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### Term 3 2023- Week 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations for getting to the end of January. It seemed like quite a long month with a range of weathers and quite a lot of sickness from children and adults. We look forward to a healthy February!

This is the last newsletter of this term and the children are now coming to the end of their topics. Next week is parents/carers evening and we invite you to view your child's learning when you come in to meet their teacher. They should be very proud of their efforts. I have seen some very engaging learners this term as I have visited classes with our school adviser.

#### ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **High Peaks** class who had the highest attendance of **99.7%** last week and to **Jungle** for the highest attendance this week. Well done.

Our target for our whole school attendance for 2023-2024 is **96.5%** Our current whole school attendance is **94.5%**

#### REWARDS

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

100 Points	<b>Underwater:</b> Arthur <b>Bugs:</b> Sami
300 Points	<b>Jungle:</b> Scarlett
400 Points	<b>Bugs:</b> Arthur, Grace, Maddison
500 Points	<b>Jungle:</b> Marni
600 Points	<b>Jungle:</b> Sophie
700 Points	<b>Jungle:</b> Seth
800 Points	<b>High Peaks:</b> Martha <b>Jungle:</b> Theo
1000 Points	<b>Jungle:</b> Maisie

#### PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Please make sure you have booked your parent consultations on **6<sup>th</sup>** and **8<sup>th</sup> February**. You will need to use your parent e-School login (not your child's) to access this. If you have any problems, please contact the office.

A wellbeing survey will be available for you to complete on Parents' evenings, this is anonymous and is to help us understand how you feel your child is feeling at school. There will be a box outside the hall for you to post your response. There is also a copy attached if this proves more convenient for you. Thank you.

#### DIGITAL LEADERS

Thank you to those children who applied to be our KS2 Digital Leaders and those who wish to continue their role. Our new KS2 digital leaders are Grace, Holly, Ellie, Woody and Dolly. They will be joining our digital leaders from last year, Bea, Millie, Josh, and Marni. Our digital leaders will be supporting the different year groups to access technology and will be helping with our Safer Internet Day next week on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February.

#### Diary

##### February 2024

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup>  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

##### March 2024

Friday 1<sup>st</sup>  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup>

Y5 Woodland Wellbeing  
Children's Mental Health Week  
Safer Internet Day  
Parent consultations  
Y4 Swimming Lessons  
Parent consultations  
Y5 Woodland Wellbeing  
FOL School Disco  
**Last day of term 3**  
Children return to school for T4  
FOL Pop up Pancake Café

FOL Meeting  
FOL Mother's Day shop  
FOL Mother's Day shop  
World Book Day  
Bugs Bake Sale  
School Book Fair

#### Other INSET Days

22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

## PARENT PAY

Please can you make sure that all parent pay accounts are cleared before the end of term. Anybody with accounts outstanding at this point will need to bring in packed lunch in term 4 until it is cleared. Many thanks.

## WOOLLY HAT WEDNESDAY

Woolly Hat Wednesday took place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January where some of our children wore their woolly hats all day. They raised £27 for our nominated charity, Chailey Heritage. If anyone would still like to donate this can be done through the school office before Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February, thank you.



## EYFS/KSI TRIP

To celebrate this term's topic on Dinosaurs, the infants have planned a trip to Paradise Park, with Firle CEP School on Monday where they will visit the outside dinosaur safari to see the exciting collection of full-size prehistoric creatures from marine animals to fearsome predators. We look forward to hearing all about it and sharing the photos in our next newsletter.

## BREAKFAST CLUBS

Unfortunately Sports Cool Brighton no longer have the staff availability to run a breakfast club on a Thursday morning. We shall therefore take it back in house as from next term.

Breakfast club will run on a **Monday, Wednesday and Thursday** starting from **7:45am**. Children are provided with a nutritious breakfast, comprising of a choice of healthy cereals, toast, fruit, yoghurt or pancakes. Children will participate in an activity until 8:35am when they will join the other children on the playground and be supervised by the teacher on duty.

The sessions are **£5 per child per session**, and can be paid for by BACs. To ensure the sustainability of the club, we will require parents and carers to sign up to this termly, as we need 2 members of staff to run it. You can select your days and we will offer places on a first come, first served basis. You do, however, need to book a minimum of 1 session per week. If you would like to book a place for the second term, please contact the school office by **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** to reserve your child's place.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Unfortunately, we haven't had much uptake on after school clubs for the last couple of terms so some clubs have been unable to go ahead. We will offer the clubs below in term 4, but please note these may be cancelled if we don't have enough participants.

Please see the attached information on how to book a place:

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|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| • Tuesdays   | Kids with Bricks club | Natasha Brown  | Starting 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb |
| • Wednesdays | Cooking               | Mrs Millward   | Starting 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb |
| • Wednesdays | Dodgeball             | Premier Sports | Starting 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb |
| • Thursdays  | Gardening             | Mrs Rozee      | Starting 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb |

Alternatively, if you have any other ideas for after school clubs, then please let us know in the office.

## OPEN PHONICS LESSON

A little reminder that Bugs and Underwater class parents are invited to an open phonics lesson where you can observe how we teach Phonics in school. The dates and times are as follows:

- **Underwater – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 9am**
- **Bugs - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 9:45am Year 1, 10.45am year 2**



## UNDERWATER LEARNING SHARE

Underwater class invite their parents to a learning share on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb, immediately after the phonics lesson (see info above). Come along and see what your child has been learning about in term 3.

## **CHILDRENS MENTAL HEALTH WEEK**

Children's mental health week is the week beginning Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. Teachers will be sharing information from the website below with the children. The focus theme this year is 'My Voice Matters'.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/about/>

## **MENTAL HEALTH AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING**

The government Green Paper recommends that all schools and colleges have a designated Senior Mental Health Lead (SMHL) by 2025. Senior mental health leads in schools and colleges are not expected to be mental health professionals; it is not their role to diagnose or treat mental health conditions. However, with appropriate training, SMHLs can take the lead on implementing a whole school approach to mental health and wellbeing.

We are delighted that Mrs Horan from Firle is our new Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing lead across the federation. There will be a short parent survey available during parents' evening and we would really appreciate it if you could take a couple of minutes to complete it and place it in the box provided. Thank you.

## **EAST SUSSEX LOCAL OFFER**

Please find attached the new flyers for the [East Sussex Local Offer](#). The Local Offer consists of an [information](#) site and a [directory of services](#), sharing information, advice and support for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), in East Sussex.

## **WEBINARS FOR PARENTS**

Supporting children with their mental health, please see the attached flier.

## **SAFER INTERNET DAY**

Safer Internet Day 2024 will take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2024, with learning based around the theme '**Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online**'.

Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Each year the focus is on an online issue or theme that speaks to the things young people are seeing and experiencing online. Teachers will be planning activities that focus on 'Inspiring change' on the 6<sup>th</sup> February.

Please find attached two 'Digital Safety at a Glance' leaflets offering guidance for parents around online safety. One is for children age 5-7yr old and the other, 8-11yrs old. These provide some useful reminders and pointers for supporting your children to navigate the online world safely.

## **FRIENDS OF LAUGHTON NEWS**

A big thank you to everyone who supported the uniform and bake sale. We raised £25.75 from school uniform sales and £62.60 from Bake sale. The bake sale money will go towards resources for Bugs Class. Important dates for the diary's include:

- Friendship Disco on Friday 9th February.
- Pancakes at pickup! Friday 23rd February.

Please see flyers for more details.

Thank you for your continued support  
Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown