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### Term 4 2017 - Week 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week was incredibly busy with parent consultations, Pancake breakfast, World Book Day and film night so this week has seemed a little calmer! Thank you very much to the LSA for putting on 2 great events so close together, the children thought it was a fabulous week.

#### ATTENDANCE

	Underwater	Bugs	High Peaks	Jungle
Week 1	94.2%	93.1%	98.5%	90%
Week 2	92.6%	94.2%	94.6%	93.8%

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

#### AWARDS

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

**200 points-** Jungle- Shane

#### Eco Star Awards

Congratulations to the following for their efforts to improve eco standards in school, they were awarded a certificate in assembly by Mr Herdman.

Underwater- Lucy for helping recycle

Bugs- Yara- for being enthusiastic about her environment

High Peaks- Aurora- for being enthusiastic about Forest School and supporting the environment

Jungle – Miss Mandy- for always turning out the lights and sorting the recycling

Underwater Class won Eco Ernie for the fortnight

We recycle pens and empty Tippex pots so if you have any at home please bring them in to the box in the entrance hall. We get 2p per pen. Thank you.

**Golden Mile Bronze awards** have gone to Ebony, Joey, Toby, Aurora, Frazer, Rowan, Andrew, Ryan, Emily, Callie and Lily in High Peaks and Wini, Shane, Tom, Isabelle B, Poppy, Iliana, Issy F-G, Amelie, Angus and Lucy in Jungle. Temjin, Fitz, Malin, Olive, Theodora, Daniel H and Finlay in Bugs and Joshua, Madison, Malakai, Dora, Rhea, Bea, Arlo, Wolfie and Lucy in Underwater.

They have already achieved 10 miles! Well done.



#### WORLD BOOK DAY

We had a fabulous day on Wednesday last week as the children made a big effort to come to school dressed as a character from a favourite book. The competition this year was for a photograph of a very unusual place to read a book. There were some great entries which are on display in the school hall if you would like to take a look. All children who took part received 2 pupil points and the School Council voted for the following winners

EYFS- Kit Year 1- Charlie

Year 2 Louis N

Year 3- Toby Year 4- Max

Year 5- Issy F-G

Year 6- Poppy



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### RED NOSE DAY

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day for Comic Relief on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Mrs Brown and the school Council will be organising a cake stall and a toys and book sale. The children will be able to wear red by donating £1 and can bring in money for the afternoon stall. Mrs Brown will be sending out a separate letter about this.

### E SAFETY PARENT WORKSHOP

The parent workshop on e-safety on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 8:45 am is being led by the **NSPCC**. It will be held in the hall and should last up to an hour. This is open to parents of preschool too and Laughton Pre-school will allow you to drop your child off at the earlier time of 8:45 so that you can attend the meeting. Please come along if you can.

### MORNINGS

Please can parents not come into school to talk to the class teacher before school starts as they are preparing their morning's lessons and often meeting with the TA regarding planning. You are welcome to make an appointment to see them before 8:30 or after 3p.m. If your message is urgent please either let them know when they pick up the class from the playground or pop into the school office to leave a message so that they can call you at lunchtime. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

### PARTNERSHIP

The teachers have met to discuss mastery in maths and resources have been shared amongst both schools. All teachers in the alliance schools shared good practice in teaching and assessing reading at this week's staff meeting.

### PARENT FORUM

Last Monday we held a Parent Forum on the topic of communication. Please see minutes attached with this newsletter but note that staff have not yet had an opportunity to meet regarding the communication of homework. It was felt that there was not one source in which all parents preferred to use to be informed of school matters. Currently we use a fortnightly newsletter, emails, letters, our website and on occasion phone calls.

Any correspondence that goes home including newsletters is uploaded to the school website. This is to provide you with an area where you should be able to access all that you need. At present it is quite difficult to navigate our website and we will be working on improving this as a resource and considering other sites ready for September. However if you do need to check letters that have gone out please go to the information icon and then click on the letters home icon on the left hand side. This will provide a drop down menu for classes and whole school. Our most recent newsletters are on the front page.

We would really like to hear from you about what you would like made available on our website to improve it as a communication resource. We will be putting up a post box for parental suggestions in the playground when our budget re opens but in the meantime please send any suggestions into the school office either by email or note. Thank you.

**Please can children not wear temporary tattoos and nail varnish to school.**

**Apparently baby oil is good for removing the tattoos.**

### LAUGHTON'S GOT TALENT

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March** Tickets are selling fast so please get yours now.

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**Golden Mile Silver awards** have gone to Max and Josh in High Peaks. They have already achieved 25 miles! Well done.

### YEAR 5 AND 6 COOKERY COURSE AT RCC

Please see attached flier from Ringmer Community College regarding a cookery course for children in Jungle Class. Please use the information provided to book yourself on. Thank you.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Thank you very much to the LSA for putting on another very successful 'Pancake Breakfast'. It was lovely to see so many families join in the fun. They raised £176 which is a lot of pancakes!

### ACCESS

Please only enter the school via the school gates and front door. You need to sign in when you are coming into school so that we are aware of who is on site at all times. **Please do not** access the school via the gate to Pelham field. Thank you.



### LUNCHTIME

We have a number of children who still find it difficult to use a knife and fork to eat their lunch and who need food cut up for them. We work to support these children at lunchtime and show them how to use cutlery for school dinners, rather than them using their fingers. Please could parents spend time focusing on these skills at home in order to support children with this.

### Laughton's Got Talent

Laughton's Got Talent is just over one week away on Saturday 18 March at 6pm in the Laughton Village Hall. We've got some really exciting Acts performing this year and the competition is tougher than ever. Tickets are already on sale in the school office costing £5 for adults and £3 for children. Places are limited and tickets are selling quickly, so make sure you buy yours before it's too late. Remember, if your child is performing in one of the Acts, they do not need a ticket. However, if your child is performing in the school choir and wants to watch the rest of the show, they will need to have a ticket.

There will be a cash bar with snacks open in the small hall at the village hall from 5.30pm and the doors to the main hall will open at 5.45pm for the big show. Join us for this fantastic event and help us to decide who should be crowned the winner of Laughton's Got Talent 2017.

### School Play Area

Please could we remind parents that children should not be using the large wooden play area before school unless they are accompanied by their parent or carer. If children are in the play area, could we ask that parents accompany them in the play area in order to directly supervise them on the equipment. Thank you.

### The Lion King Kids - Auditions

Next term the Key Stage 2 children will be working on a production of Disney's 'The Lion King Kids'. There are lots of characters in the production with lines and several of them also have solo singing parts. Information has

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been sent home with all KS2 children today about the characters so they can decide if they would like to audition for one of the main parts. Auditions will be held in school on Tuesday 21 March, but we need to know which characters your child is interested in beforehand, so we can give them something to prepare in advance. Please talk to your children about this over the weekend and make sure forms are handed back into the office by **Tuesday 14 March**.

Please be aware that if your child is chosen to play one of the main parts, they will need to spend time at home learning lines and practising songs. They will also need to come to some rehearsals after school and possibly at the weekends later in the term. We will try to work around any clubs or activities they already do wherever possible.

Being part of a show is really exciting and can build confidence in children as well as encouraging new friendships and learning to work as part of a team. We want as many KS2 children as possible to get involved in this production. If your child would like to perform in the show, but doesn't want a speaking role, that's absolutely fine too. We will need lots of children to play the animals of the Pridelands and to help sing songs with the rest of the chorus.

If you or your child have any questions about the auditions or the characters, please contact Ruth Lilley direct at [ruth.lilley@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.lilley@gmail.com).

There are a number of attachments that have been sent with this week's newsletter. If you require any further details relating to them please follow the contact on the flier. Thank you.

Kind Regards,

Rachel West  
Headteacher

**PLEASE NO BALLS IN THE  
PLAYGROUND IN MORNING**



**THANK YOU**

### Diary

#### March

- 17<sup>th</sup>** Cross Country at Ringmer Primary School
- 18<sup>th</sup>** Laughton's Got Talent
- 20<sup>th</sup>** Mother's Day Shop 2-3pm
- 21<sup>st</sup>** Lion King Auditions (KS2)
- 22<sup>nd</sup>** Mother's Day Shop 2-3pm
- 24<sup>th</sup>** Comic Relief
- 28<sup>th</sup>** Safeguarding Day- Parents and Carers e-safety workshop 8:45-9:45 (crèche provided)
- 31<sup>st</sup>** Last day of term  
LSA Easter Mayhem

#### April

- 18<sup>th</sup>** Pupils return to school