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## Term 1 2025- Week 8

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a lovely to see so many of you at our Harvest Festival assembly last Friday. The children sang beautifully, we hope you enjoyed it. Thank you very much for all your donations, these were collected by Hailsham Foodbank this week and they were very appreciative of your generosity. You can find out more about the work Hailsham foodbank do via their website <https://hailsham.foodbank.org.uk/>

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of our first term as it has flown by. We wish you all a very happy half term. The dates for next term are below and it does get really busy so please jot them down in your diary.

The children are looking forward to their disco later on today. It is a lovely way to end the term so thank you very much to the Friends of Laughton and all those that are giving their time to help out.

Please can I remind you that we have an **INSET day on 28<sup>th</sup> November**. This is a staff training day and we will be at a different venue so the school will be closed on this day.

Have a great week.

### ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **High Peaks class** who achieved the highest attendance of **100%** last week and to **Bugs Class** for the highest attendance of **99%** this week. Well done.

Our target for this year is **96.5%** and our current whole school attendance is **97%**

### REWARDS

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

|             |                         |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| 500 Points  | <b>Bugs:</b> Tess       |
| 800 Points  | <b>Bugs:</b> Casey      |
| 800 Points  | <b>Bugs:</b> Cassius    |
| 1100 Points | <b>Jungle:</b> Martha   |
| 1200 Points | <b>Jungle:</b> Florence |
| 1400 Points | <b>Jungle:</b> Rafe     |
| 1700 Points | <b>Jungle:</b> Mason    |
| 1700 Points | <b>Jungle:</b> Bea      |
| 1800 Points | <b>Jungle:</b> Bonnie   |



### SCHOOL MEALS

We have received the Autumn/Winter menu from Chartwells, please find it attached to the newsletter, and on our website. If you would prefer a hard copy, please contact the school office.



### Diary

#### November 2025

|                                 |                                                      |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>             | Children return to school - T2                       |
| Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>           | New to EYFS 2026 Open session                        |
| Week beginning 10 <sup>th</sup> | Anti Bullying week<br>Odd socks day                  |
| Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>           | Remembrance assembly                                 |
| Weds 12 <sup>th</sup>           | Jungle Class Residential trip                        |
| Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>            | Children in Need                                     |
| Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>            | Friends of Laughton 'Not a Pub Quiz' 7pm School Hall |
| Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>            | Yr 6 – health assessment                             |
| Weds 26 <sup>th</sup>           | Woolly Hat Wednesday                                 |
| Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>            | INSET day                                            |

#### December 2025

|                         |                                        |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Weds 10 <sup>th</sup>   | Nativity 9.15am & 2.15pm               |
| Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>  | Jungle class one Voice at Glyndebourne |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> | 1:30p.m Christmas Bonanza              |
| Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>    | Panto in school                        |
| Weds 17 <sup>th</sup>   | Christmas Dinner                       |
| Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>    | 2p.m carol service in church           |

#### INSET days 2025/26

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Nov / Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jan/  
Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> June / Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> July

## EAST SUSSEX YOUNG CARERS

Please find attached the October East Sussex Young Carers Newsletter.

## OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY PLAYScheme

Please find attached details from the Mohair Centre about their Half Term Holiday Playscheme.

## WOOLLY HAT WEDNESDAY – 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

We will be raising money for Chailey heritage on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November by wearing woolly hats to school. These can be worn all day for a donation towards the charity.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Henry who completed an inflatable 5K run last weekend.



## OPEN SESSIONS

We have fliers in our school office to advertise our open days so please spread the word. If you are able to do a leaflet drop at your local nursery or neighbouring families please pop in to the office to collect some.

Our next Open Session for parents and carers with children due to start school in September 2026 is on **Thursday 6th November 2025 at 9.15am and 1.30pm**. So that 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 final Open Day is on **Thursday 8th January 2026**. The ESCC closing date for applications is **15th January 2026**.

## POPPY APPEAL

We will be selling poppies, wristbands, snap bands and keyrings from the 3<sup>rd</sup> November to raise money for The Royal British Legion. If you would like your child to purchase a poppy, please put your donation in a named purse/envelope. The School Council will go around to classes at an appropriate time in the school day to sell them.

## THE ONE VOICE FESTIVAL

At 7.30pm on Thursday 11th December Jungle Class will be performing at Glyndebourne Opera House. Susan, a member of Create Music visited the class this week to start learning the songs. They already sounded amazing! All children are expected to attend and further information will follow in how to obtain tickets

## THANK YOU

Some of our local dad's took part in a pub quiz recently and won £100 which they have very kindly donated to Friends of Laughton. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity. We hope we get lots of support for our school quiz night too, please see details in our Friends of Laughton section.

## HINDLEAP WARREN

We have our year 5 and 6 residential coming up in the second week of term. It is a fabulous experience where the children go to get extremely muddy and have lots of fun for 2 nights at an outdoor centre. This is from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> November. Any children not going on the trip will come in to school as normal. Mr Lawler, Mrs Millward, Mrs Anstiss and Mr Hone will be with them on those days and Mrs West and Mrs Fuller will be there for a night each. Photos will follow!

## ANTI BULLYING WEEK

We will be having our anti bullying awareness week from 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> November. This year's theme is Power for Good. It is about empowering children to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

It will start with an **Odd Socks Day on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November**, with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. We will also end the week with a Children in Need fundraiser and information on this will follow after half term. We do recognise that there is a lot of fundraising at this time of year and only ask for what people feel comfortable to give. Many thanks.



## SHOEBOX APPEAL

We recognise that there are many families who will find this Christmas extremely tough due to the circumstances in their country and we would really like to support the Shoebox appeal through the Link to Hope charity as it makes such a difference to family's lives. You should have received a leaflet this week with further information and there is a reminder below of what should be included in the shoebox.

Please could completed shoeboxes be brought into school on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**.

It is a good activity for the family for half term. If you are unable to provide all items we can make group boxes in school with your donations. Many thanks.

**Link to Hope CONTENTS LIST**

*We want everyone to receive a fun and useful box of new and unused gifts so every shoebox should contain all items in this blue box.*

|                                                                        |                                                                                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves or Scarf or Hat (new or knitted)       | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrushes & Toothpaste                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweets or Chocolates (BB June 2025 EU Origin) | <input type="checkbox"/> Candles & Holders* or Tealights                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soap & Flannel                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Games (Travel Size Draughts/Dominoes/Playing Cards) |

\*Holder is for safety and stability

**Then please ADD 5 or more items (at least one of each item) from the Red Box for a Family Shoebox OR from the Purple Box to make a Unisex Elderly Shoebox.**

| <input type="checkbox"/> FAMILY                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> ELDERLY (UNISEX)                                          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colouring Pads (A5)                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading Glasses/Magnifier (Max + 2 strength)              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crayons/Pencils (with rubber & sharpener)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Mug/Wooden Spoon/Cutlery                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Toys (yo-yo, skipping rope, toy cars) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sensory Item (eg Bean Bag, Lavender Bag, Stress Ball etc) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soft Toy Teddy (with CE labels)             | <input type="checkbox"/> Hot Water Bottle                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tape Measure/DIY Tool                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Work Gloves                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing Kit                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pen and Paper                                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo (max 400ml)                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Socks/Tights (NEW)                                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Solar-Powered Calculator                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Wind-Up Radio/Torch                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Razors                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo (max 400ml)                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hairbrush/Comb                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Scissors/Nail Clippers                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Gifts .....                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Razors                                             |
|                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Gifts .....                                         |

**OR**

For other gifts & sustainability ideas go to [www.linktohope.co.uk](http://www.linktohope.co.uk)

**PLEASE REDUCE THE PACKAGING YOU PUT IN YOUR SHOEBOX**

**TAPE DOWN NO SHOEBOX HERE**

**SHOEBOX INSTRUCTIONS**

**STEP 01** PLEASE GRAB AN EMPTY SHOEBOX  
AN ADULT SHOEBOX - NO BOOT BOXES

**FOR A FAMILY BOX - ADD ALL BLUE BOX ITEMS + 5 OR MORE ITEMS FROM THE RED LIST TO THE SHOEBOX**

**OR FOR AN ELDERLY BOX - ADD ALL BLUE BOX ITEMS + 5 OR MORE ITEMS FROM THE PURPLE LIST TO THE SHOEBOX**

**STEP 02**

**IMPORTANT** NO FOOD, BISCUITS, TEA/COFFEE, OUT OF DATE ITEMS, SANITARY ITEMS OR UNDERWEAR

**STEP 03** THEN TAPE THE LID TO THE BOX AND WRAP IT COMPLETELY

**STEP 04** NOW TAPE THE COMPLETED CONTENTS LIST TO THE LID OF THE WRAPPED SHOEBOX

**STEP 05** FOLD OVER THE LEAFLET AND TAPE TO THE BOX. NEXT FILL IN AND SIGN THE GIFT AID FORM - WE THEN RECEIVE AN EXTRA 75p FOR FREE FROM HMRC FOR EVERY £3 PER BOX

**STEP 06** PLEASE PAY YOUR £3 EITHER ONLINE OR BY BACS OR CHEQUE OR MONEY ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE BOX

**TO GET SHOEBOXES TO US GO TO: [www.linktohope.co.uk](http://www.linktohope.co.uk)**

**STEP 07** FOR ALL OTHER WAYS TO JOIN IN, PLEASE GO TO: [www.linktohope.co.uk](http://www.linktohope.co.uk)

## SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2026 you should have received 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 **Thursday 31st October**.

## WAVE SWIM SCHOOL

Please find attached a leaflet offering local swimming lessons for your child.

## **FRIENDS OF LAUGHTON SCHOOL NEWS**

Friends of Laughton will be hosting their second **(Not-a-Pub) Quiz on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November**. No general knowledge required, no tricky questions about geography, politics or history. Just a night full of silly questions, true or false statements and the chance to answer some questions from your cheeky children! There will be a donation bar with both soft and alcoholic drinks, as well as bar snacks and nibbles. Please email the LSA at [laughtonsa@gmail.com](mailto:laughtonsa@gmail.com) to book a table (up to six players).

Thank you for all your support.

Kind regards

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Jeanette Fuller