Laughton Stores and both Laughton and Firle Schools. All money raised by the event will go towards new equipment for Firle and Laughton Primary Schools.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help run the event and we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. Please buy tickets in advance if you can, not only will you save money but it will also help all Tickets will be on sale in the school office and on the playground next week and there is a meeting

for volunteers on Friday 10th May at 8.45am

Please can you let the school office know what times you are able to volunteer for. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer as we really need as many people as possible to make it a successful event.

#### **HOME LEARNING**

I popped in to Jungle yesterday to have a look at some of the home learning they have been doing on the circulatory system and was so impressed by the depth of understanding that we have put

some photos here to show you the inventive ways they have found to

explain it.







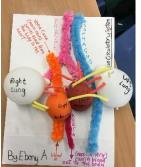


Ella



**Ebony** 

Aurora



**Emily** Freya J Genevieve

#### CENSUS DAY- Thursday 16th May 2019

On Thursday 16th May 2019, 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, Chartwells have a special Football themed menu with the children's favourites. The menu for that day will be: Sausage Hot Dog or Quorn Burger, both with Cajun Potato Wedges and salad and Vanilla Mousse or Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt. There will also be a jacket potato on offer on this day.

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



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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 16th May, rather than bringing a packed lunch that day.

It is the amount 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 16th 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.

#### Reminder

No Toddlers Yoga on Tuesday 14th May. Thank you

### **SATS**

Next week all the year 6 children in the country will be taking the

national statutory assessment tests. These are a government measure of whether children are working below, towards, at or above age related attainment. Whilst schools are keen for the children to do well we do not want them worrying about these assessments as they are a snap shot of their learning on that day. We do our own teacher assessments which take into account their daily understanding in English and Maths and these are the most important to us.

There is no pressure put on them, however some children feel anxious about testing. Please be assured that we are very proud of them all for their hard work and commitment in school.

We are offering a breakfast club for the Year 6 children so that they can come in early and chat with their friends before their school day starts, please make sure you have booked this so that they have prepared enough meals.

#### **IUNGLE BAKE SALE**

Well done to Jungle who had the fastest selling bake sale making £56. Our next one is Bugs on 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

## **CRAZY HAIR DAY**

Just to remind you that he Year 6 children are fundraising for the Patina with a Crazy Hair Day on Friday 17th May. Donations of £1 will go towards the artist workshop.



#### PROMOTIONAL CUT OUTS OFFER

The LSA have kindly been donated some large (a few are life size!) cardboard cut outs of celebrities and characters from films. They are on display after school today in the hall. Please come and take a look and make a donation to the LSA if you would like to take one. Thank you.

We will be relocating the LSA equipment to a new shed over the next 2 weeks so are having a bit of a sort out!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown