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Term 1 2019-2020 – Week 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy couple of weeks, so hope you enjoy finding out about what we've been up to. Please make sure you are signed up for parents evening next week. The session is limited to 10 mins to ensure there is time to discuss each child. The sign up forms are by the double doors in the foyer by the school office. The teacher will share how your child has settled into the term and their targets.

Please be aware that we have set the following INSET days this year.

Monday 18th November Friday 20th December Monday 24th February Wednesday 22nd July

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to High Peaks and Bugs 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 5	90.5%	91.6%	96.4%	95.5%
Week 6	96.4%	98.8%	98.6%	95.2%

REWARDS

Congratulations the following children who have received their next Pupil Point certificates.

800 Points- High Peaks– Flossy
900 Points – Jungle – Grace B-P
1000 Points- High Peaks- Malin
1100 Points- High Peaks – Alice
Jungle- Hamish
1400 Points- Jungle – Jess

HARVEST

Please come along to 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 of tins, toiletries, packets and pet food in the morning. Thank you.

WEAR IT YELLOW



We had a very colourful day yesterday when children came to school with any item that had yellow in. This ranged from cushions and hats to princess dresses. It was lovely to see so many involved. The main aim was to raise awareness of mental health. All monies raised will go to Young Minds.

OPEN AFTERNOONS

Monday 11th November and Monday 25th November 2:00-3:00pm are our next Open events for parents with children who are starting Reception in September 2020. Individual tours of the school are also available. Thank you.

Diary

October

14th Harvest
15th - Parent Consultation at 3.30pm-6.30pm
17th - Parent Consultation at 3.30pm-5.30pm
21st - LSA meeting in School Hall
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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HALLOWEEN DISCO

Our Halloween Disco is on **Thursday 24th October 3.30pm – 5pm**. Tickets will be on sale from the school office from next week.

If anyone can help set up or clear up please can they see Sarah, Gemma, Hannah or Nicky in the playground or let the office know. Thank you.

ECO UPDATE

The Eco Warriors had their first meeting on Wednesday 2nd and we discussed all the different jobs there are in the school. They have been initially tasked with: making sure the correct bins are used for different waste, making sure lights are turned off when leaving the room, checking taps are not dripping, collecting crisp packets at lunch time and checking the temperature of their rooms does not exceed 19 degrees centigrade when the heating is on. We also managed to keep them all still long enough to get a photo of them all together! Their next meeting is Wednesday 16th October so I look forwards to hearing how they have got on!

In the meantime on Tuesday 15th I have been invited to Heathfield College to talk to 65 primary school children from various schools and also the college's own Eco group! It is a great honour to be asked and shows that the great work we are doing is being recognised elsewhere! I am sure I can inspire them to do similar work to our Eco Warriors and if they come up with any great ideas we have not thought of I shall of course bring them back with me and use them here!

Eco Ernie attended his first Eco Assembly too... it was great to hear about the impact CO₂ is having on our environment from 3 pupils who were not even Eco Warriors and shows that the message is being spread throughout the school. This time Eco Ernie was awarded to Bugs for great recycling! Well done!

Mr Herdman



BIRTHDAY BADGES

Our School Council met last week and have agreed that we will have birthday badges to celebrate children's birthdays as well as a sticker and song in assembly. Mrs Coakley and Ida were the first to experience this today on their actual birthday!

PARENT FORUM

Thank you to those who were able to make our parent forum last week, your input on our behaviour policy was really valuable. Please see the minutes of the meeting attached and our Behaviour and Discipline Policy that was ratified at our governor meeting last night. The Golden Rules, which the children follow, are at the end of the policy in Appendix 1.

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.

PHOTOS

The children had their individual photographs taken on Wednesday this week and you will receive these to order in due course.

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BOOK FAIR

We will be holding our school book week starting on Monday the 14th October 2019. The Travelling Books Fair will be in the hall on Monday and Wednesday after school, and it will be open in the area by the hall during parent's evening on Tuesday. At the book fair you will be able to buy from a huge variety of good quality books and (depending on the sales) Laughton will be able to acquire some books for our classes for free.

Mrs Brown will be running the book fair after school and would appreciate a couple of helpers if anyone would like to volunteer. If you are able to spare an hour on any of the days, please let Mrs Brown know, via the office. Thank you.



THE SENSORY GARDEN

The sensory garden is on your right as you come in the school gate by the school office. You may have noticed recently some beds being dug and some rotten sleepers being replaced. With the help of local Marchants Hardy Plants Nursery we are redesigning the area. There are the five senses beds; SIGHT, HEAR, SMELL, TASTE and TOUCH.

We are creating a new circular bed out of an old tractor tyre which will become the central TOUCH bed. It will be filled with soft tactile grasses and lambs ears with their velvety leaves. Marchants are very generously sharing their knowledge & donating plants. If children & their adults would like to get involved we are thinking of setting up a Gardening Club on Friday lunchtime. Come along & join us digging in the rain.... also offers of plants 🌱, ideas & hard graft gratefully accepted.

Georgie (Dora & Esta)

SIGNING IN TO SCHOOL

Please note that there is a safeguarding notice that you are agreeing to when you sign yourself into school. Please make sure you have read this whenever signing in. It is posted above the signing sheet on the window panel. Thank you.

GYMNASTICS CLUB

Our Gymnastics club will still go ahead next week during the parent consultations. We will be using Bugs Class to run the club.

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown