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### Term 1 2023- Week 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see all those that could make it to our Harvest assembly on Monday, thank you so much for all your donations. These were collected by volunteers from the Hailsham Foodbank this week and were gratefully received, Thank you also to all those who have been able to offer help in school for reading, class sessions, the library, welly walks and woodland wellbeing sessions, it is really appreciated.

We have parents evening in the week before half term. These are 10-minute consultation times for you to discuss with your child's class teacher how they have settled into the new academic year and what would further support them in their learning. It is also an opportunity for you to go into their class and see their books. Signing up for an appointment is done through e schools so please contact the school office if you are having any difficulties.

### ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Bugs Class who had the highest attendance of **99.6%** last week and to High Peaks for their attendance of **97.4%** this week. Well done.

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

Our current whole school attendance is **96.6%**

### REWARDS

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

500 Points	<b>High Peaks:</b> Mason
600 Points	<b>High Peaks:</b> Rafe
700 Points	<b>Jungle:</b> Leila
1200 Points	<b>Jungle:</b> Ila
1400 Points	<b>Jungle:</b> Holly
1700 Points	<b>Jungle:</b> Ava

### Diary

#### October 2023

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Poetry final at KAR
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	New to EYFS 2024 Open Session
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Parent consultation evening
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Parent consultation evening
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term 1
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>INSET</b>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school for T2

#### November 2023

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hindleap parent meeting
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	New to EYFS 2024 Open Session
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Jungle class residential to Hindleap
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parent Forum 2.15pm
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Pantomime

### PARENT CONSULTATIONS

The online booking window for our parent consultations on **17th** and **19th October** will open at 4pm on **Monday**. You will need to use your parent eSchool login (not your child's) to access this. If you have any problems, please contact the office. Thank you.

### MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

Thank you to everybody who donated cakes and to those who attended our Macmillan coffee afternoon last Friday. We raised £103.22 for an amazing charity.

### HOMEWORK CLUB

On Fridays after school from 3:30pm-4:45pm Seaford Library is hosting a homework club for children ages 5 – 11. (Children under 8 must have a parent or carer with them in the library)

This club offers help with homework, books, and computers, reading practice, support for parents and carers and, fun activities



## YEAR 6 SAFETY IN ACTION

Our year 6 pupils had the opportunity this week to go to Newhaven Fort to attend an event called Safety in Action. Children from over 20 primary schools in the Lewes district had the chance to test their skills in an emergency. The event was organised jointly by East Sussex Fire and Rescue, Sussex Police, Ambulance Service, Southern Rail and aims to teach children how to deal with different safety scenarios in relation to fires, accidents, electricity, dogs, strangers, water safety, roads and internet safety.



## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Individual and sibling photos were taken this week. Order forms will be sent home early next week and will need to be returned to the school office within 7 days.

## A MESSAGE FROM DAME RACHEL DE SOUZA CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER FOR ENGLAND

You may have seen that I recently launched **The Big Ambition**, a new campaign to hear directly from children, young people, and parents across the country about what they need to make their lives better. As we approach the General Election, now is a crucial moment to take children and young people's voices to policymakers, Government, and decision makers, to make sure they are heard.

That is why I want to hear from every child and young person in England about their schools, communities, family life, and the wider world. I will also be asking what they want for their future, their hopes, dreams, and aspirations.

This survey is for all children and young people aged 6-18 and for parents/carers who can complete the survey on behalf of children aged 0-5. This will ensure we hear from early years settings. Adults can also assist children who are unable to complete the survey independently.

The survey can be completed here: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)



## POETRY COMPETITION

The finals of the Poetry Competition will take place this afternoon at King's Academy Ringmer. Our finalists are Marni, Bea W, and George T. We wish them all the very best of luck!

Well done to all those children who learnt their poem off by heart, it was lovely to hear them in class and assembly.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

The new school council was announced in assembly last week. The successful candidates are:

Year 6 Shea

Year 5 Marni

Year 4 Oscar

Year 3 Florence

Year 2 Samuel P

Congratulations, we cannot wait to hear you amazing ideas throughout the year.

We will be voting for our Year 1 and EYFS members in January.

## FLU VACCINATIONS

The flu vaccination nasal spray is on **Monday 13th November**. The NHS link for the e-consent form will be sent home shortly.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2024 you will have receive a leaflet about how to apply.

Information can also be found on;

[https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/admissions/secondary\\_school/](https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/admissions/secondary_school/)

The closing date for secondary school admissions close on **Tuesday 31st October**.

## OPEN SESSIONS

We are having the first of our Open Sessions for parents and carers with children due to start school in September 2024 on **Monday 16th October 2023**. There will be two sessions, the first at 9:15am prompt, and the second at 1:30pm. So we can monitor numbers, please can you book with the school office on 01323 811306 or email [laughtonoffice@oaktreefederation.co.uk](mailto:laughtonoffice@oaktreefederation.co.uk) where you will also need to confirm who will be attending with you. The session will last a maximum of 45 minutes, and you will have the opportunity to meet with the Executive Headteacher, Rachel West.

Please spread the word if you know anyone who has a child due to start school next year. The other Open Day dates are on **Tuesday 7th November 2023** and **Thursday 4th January 2024**.

The ESCC closing date for applications is **15th January 2024**.

### **GLYNDE CLOTHES SWAP**

Women's clothes and accessories, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 10am to 1pm at The Coach House. Tickets are £10. Please bring up to 5 items clean and in good condition and take up to 5 items, refreshments are available. Tickets are available from Glynde Store. All money raised will go towards renovations for Glynde pool.

### **FRIENDS OF LAUGHTON SCHOOL NEWS**

Thank you to everyone who has supported us over the last year and who came to the AGM at the end of last month. We are pleased to announce the new committee as follows:

Chair - Grace Brickell

Vice Chair - Rebecca Smith

Treasurer - Alison Peeters

Secretary - Natalie Rowland

Parent - Sarah Harkin

Parent - Katy Weller

Teacher Liaison - Nicky Anstis

Head Teacher - Rachel West

A huge thank you to everyone who helped and supported at the Harvest Festival, we made a fantastic £73.50 in donations towards the teas and coffees, and fruit and veg table. Thank you, Claire Gosling, (Jessica's Mum Y1) for supplying so much delicious produce.

Our first meeting is next Friday 13th October, 9am after drop off. We would love to see some new (and old!) faces so please come join us, there will be coffee and pastries!

Thank you for all your support.

Kind regards

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown