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Term 6 2017 - Week 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final term of this academic year. It is going to be a very busy one so please check the diary and noticeboard in the playground for date reminders.

The weather is unpredictable at the moment so please make sure that your child/ren always has a waterproof in school and apply sun cream in the mornings. We will put up the gazebo on hot days and ensure that they spend some time in the shade at playtimes.

ATTENDANCE

	Underwater	Bugs	High Peaks	Jungle
Week 6 Term 5	99.5%	95.4%	95%	93.8%
Week 1 Term 6	95.7%	96.4%	96.7%	96.1%

Good attendance is 95% = our school target is 96%. Well done High Peaks and Underwater Class.

AWARDS

Uniform Draw- Congratulations to the following children for winning our uniform draw at the end of term 5. We selected this for PE kits this time.

Underwater- Flossy

Bugs- Stanley

High Peaks- Lily

Jungle- Maisy

The following children have received their pupil point awards in assembly:

200 points- Underwater- Rhea and Bea

400 points- Underwater- Flossy

Bugs- Malin

500 points- Bugs- Olive, Luke, Stanley, Dizzy and Yara

600 points- Bugs- George

Golden Mile

Silver awards for 25 miles have gone to Grace in High Peaks and Iliana, Summer, Shane and Harry in Jungle.

Gold awards which is 50 miles – has gone to Freya, Hamish, Flynn and Oliver in High Peaks Well done everyone.

ECO GROUP

This week's Eco Star awards go to:

Underwater: Flossy - For being excellent at recycling

Bugs: Josh - For being a great recycler

High Peaks: Max - For being best at sorting recycling

Jungle: Izzy - For being a great recycler

Diary June

12th Phonics screening for Year 1's

Yr 6 cricket at Buxted

14th Stomp dance workshops in all classes

15th LSA Father's Day Shop
Bugs Cake Sale

16th LSA Father's Day Shop

19th-23rd Refugees Week

19th Yr 4/5 cricket at Buxted

20th RE Day

23rd Sports Day and picnic

26th Visit to County Cricket ground

27th Football match with Firle at

Laughton

29th LSA meeting

30th High Peaks Cake Sale

July

3rd-14th Arts Fortnight

5th Community Concert

7th Jungle Cake Sale

12th Infants Teddy Bear Picnic

14th Lion King Performance - eve

15th Lion King Performance – eve and matinee

17th Leaver's Trip

19th Leaver's assembly

20th Break up for Summer holiday

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The Eco Warriors met this week and we discussed all the various things that being an Eco Warrior means. We have challenged them to go out and get their classes thinking what ways we can help our environment and reduce our energy and water usage. We want to see more ideas in our eco suggestion box. We would even like to hear of ones from parents! But don't forget to put your names on as the best ones will not only be put into practice but will get an Eco Star award

In the last term we asked the teachers to nominate who they thought should receive an Eco Star award however this week we have asked our Eco Warriors who they thought should get the awards and why this time!

Eco Ernie loved being in Bugs and says he particularly enjoyed sitting in the window and getting some sunshine! He also says it has been nice to have spent time in each class since he arrived! This time was again a tough decision as everyone is doing a super job but Eco Ernie is awarded to Underwater! Well done! by Mr Herdman

LSA

Thank you very much to the LSA for funding an ice lolly for all the children after their walk yesterday. Next week they are running the Father's Day Shop on Thursday and Friday afternoons. Please make sure any money your child brings into school is in a named purse or envelope. Thank you.

PLAY AREAS

Thank you for watching your child in the play areas before school. Please make sure you are by the area they are in as some children are seconding friends' parents to look after them too! If you are asked by another child please make sure you have permission from their parent to supervise them as the school is not responsible for any accidents.

DRESSING UP

As you can see from these photos the children really enjoy the dressing up at playtime and some of our outfits are a becoming a bit threadbare from the amount of use. The older children also enjoy this activity so we could also do with some larger outfits. If you have anything at home that you think could be used for playground dressing up and have no further use for it, please could you donate it through the school office. Many thanks.



VIOLINS ASSEMBLY

We had a lovely assembly on Monday this week listening to Angus, Fraser and Hamish play their violins. Mr Smith also played some different tunes for us. If your child is interested in playing the violin please contact the school office. There will be a taster session for children in year 1 and 2 next week for them to try it out. This will take place during the school day.



MENU CHANGE

Please see the attached Chinese themed menu for details of the school menu change for Tuesday 20th June. There will also be egg or cheese baguettes available as usual.

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RE DAY

We had our 2nd RE Day in the last week of term. The children in Reception focussed on Family and Friendships, in Yrs 1 and 2 they investigated the Hindu story of Ganesh, High Peaks studied Love and Marriage and Jungle Class researched the Jewish Festival of Shavot. We had a sharing assembly at the end of the day where the children retold stories through drama and shared presentations and writing from the day.



PARENT FORUM

We had a parent forum on the last Thursday of term. Minutes will follow shortly but the following items were discussed.

Parental engagement- how to encourage more parents to get involved in school and LSA activities, meetings and events. It was recognised that the class workshops are well attended and there is lots of support for the LSA. Some people said that a personal approach was what got them involved and suggested that parent forums could be re-named so that they didn't appear too formal. Lots of people said that the LSA was a good way to make friends.

Website access and information- we looked at the current set up and the new format with a drop down menu. Suggestions were given as to what was useful information and what needed to be there to be Ofsted compliant. Mrs West will discuss the manageability of class pages with the staff to display homework e.t.c. We also discussed having a frequently asked questions page for people to get direct information from, such as medical issues e.t.c



PARTNERSHIP

We had a fabulous walk yesterday going up Firl Beacon. Thank you to all those who were able to come along. It was a great opportunity for the schools to come together. Many thanks to Simon who took these amazing photographs - we will make sure they go up on our website.



Kind Regards,
Rachel West
Headteacher

