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Term 2 2024- Week 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now in the full swing of Christmas and it has been lovely to hear carols and songs being sung across the classes in preparation for performances.

We hope you are able to come along and see your child's learning in their class after the Concert on Tuesday. They have a lot to share.

Thank you so much to all the members of our Friends of Laughton who have been busy running the school Christmas shop. The children loved buying a selection of gifts and were very excited about what they bought.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **High Peaks** who achieved the highest attendance last week and to **High Peaks** for having the highest attendance of **98.5%** this week. Well done.

Our target for this year is **96.5%** and our current whole school attendance is **94.1%**.

REWARDS

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

100 Points	Bugs: Dougie
400 Points	Bugs: Arthur O High Peaks: Maksy
500 Points	Underwater: Tahlia, Freddie Bugs: Alba, Grace V
600 Points	Bugs: Arthur B
1000 Points	High Peaks: Florrie Jungle: Sophie
1300 Points	Jungle: Mille
1400 Points	Jungle: Daisy

JUNGLE CLASS RESIDENTIAL

Last week Jungle class had their residential trip to Hindleap Warren. They all had a fantastic time and enjoyed a range of activities such as archery, climbing and forest adventure. There are some more photos at the end of this newsletter.

'I really enjoyed Hindleap and personally the forest adventure was my favourite because you could get muddy without worrying about it' Thea

'Archery was my favourite, because it was fun to shoot an arrow. We got the highest score and 2 bullseyes' Ellie

'My favourite thing was the team challenges. You had to find different numbers on trees which were different challenges. I really enjoyed the trip and would like to go again' Oscar

THE ONE VOICE FESTIVAL

The children in Jungle class have been practising for their One Voice Performance at Glyndebourne next week and sound amazing. They will be attending Glyndebourne for a rehearsal in the morning, ready for their performance in the evening. (Children will be back in school in time for their Christmas dinners)

Diary

December 2024

Friday 6 th	Infant Nativity 9:15a.m and 2 p.m
Monday 9 th	Home clothes day for Christmas hamper
Tuesday 10 th	Christmas Concert and Bonanza 1.45pm
Wednesday 11 th	Christmas Dinner Christmas Jumper Day Jungle Class One Voice Performance 7:30 p.m. Glyndebourne
Monday 16 th	Touring Pantomime p.m.
Tuesday 17 th	WVO at Christmas
Friday 20 th	Christmas Service 2p.m Last day of term 2

January 2025

Monday 6 th	Children return to school
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To prevent families having to transport children to and from the morning rehearsal, we have arranged transport. We are very grateful to Create Music who are funding most of the travel cost to rehearsals to keep costs down. Therefore, the cost per child will be **£4.50**. If you haven't done so already, please give permission and make payment via your Arbor parent Portal today.

HOW TO BUY TICKETS: Tickets are available via the Glyndebourne website or over the phone to Glyndebourne Box Office on **01273 815000**.

TICKET LINK: <https://tickets.glyndebourne.com/production/22527?sourceNumber=72234>

YEAR 4 SWIMMING

A letter will be sent home on Monday for Year 4 children who start their swimming lessons in January. Children need to be able to swim 25m before leaving Primary school and those that can, will be given further challenges through life saving skills and speed of stroke etc so it is a fantastic opportunity. The year 4 children from Firlle will also be attending. Please remember to give permission and make payment via your Arbor parent portal by **19th December**.

STAFFING

Mrs Waters popped in the other week and saw High Peaks class. She is looking forward to returning to school after her maternity leave. She will be coming back in term 4 after February half term, temporarily job sharing with Mrs Tyson, covering on Thursdays and Fridays then will be full time after the Easter holidays. We are very grateful to Mrs Cliff who has provided some consistency since Mrs Waters went on maternity leave and to Mrs Tyson who is keen to be fully involved following her period of sickness absence. I'm sure you have seen in the news how difficult recruitment is at present in school and thank you for your support at this time.

HEADLICE

We have become aware that we have cases of headlice in school at the moment. It is important that you check the whole family's hair as soon as possible.

You can do this using a special comb (widely available from chemists), a lot of hair conditioner and careful combing from root to tip every 3 days over a 2-week period. Conditioner helps make the hair slippery. This makes the hair easier to comb and the lice easier to remove. It is important that you remove the lice from the comb each time you put the comb through the hair and that you continue to comb regularly over the full two weeks as this breaks the egg/lice life cycle. We recommend the Nitty Gritty comb as a particularly effective comb for getting rid of lice. This is because unlike most combs it removes the little eggs as well as the larger and more visible lice. It is a metal comb with special rounded end teeth, which is slightly more expensive than most lice combs, but very efficient at removing even tiny eggs and lice. It is widely available (from Amazon, Boots, Tesco, Lloyds Pharmacy and many more)

EYFS AND KSI NATIVITY

Congratulations to Underwater and Bugs class who performed brilliantly in their Nativity, 'The Nativity', this morning. They have worked so hard to learn their lines and spoke beautifully to the audience. Everybody did a fabulous job and should be very proud of themselves. They have one more performance to do this afternoon, and for those coming along to watch, we are sure you will enjoy it as much as we did!

Thank you to everyone who helped with costumes, the children all looked amazing. Also, a big thank you to the Friends of Laughton for providing refreshments and selling raffle tickets for our Christmas concert next week.



CHRISTMAS DINNER

A reminder that we have our school Christmas dinner on **Wednesday 11th December**. Please make your payment (KS2 only) on ParentPay, Children in KS1 are free. Please could you also let us know if your child is having a packed lunch from home so that we don't have to chase replies. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Christmas Jumper Day will be on **Wednesday 11th December** as it will fit in with our Christmas dinner day. We will be raising money for St Wilfred's Hospice and Children are asked to bring in £1 donation towards the charity if they can.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On **Tuesday 10th December** we will be hosting a Christmas concert where the children will share with you songs and music that they have been learning in class and whole school assemblies. It starts at **2pm** with **doors opening at 1:45pm** to get a table and refreshments.

There will also be an opportunity for some of our children who learn instruments, to play for you.

- After the concert, you will be invited into class to see what your child has been learning this term whilst the Friends of Laughton will set up the hall for their Christmas Bonanza which you are all welcome to attend. Please see the Friends of Laughton newsletter for further details. There will be a **non-school uniform day on Monday 9th December** for the children to wear their home clothes for a hamper donation.
Underwater – Chocolate and sweets
- Bugs: Biscuits and crackers
- High Peaks: Jams and chutneys
- Jungle: Drinks (alcohol and non)

CHRISTMAS TREE

A huge thank you to Staverton Nursery who very kindly donated a Christmas tree to Laughton School. Thank you to Friends of Laughton for organising it, our hall



PARENT PAY

Please can you make sure that your Parent Pay accounts are clear by the end of term. Chartwells are unable to run on a credit basis, and this needs to be cleared weekly. The total for next week, if your child has a school dinner every day, will be **£29.70**. If you have an outstanding balance then you will need to bring in a packed lunch for your child until the account is back in credit. Thank you.

SCHOOL PANTOMIME

On **Monday 16th December**, the children will have the opportunity to enjoy a pantomime by the Performing Arts students from East Sussex College with their 2024 touring pantomime, 'The Return of Peter Pan'.

OPEN SESSIONS

Our final Open Session for parents and carers with children due to start school in September 2025 is on **Thursday 9th January 2025 at 9.15am**. So that we can monitor numbers, please can you book with the school office on 01323 811306 or email 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 ESCC closing date for applications is **15th January 2025**.

RINGMER'S CHRISTMAS CHARITY TRACTOR RUN 2024

The charity tractor run will take place on Saturday 14th December, and will be raising money for the Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey and Sussex & the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution. Please see the attached poster for more information.

FRIENDS OF LAUGHTON NEWS

Home Clothes Day - Monday 9th Dec:

We are asking each class to bring in a donation toward our Christmas Hampers in return for wearing home clothes on Monday 9th December.

- Underwater – Chocolate and sweets
- Bugs: Biscuits and crackers
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LSA Christmas Bonanza - Tuesday 10th Dec 1.45pm:

Following on from the school concert, we will be holding our Christmas Bonanza! Jam packed with festive fun – a £5 ticket for your child will include games, Christmas crafting, decorations, reindeer food, washable tattoo, nail painting and a hot chocolate! Children and siblings can purchase their ticket from the school office or via this link:

<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QIAX7CWP>

There will also be added extras, including a raffle and the LSA will be selling yummy treats and hot drinks.

BOOKING CLOSES THIS FRIDAY SO BOOK YOUR SPACE NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

Thank you for all your continued support.
Kind regards

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown

