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Term 1 2019-2020 – Week 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children are well and truly settled into their classes now and enjoying their topics linked to 'Anglo Saxons' in KS2 and 'Sounds of the Sea in EYFS and KS1.

ATTENDANCE

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

	Underwater	Bugs	High Peaks	Jungle
Week 3	97.3%	88.8%	98.6%	95.8%
Week 4	91.4%	96%	97.1%	95.8%

REWARDS

Congratulations for their next Pupil Point certificates go to...

700 Points- Jungle – Louis N

1400 Points- Jungle – Ebony

1500 Points – Jungle – Tom

CENSUS DAY- Thursday 3rd October 2019

On Thursday 3rd October 2019, it is National School Census Day. In an effort to increase the uptake of the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) on that day, the menu for that day will be Crispy fish and chips with baked beans and peas or Quorn dippers. 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 Educational Needs, pupils entitled to Pupil Premium funding, those 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 3rd October**, rather than bringing a packed lunch that day.

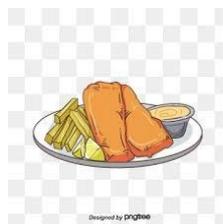
It is the amount of **children in Key Stage One eating the free lunchtime meal on this specific day** that informs our funding, rather than meals

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 3rd October.

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.

We hope 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.

Thank you for your continued support.



Diary

October

2nd – Parent forum 2:15pm

3rd – Open morning for children starting school in 2020 -9:30am

7th- LSA meeting in School Hall

9th – School photos-Individual and sibling

15th- Parent Consultation at 3.30pm-6.30pm

17th- Parent Consultation at 3.30pm-5.30pm

24th- Halloween Disco

25th – End of Term

November

4th – Children return to school

18th – INSET

11th – Open afternoon for children starting school in 2020 -2:00pm

25th – Open afternoon for children starting school in 2020 -2:00pm

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OPEN MORNING

We are having the first of our Open Mornings for parents and carers with children due to start school in September 2020 on Thursday 3rd October from 9:30-10:30. Please spread the word if you know anyone who has a child due to start school next year.

The other Open Day dates are Monday 11th November 2:00-3:00p.m and Monday 25th November 2:00-3:00p.m. Individual tours of the school are also available. Thank you.

ECO UPDATE

Once again I have been impressed by both the number and quality of all the applications for Eco Warriors and it was incredibly difficult to choose between them! Eco Ernie was also very impressed. All of them showed great ideas and a desire to make a positive difference and for those children who unfortunately did not make it this time it is still really important for you to get involved as only by working together as a whole school can we make a bigger difference.

So with a drum roll the following children have been given the post of Eco Warrior:

Underwater: Kitty and Ruby
Bugs: Florence and Summer
High Peaks: Dora and Isabella
Jungle: Ella and Grace



Like last year I will also be appointing a community Eco Warrior whose job it will be to communicate to the wider community what we are doing and how they can help... so with another drum roll:

Community Eco Warrior: Genevieve

And in a new role I will also be appointing 2 'Energy' Eco Warriors whose role will be to concentrate on saving energy... so one last drum roll...

Phoenix and Hamish

The first Eco meeting will be Wednesday 2nd October at 8.15am and we supply a breakfast snack. We will also take care of any siblings too. Meetings will take place fortnightly and the parents of the Eco Warriors will receive an emailed reminder a couple of days before each meeting is due.

The Eco Warriors will be presented with their badges in today's assembly and I am sure they will do a fantastic job... we will certainly keep you updated with their progress!

Mr Herdman

PLAY AREAS

Please can we remind you that the playground is supervised from 8:30 a.m. and the member of staff is not responsible for children going into the two fenced play areas. If you bring your child into school and they go in these areas can you stand in or directly next to the area. A number of children are going in with another adult watching them. If you do this, you must check with their parent that they are happy for you to have this responsibility. Thank you.

PARENT FORUM- Reminder

Our next parent forum will be held on 2nd October at 2:15pm in the school library. The topics for discussion will be our behaviour policy and the school improvement priorities for this academic year. Everyone is welcome.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

It is imperative that the school have the most up to date contacts for your child as this is what we use in an emergency. If you have not already done so please confirm your details with the school office. This is equally as important if your children are staying with someone else in your absence, as we need to know who to contact in the event of illness or an emergency.

YEAR 5 QUIZ

Last night we had an Oak Tree Federation Year 5 team attend the Maths Quiz at St Andrews in Eastbourne. George, Bruce and Louie S were the Laughton representatives. All the children did extremely well and Bruce and George came first which is fantastic and Louie and Flynn came fourth. There were about 130 children in total; Lancing College came second and Brighton College came third. All 4 boys did really well and were great representatives for our schools. Well done Boys.



FUNDRAISER

On Saturday 21st September 2019, Genevieve (Yr 6) ran her own fundraising coffee morning to raise money for WWF, to support the pandas. Genevieve organised the event, made the cakes and hosted the event. The final total raised was £166.77. Genevieve and her family were overwhelmed by the generosity and support from so many friends and family. We are all so proud of her fantastic efforts! Well done Genevieve.



TRAFFIC

We would like to draw your attention once again to traffic and parking issues, particularly as we are still receiving complaints from neighbours despite mentioning this in the previous newsletter. Please could we ask that people do not use our neighbour's driveways to turn in and that people refrain from parking across driveways when dropping children off in the morning.

We are aware that there seems to be an increase in traffic this year; however we would ask people to use the school car park when dropping children off and be aware of causing blockages if turning in the village hall car park. We would ask that, if people need to turn, they go further down towards the school car park and use the space there.

Finally, when parking at the side of the road, could we ask drivers to be considerate as there have been occasions when larger vehicles, including the school bus, have not been able to get past safely. We always need to ensure that emergency vehicles can access the lane, if it were ever needed. Thank you.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSION The deadline for applications is 31st October 2019

If your child is in year 6 you will need to apply for their school by the online application process opened on Thursday 12th September and you can access this on

https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/admissions/secondary_school/

HARVEST

We will be having our Harvest assembly on **Monday 14th October at 2p.m** in the Hall, everyone is invited. We will be supporting the Hailsham Foodbank so please bring in donations on the day of tins, toiletries, packets and pet food. Thank you.

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NUMBER BLOCKS SESSION



The children in year 2 and 3 had a great time in their playdough session from their winning number block entry last year. All the children who had entered the competition got a goodie bag and the school received some equipment too.

SNACKS

Please can we remind everyone that children can only have raw fruit and vegetables for their playtime snack, no fruit strings e.t.c. The infant children all have access to a free piece of fruit and the junior children can buy into this scheme for £3 a term. Thank you.

COATS

The weather is definitely turning more autumnal and a little wetter. We still have a number of children coming to school with no coat. We encourage children to go out to play as much as we can, even in drizzle, so please ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day as the weather is very changeable.

Equally, children doing Forest School will go out come rain or shine so please ensure that children come prepared, with old clothing, waterproofs and appropriate footwear. If children are not dressed for the weather the decision may be made to leave them at school with another year group.

ALDI STICKERS

Aldi currently have a promotion, which gives primary schools the chance to win £20,000. Please ask for stickers when you spend over £30 at Aldi and send them into school. We are collecting stickers across the Federation as there are quite a number to collect!



BREAKFAST CLUB

We have 4 people interested in Breakfast club so far but need a few more to make this viable. If you are interested in us running a breakfast club then please speak to the school office asap.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

The sign-up sheets for our parent consultations on 15th and 17th October are now in the foyer by the school office. Please come and make an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher. If you are unable to come into school then please contact the school office who can arrange a time with you. Thank you.

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown