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### Term 1 2020-2021- Week 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. It is lovely to see all the children return looking so happy and healthy. They are settling in to their new classes and becoming familiar with routines.

Next week we have our Meet the Teacher sessions to enable you to come into class and hear from their class teacher about what they will be learning and the timetable of the day. They will also set out expectations for homework etc.



### ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Underwater and Bugs for their attendance of 100% this week.

Please remember that the whistle goes at 8:40 a.m. in the morning so that we have all the children in school for registration at 8:45 a.m. Any child arriving after that is marked as late, thank you.

### UNIFORM

It is great to see the children back in their full school uniform. Please ensure that they stick to the correct uniform; see below.

Green or white polo or white shirt  
School sweatshirt/ fleece  
Green cardigan/ V neck jumper  
Grey trousers/shorts/culottes/skirt/pinafore  
White or grey socks, grey or green tights  
Green and white checked summer dress  
Black shoes/ boots (no sandals please)  
Long hair tied back  
No jewellery except for small plain stud earrings and a watch  
No nail varnish or make up

We will continue to have a uniform draw each term on a random day when all the children, who are in the correct school uniform on that day will have their names go into a hat and one will be picked out for each class. The winner will receive a £3 WH Smith voucher. This is to help support our uniform policy. If you are having any difficulties purchasing uniform then please speak to the school office.

Please make sure that any long hair e.g. reaching shoulders is tied back and avoid elaborate accessories.

P.E kits need to be in everyday and can go home to be washed every few weeks or half term for the infants. Uniform can be purchased from the uniform website or a provider of your choice. The LSA will also be running second hand uniform sales. Please see the diary section for upcoming dates.

### Diary

#### September

12<sup>th</sup> Meet the teacher  
15<sup>th</sup> Y2 Forest school  
22<sup>nd</sup> Y2 Forest school  
29<sup>th</sup> Y2 Forest school  
30<sup>th</sup> Macmillan Coffee Morning

#### October

6<sup>th</sup> Y2 Forest school  
13<sup>th</sup> Y2 Forest school  
13<sup>th</sup> New to EYFS (2023) open session  
18<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening  
20<sup>th</sup> Y2 Forest school  
20<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening  
21<sup>st</sup> Last day of Term for children  
31<sup>st</sup> INSET

#### November

8<sup>th</sup> New to EYFS (2023) open session  
14<sup>th</sup> Anti-Bullying Week  
16<sup>th</sup> Jungle Class residential

### INSET Days

31<sup>st</sup> October 2022, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 &  
21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

## HRH QUEEN ELIZBETH II

Today we joined with the rest of the country to mourn the loss of our Queen, Elizabeth II. We had time in assembly to reflect on her long, successful and remarkable reign. We were impressed with how many objects, representing the Queen, the children could identify and explain.

Staff also touched upon this historic event in classes with the children but ensured that we celebrated the woman and leader she was.

We explained to the children that from Monday, we will open a Book of Condolence which will be kept in the hall. The children can write their messages in or draw a picture in her memory and we will send this on to the palace in a few weeks' time. The opportunity to add to the book is extended to parents and carers who may also wish to add their own messages.

We do understand that the news may be received very differently by children and their families. We recognize that over the next few weeks our children will be hearing and seeing the news. For some individuals this may trigger a range of emotions that could feel confusing or difficult. This Thrive blog (linked below) has some good advice outlining some possible reactions around children and grief that may be experienced and ideas on how to support children at this time.

[https://www.thriveapproach.com/news/children-grief?utm\\_campaign=eshot\\_9thsep&utm\\_medium=direct&utm\\_source=email&utm\\_content=eshot\\_9thsep&utm\\_term=eshot\\_9thsep](https://www.thriveapproach.com/news/children-grief?utm_campaign=eshot_9thsep&utm_medium=direct&utm_source=email&utm_content=eshot_9thsep&utm_term=eshot_9thsep)

## ESCHOOL LEARNING PLATFORM

We will continue to use our learning platform to share the children's home learning, please can you check that you are still able to log on to your child's individual page.

You also have a separate parent login which you will need to book parents evening later in the year. Therefore, please can you make sure that you can access this account as well. If you have any problems, or have forgotten the login details, please contact Mrs Geer.

Children who started our school in September will receive their logins shortly for this. Please contact Mrs Geer in the school office if you have any difficulties logging on.

## DATA COLLECTION

At the start of every academic year, we update our contact details for the children. I'm sure you can appreciate it is imperative that we have up to date information in case of an emergency.

If you haven't done so already, and you need to notify us of any changes, please complete the blank form attached and return it by Monday to prevent office staff having to chase. If you are sure that your details have not changed, please email the office to confirm that there are no changes. Thank you.

## BIRTHDAYS

We will continue to celebrate your child's birthday in school with our birthday stickers and table top badge.

Please remember not bring in things to hand out such as sweets, cakes etc. for the whole class as we are trying to promote healthy eating and are also not allowed items to be brought in from home. Many thanks.

## MEET THE TEACHER

Next week we are inviting parents to our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. This is for you to meet the teacher who will be teaching your child/ren and for them to share with you how the class is set up and explain the expectations for behaviour, communication, learning, homework etc. We have planned the following dates so that parents and carers with more than one child can attend.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 2:40pm** - Bugs

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 2:40pm**- Underwater

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 2:40pm** - High Peaks

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 2:40pm** - Jungle

Please do not worry if you are unable to attend these sessions, as we will forward the information on to you by email.

## REMINDERS

Please can we remind you that packed lunches from home must be **NUT FREE**, including chocolate spreads containing nuts. We continue to promote healthy eating in school and therefore ask that chocolate bars and sweets are not included in packed lunches. Small chocolate covered biscuits – Kit Kats, Penguin bars etc are fine. As a rule of thumb, if it is in the biscuit aisle, it is a biscuit; therefore ok in school.

## COATS

Please ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day as the weather is very changeable and we will always aim to have children outside for play and lunch if possible.

## KS2 FRUIT AND SNACKS



All KS1 and EYFS children are given a fruit or vegetable snack through the government healthy school initiative. If you would like your child to receive this in KS2 then you will need to order through the office. The cost of this is £3 per term.

If you wish your child to bring in a snack from home then please make sure that it is only fresh fruit or vegetables, thank you.

## SCHOOL DINNERS

From September, a daily lunch for KS2 children will cost **£2.42**. If you would like to pay for the whole of the first term the price will be **£84.70**. Just a reminder that pupils moving into Year 3 will have to register for Parent pay if their child is having paid school dinners from September. The school office sent out the registration codes on Monday. Please let the office know if you haven't received this. The menu for this term was sent home before the holidays and can be found on the school website.

Please could everyone ensure that their parent pay accounts have no outstanding balances at the end of every week. This will help the office as we will not have to chase any debt owed as this can take up a lot of time for office staff. If there remains an outstanding balance on a Friday, you will be asked to send a packed lunch in for the following week, or until the debt is paid.

Thank you for your support with this.

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club has started on a **Monday** and **Wednesday** 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 be walked back to their classrooms ready for the start of the school day.

The sessions are **£5 per child per session**, which will include breakfast and participation in the activity that day. This can be paid for by BACs or cheque to the school office. 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 from September for the first term, please contact the school office. Places must be booked in advance and you will then be contacted to confirm your place.

On **Thursdays** Sports Cool Brighton will be offering a morning club. This will be £5 per session which should be made to the school office. This will start at **8am** and children will also be offered breakfast. Sports Cool Brighton will bring a variety of games and activities dependant on group size, ages and weather, such as archery, frisbee, and golf etc. They will also have games like Jenga, connect 4, and dominoes for those who prefer quiet time.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Unfortunately due to staffing and low numbers, SportsCool have had to postpone the clubs they were hoping to run in Term 1. They are however offering a football club on a Friday afternoon. They hope to introduce, basketball and Dodgeball etc in term 2 if there is enough interest.

Gemma will continue to run craft club, also on a Friday afternoon. Please see the attached booking form.

Many of you have asked about the return of Lego Club. We hope to be able to offer this in Term 2 which we will confirm near the end of T1.

We hope to offer the children more of a variety of clubs soon, and will keep you all updated.

## PARKING

Please can we ask everyone to be mindful of safety when driving and parking on Church Lane and in the village car park. Our neighbours have been in touch due to cars already blocking their driveway. This is frustrating for them in accessing their property so please allow extra time to park and drive slowly down the lane, thank you.

## FOREST SCHOOL

We will be commencing our Forest School sessions on Thursday afternoons with Year 2 starting next week. Each term there will be a programme for a different year group.

### **QUEENS GREEN CANOPY**

We are involved in an exciting project with the village in planting trees in celebration of the Queens Jubilee. This was shared with the children this week in assembly.

We have ordered 100 saplings so that every child can plant and name a tree. These will be planted on the Glebe land on the far side behind Reverend Geoffrey's house.

The tree should arrive in early November and we will have a planting day and ceremony later in that month.

If you would like to be involved in this project or have any experience in tree planting/ design then please let the office know.



### **ECO GROUP**

Next week Mr Herdman will be talking to the children in assembly in about Eco group and asking them to apply to be Eco Warriors. The new Eco Group will be playing a big part in our Queens canopy Project too as well as improving the energy efficiency in school.

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

We have lots of exciting events planned for the coming year so please do keep an eye on what is happening.

Our first meeting of the year is on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 1.30pm in the school hall. Please do come along and find out a bit more about what we do and how you can help. Everyone is a member of Friends of Laughton and we are always on the look out for people that can help in so many different ways.

#### Upcoming Events

Next Meeting Friday 16th September 1.30pm at School

AGM Tuesday 27th September 6pm Roebuck Inn

Uniform/Bake Sale Wednesday 12th October

Non Uniform Day/Halloween Day 21st October

Kind regards

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown