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Term 4 2023- Week 1

Dear Parents and Carers,
We hope you had a lovely half term and managed to get a restful break.

The children really enjoyed their end of term disco, thank you to all our volunteers for making this happen.

We have quite a few events coming up this term so please look at the new dates in the diary. Next week we will be celebrating World Book Day so please see further information in this newsletter, we are very grateful of any donations.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **Underwater Class** who had an attendance of **100%** the week before half term.

Our whole school attendance in term 3 was **96.4%**. Our target is **96.5%** so this is wonderful to see. In term 3 we had 72 children achieve above 96%, 56 of whom had 100% attendance and were entered into our attendance draw which took place in our celebration assembly today. The lucky winner for Term 3 was Harrison in Year 2. Well done and enjoy spending your WH Smith voucher.

A huge thank you to everybody for working with us as we continue to improve our whole school attendance.

REWARDS

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

100 Points	High Peaks: Scarlett, Max
200 Points	Underwater: Lottie, Livvie
300 Points	High Peaks: Marni
500 Points	Underwater: Jasper
	Bugs: Bea, Walter, Rose, Ellie, George M, George T, Nate.
600 Points	Bugs: Dolly, Emil, Ivy, Florence, Harrison
700 Points	High Peaks: Mia Summer
800 Points	High Peaks: Bea
900 Points	Jungle: Joshua H
1000 Points	Jungle: Flo
1100 Points	High Peaks: Thea
1800 Points	Jungle: Dora, Bea B

Diary

February 2023

Monday 27 th	Underwater and Bugs Welly Walk
Monday 27 th	Dance Club starts
Monday 27 th	Y6 SATs Booster Session
Tuesday 28 th	School Library Sessions

March 2023

Wednesday 1 st	Baking Club
Thursday 2 nd	World Book Day & Bake Sale
Thursday 2 nd	Year 5 Swimming
Thursday 2 nd	Year 1 Forest School
Friday 3 rd	LSA Meeting
Monday 6 th	Underwater and Bugs Welly Walk
Monday 6 th	Y6 SATs Booster Session
Tuesday 7 th	RE Day
Tuesday 7 th	School Library Sessions
Thursday 9 th	Year 1 Forest School
Monday 13 th	Underwater and Bugs Welly Walk
Monday 13 th	Y6 SATs Booster Session
Tuesday 14 th	KSI Trip to Hove Synagogue
Tuesday 14 th	School Library Sessions
Thursday 16 th	Year 1 Forest School
Thursday 16 th	LSA Mother's Day
Friday 17 th	Red Nose Day
Friday 17 th	LSA Mother's Day
Monday 20 th	Underwater and Bugs Welly Walk
Monday 20 th	Y6 SATs Booster Session
Tuesday 21 st	CLASS+ Coffee and Chat session
Tuesday 21 st	School Library Sessions
Thursday 23 rd	Year 1 Forest School
Monday 27 th	Underwater and Bugs Welly Walk
Monday 27 th	Y6 SATs Booster Session
Tuesday 28 th	School Library Sessions
Wednesday 29 th	Easter Working with Others Day
Thursday 30 th	Year 1 Forest School
Friday 31 st	Last day of term 4

April 2023

Tuesday 17 th	Children return to school – Term 5
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INSET Days

21st July 2023

STRIKE ACTION

The next day of the NEU industrial action is March 2nd. We will be open to all classes on this day but there may be some staff changes.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Thank you to everybody who booked and attended the parent consultation evenings. If you were unable to book, and would still like to see the class teacher, please email the school office who will arrange a 10-minute appointment for you.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Thank you to everyone who supported our Pancake Breakfast this week by helping, serving, eating and tidying away. It was so lovely to see everybody enjoying the pancakes and joining in with the pancake song. A huge thank you to the LSA team for organising the event and to Nicky for all her shopping and being in at 6a.m to make sure it all ran smoothly.



PANCAKE DAY

In Underwater Class we celebrated this tradition with pancake races followed by a pancake feast. We compared Pancake Day to Mardi Gras and also found out why this festival is celebrated.

On Wednesday we considered what we could give up for Lent, in Underwater Class. All our ideas were put in a hat and two were pulled out: - no sweets or chocolate (at our next Marble Party) and no more calling out in class! We're determined to be very disciplined.



BUGS AND UNDERWATER CLASS WELLY WALKS

Please note, for the rest of this academic year Welly Walks for EYFS and Y2 will be on Monday afternoons instead of Friday mornings. (Y1 will have Forest school on a Thursday instead) If you are able to help from 1.30-2.30pm, please let the office staff know.

UNDERWATER CLASS LEARNING SHARE

All Underwater Class parents and carers are invited to share our learning. Please note that this term's event will be a picnic in the woods, from 1.15pm on **Tuesday 28th March**.

UNIFORM

We are starting to see some variations coming into school which are non-school uniform. These include footwear and some accessories. Please can you make sure that your child has black shoes for school and follows our uniform policy, thank you.

With regards to jewellery, we would like to remind you that children can wear a pair of simple studs in pierced ears. No other jewellery of any type, should be worn at school.

All hair that is longer than shoulder length, must be tied back.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Next week is World Book Day and the theme this year is **"You Are a Reader"**. The School Council have met to discuss what we will be doing to celebrate this day and our amazing library team volunteers have also offered to put on an activity on Tuesday 28th during the class library session times.

Tuesday 28th February: At library time the whole class will attend the library session to return their books and take new ones out. We are also asking if children can donate a book to the school library or bring in a favourite book to share at this time. Please see the letter sent home on Wednesday for further details. Our library volunteers are also going to share their own competition with the children and provide some activity sheets.

Thursday 2nd March: We will be having a dress up day with the theme of **pyjamas with your favourite bedtime read** or as a **character from a book that you've enjoyed**. We have asked the children if they can bring in the book they are a character from, or a picture of it. (We have said they can accessorise but no toys guns, swords etc.)

After school we will have a cake sale to raise money for books for the school library.

Please can we ask you for a donation of a book, if you have one, on Tuesday and a contribution for the bake sale on the Thursday, thank you. We want to spread the love of reading and hope that the children enjoy these additional activities.

RED NOSE DAY

Red Nose Day is on **Friday 17th March**. Our School Council will be meeting to discuss fundraising ideas shortly, which we will share with you in our next newsletter.



CLASS + COFFEE AND CHAT SESSIONS

The next CLASS+ Coffee and Chat session at Laughton will be on **Tuesday 21st March, 9am – 10:30am**. These sessions are for parents and carers of an autistic child (or a child who is on the autism pathway) to meet, talk and share information or ideas with other parents/carers.

Please see the attached poster with more dates and locations. There is no need to book, just turn up.

FOCUS 5K FUNDRAISING EVENT, KS2, SUNDAY 14TH MAY 2023

Calling all runners: - we would like at least one team to represent our federation and to raise money for our chosen charity, Chailey Heritage Foundation. Each team needs to have 5 entrants, of the same year group, with a team leader that can either be a member of staff or a parent/carer. I (Emma Ricca) will be a leader for one team - unless there is a very keen parent/carer who would like to take this role instead of me. The cost of entry is £50 per team.



Please let the office know if you are interested in taking part.
Emma Ricca

SUSSEX SCHOOL GAMES 2023 CROSS COUNTRY FINALS

Following on from the recent cross-country event at Lewes, we are delighted to say that Maisie from Jungle class has qualified to represent the area at the **Sussex School Games 2023 Cross Country Finals** on **Wednesday 19 April** at Hickstead, The All England Jumping Course. This event involves competing against children from other School Games areas across Sussex. A huge well done to Maisie for qualifying and we wish her the very best of luck at the finals in April. We will of course let you know how she gets on.



MUSIC LESSONS AT LAUGHTON

Our visiting music teacher Dan the Music Man has 2 slots available for guitar or singing lessons on Thursday mornings. If your child would like to learn the guitar or loves to sing and wants to explore their voice, please sign them up for a free 15-minute taster lesson with Dan, starting next Thursday. Lessons thereafter are £15.50 per 30 min lesson, payable termly. Please contact Dan directly on 07941760866 or dannyviceholt@harmonessence.co.uk



COMMUNICATION

If you have a concern regarding your child then please make an appointment to meet their class teacher at your earliest convenience. If you are unable to solve the matter then please make an appointment with Mrs West or Mrs Brown.

We are aware that some people may air their grievances with other parents and carers in the playground and we would rather settle them amicably in school to avoid any tensions. Many thanks.

BREAKFAST CLUBS

Breakfast club continues on a **Monday** and **Wednesday** starting from **7:45am**. Children are provided with a nutritious breakfast and 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**, and 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, please contact the school office to reserve your child's place.

On **Thursdays** Sports Cool Brighton will continue to offer a morning club. This will be £5 per session which should be made to the school office. This will start at **8am**. 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

A little recap that on the clubs we are running in Term 4. We are aiming to provide a range of different clubs so that there is something for everybody. Please see the attached letter for details on how to book:

Monday	Dance Club
Tuesday	Dodgeball/Basketball
Wednesday	Cooking/baking club
Thursday	Kids with Bricks club
Friday	Mindful Makers craft club - FULL



There are spaces left on some of our clubs. Please see details attached on how to book.

FRIENDS OF LAUGHTON NEWS

Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who supported the end of term disco and the pancake breakfast. Between both events, we managed to raise over £400; so a big thank you!

The upcoming LSA events for this term are:

- **Mother's Day Shop** - Thursday 16th and Friday 17th March - All children have the opportunity to visit the shop and buy presents for their friends and family. All presents will be £2 each. Any volunteers to help on either day are also most welcome, please just let one of the LSA know. **As ever, any donations for the shop are gratefully received - please leave with the school office or give to a member of the LSA.**

- **Underwater Bake Sale** - Thursday 23rd March - Any donations of bakes and helpers are much appreciated.

Date for next meeting: **Friday 3rd March, 1.45pm @ School** - All welcome

Kind regards

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown