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Term 5 2017 - Week 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of term 5. We hit the ground running with Year 3 swimming, Yr 5 Bikeability and preparations for Ms Blood's visit today! However the children all look well rested and I hope you had a good break.

ATTENDANCE

	Underwater	Bugs	High Peaks	Jungle
Week 6	97.4%	96.5%	96.5%	94.5%

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

AWARDS

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

300 points- Jungle- Finley

Golden Mile

Bronze awards have gone to Jove in Underwater and Chloe and Henry in Bugs. They have already achieved 10 miles!

Silver awards for 25 miles have gone to Thomas, Oliver, Freya, Flynn, Tom in High Peaks and Rafael in Jungle.

Well done everyone.



ECO CLUB AND AWARDS

The Eco Warriors met this week and we have made some photos of what recycling the school does that have been displayed on our eco board in the hall. The whole school is doing an excellent job at the moment and we have seen a very positive impact since the start of this initiative not only in the amount now being recycled but also in the levels of energy and water we are using have taken a significant drop so well done everyone!

This week's Eco Star awards go to:

Underwater: Tom - For being tidy and recycling

Bugs: Henry - For being tidy and making sure everything goes in correct bin

High Peaks: Danny - For excellent recycling

Jungle: Jia- For being conscious of being a good recycler

Eco Ernie was very impressed with Jungle when he was in there and enjoyed himself. As we push everyone to be responsible both individually and collectively it is getting harder to decide which class should have him next which is a great problem to have! However this time I have been very impressed with one class in particular so this time Eco Ernie is awarded to High Peaks!!! Well done!

BIKEABILITY

Congratulations to the following children who all passed their level 1 Bike ability course on Wednesday. They are; Finley, Iliana, Megan, Summer, Fraser, Issy F-G, Rafael, Isabelle, Harry, Wini, Sammy, Scarlett, Maisy, Jia,

Diary April

21st Ms Blood's tea 3p.m

28th Preschool cake sale

May

8th- 12th KS2 SAT's week

12th LSA Plant sale and Preschool Cake Sale

26th Underwater Cake Sale

June

12th Phonics screening for Year 1's

15th Bugs Cake Sale

23rd Sports Day and picnic

30th High Peaks Cake Sale

July

5th Community Concert

7th Jungle Cake Sale

14th Lion King Performance

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STAFFING

I am delighted to announce that Miss Mandy will be staying with us on a permanent contract so will continue in Jungle Class in September 2017. Miss Mandy has a very positive attitude and has quickly become a very valued member of our staff team.

We say a fond farewell to Ms Blood today and thank her for all she has done at Laughton. She has been a huge part in it's success and will be well remembered for her dedication, kindness and great sense of humour! We wish her the very best of luck as she takes on her Headship at St Bartholomew's Primary School.

EASTER MAYHEM

Thank you so much for all those that helped out at this event on the last day of term. The LSA raised £396.30 which is excellent.

SAFETY WARNING

We have concerns about the children playing in one of the neighbouring fields after school has finished. This is private property and whilst the owners have let some children access it you do need to be aware that there is a deep pond on the far side, lots of barbed wire fencing and 2 ponies in there to consider. The owners cannot be held responsible for the actions or any situation that arises. I would like to suggest that you do not allow your children to go any further than the Pelham field boundary after school. Thank you.

E SAFETY

Thank you to all those who could attend our parent e safety workshop by the NSPCC at the end of last term. They led workshops around keeping safe with the children afterwards. I will be sending out guidance they offered.

RE DAY

We trialled our very first RE day in the last week of term 4. This is something that has been introduced at Firle School and teachers supported each other in the process. The aim is to develop quality in RE by having a focus day where children can learn through a range of activities to support their understanding of RE curriculum and then share it with each other.

Underwater studied new life, Bugs focused on Palm Sunday, High Peaks concentrated on the Last Supper and Jungle studied Good Friday. We had a whole school assembly at the end of the day to share our learning and it was really lovely. We saw Easter gardens, a re- enactment of the procession of Palm Sunday, a tableau of the Last Supper and reflections of the Cross in relation to those who have died in war.

VERT WOODS

Vert Woods Community Woodland is 171 acres of Ancient Woodland located in Laughton.

The committee are in the very early stages of creating the Community Woodland and would like the school to use it as resource in the future.

On May Bank Holiday, they have a number of guided walks around the woodland, which are aimed at those living, working or going to school within a 5-mile radius of the woods. This would be an opportunity to find out what the woods have to offer, see what has been achieved so far and talk to the Management Committee. Please see flier attached. Tickets are FREE and available at Laughton, Chiddingly and East Hoathly Village shops.

Kind Regards,
Rachel West
Headteacher