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Term 1 2016 - Week 7

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term has flown by and even the children are saying how fast it has gone. I hope you all have a good half term and look forward to seeing you on 31st ready for our spooky disco.

REWARDS

Congratulations to the following children for getting their pupil point awards:

400 points- Bugs- Louie, George

500 points- High Peaks- Frazer

600 points- High Peaks- Thomas

700 points- High Peaks- Aurora, Caspar, Flynn,

800 points- High Peaks- Genevieve

900 points- High Peaks- Joshua

COPPERS WEEK

Congratulations to everyone for raising £172.89 during our Coppers Week, that's a lot of small change! The money is going to go towards class cameras. The year 6 children were the winners and were delighted with their bag of chocolate coins each. Many thanks to Mrs Du Toit for setting this up and providing such an informative display on 'Money'.



www.ADebtFreeStressFreeLife.com

LSA NEWS

The Halloween Disco will be raising more money towards class cameras and also funding a new maths initiative for the school. This involves having a selection of watches for the children in KS2 to wear so that they see learning about time as part of everyday life. The infants will have different clock faces in their room.

Bags 2 School will be collected on Thursday 3rd November – please bring your bags to the school hall ready for collection that day before 9am .

MORNING ROUTINE

Please can you make sure that your child is ready to come into school by 8.40am – we aim to bring children into school so that they are ready to start learning at 8.45am. Also, please encourage pupils to put their own lunches in the cupboard and carry their own book bag and other belongings such as musical instruments, especially those pupils in Jungle and High Peaks.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We have a vacancy on our governing body for a parent governor. If you would like to have a further chat about what is involved in being a governor, please feel free to contact Denise Kong (Chair of Governors) by leaving a note with the school office, or emailing govs@laughton.e-sussex.sch.uk

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PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Thank you for coming along to our parent consultation evenings this week. It is really important that we all work together and are supportive of each other in providing the best learning experience for your child/ren.

MS BLOOD

We would like to wish Ms Blood all the best in her secondment to Saltdean Primary. Ms Blood has been going to Saltdean on Fridays this term and will be popping back in on a few dates next term to work with staff and see the children. We hope that this experience will enable her to take on further leadership ventures in the future. Ms Blood is seconded until August 31st 2017.

She will be missed by staff, pupils and parents and we thank her very much for all the energy she has brought to our school.

STAFFING

After half term Mrs Brown will be Acting Deputy Head and will continue to be Bugs Class teacher. Parents of pupils in Bugs class have been informed of the arrangements in a separate letter. Miss Hayes will be teaching Jungle Class but will have time out of class for PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) like all teachers, which will be covered by Miss M (Premier Sport) and Mrs Rieman with Mrs Greed. As usual, if you have any concerns about your child's education or welfare at school, please contact your child's classteacher.

GREEN CAR

We are looking for anyone who would like to help the children make our green Car in terms 5 and 6 with Jungle Class. It involves electronics and some understanding of STEM Science. It is a really exciting project and the children LOVE driving it around the playground – they are always surprised at how fast it feels when they are driving it!

MATHS

This year, one of the key areas of our School Development Plan is Mathematics.

All pupils have been provided with a Mathletics log in and password. The website is www.mathletics.com but make sure you have the UK site. For now, pupils are encouraged to explore the site. Once teachers have received further training, they will be setting specific tasks for homework and in lessons for pupils. Most of the games and activities can be accessed on a tablet style device but please download the app first; the link to this can be found on the website - just scroll down to the bottom of the page.

We have also provided you with a booklet of maths games to play with your child over the coming year. All of these games can improve knowledge and understanding of key skills and concepts in Mathematics. Please read the instructions at the front of the book very carefully – it is important to play these games over time and not all at once. Completed booklets can be returned to school from the beginning of July 2017.



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Another website that can support pupils with Mathematics is <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>. There is downloadable app which costs just over £2 and has a wide range of games and activities on it to support pupils to develop their Maths skills. All pupils should know their times tables by the end of year 4 and there are some great activities on here to support that.

FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School After School Club

We have been considering the idea of trialling an after school 'Forest School Skills' club. This would start in January and run for a minimum of 5 sessions between 3-4pm within the school grounds. The focus will be on teamwork, nature games, risk awareness and risk benefit, using hand tools and green woodworking as well as safe firelighting and an element of outdoor cooking. The session will cost £2.50/£3.00 per child and all materials will be provided.

Sessions will be run by a fully trained and insured Forest School Leader but we will be dependent upon parent helpers in order for the club to go ahead. If you are interested in discovering more about Forest School, and would like to spend time with the children outdoors, please let Michelle/school office know as soon as possible.

Donations of Forest School Equipment

Forest School sessions will be continuing for Year 2 and Year 4 pupils in January. After a successful meeting with the LSA we now have a wish-list of items we would like to purchase to enhance our learning further. Some, we will have to buy but it is possible others could be lurking used and unwanted in your shed or at the back of your wardrobe!! If you could donate any of the items below, please get in touch with Michelle/the school office before December.

- A fully working wheelbarrow suitable for the woods!
- Leather/suede gardening gloves, children's size small/medium
- A lockable tool box
- Large lightweight tarp shelters
- Waterproof jackets and trousers age 6-9 yrs
- Warm socks and fingerless gloves age 6-9 yrs

I can be contacted by mobile 07947 453860 or my email home@aloof.co Lastly, I just want to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for your continued support of Forest School at Laughton.



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SPORTING NEWS

Sammy and Jia ran the Hickstead Gallop last Sunday and both ran well. Sammy came 20th and Jia 15th out of 31 girls who ran 1km. Both were rewarded with a cake afterwards!

Miss Hayes will be playing in a county hurling final in Ireland over the half term break – Good Luck Miss Hayes!

Kind Regards

Rachel West
Executive Headteacher

Katie Blood
Head of School

Diary

October

- 20th** Last day of term for pupils
Parent consultation 3:20-6
- 21st** INSET (School shut for pupils)
- 31st** Halloween Disco

November

- 14th – 18th** Anti Bullying Week
- 18th** Take Over Day
- 22nd** Open Afternoon for those with children starting school in September 2017
- 28th** Open Morning for those with children starting school in September 2017

December

- 5th** Jungle Class 'Big Sing'
- 9th** Infant Nativity
- 14th** Christmas Dinner
- 19th** Community Concert and Christmas Fayre
- 21st** End of term Service 2p.m
Break Up for Christmas