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Term 5 2020-2021- Week 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the last newsletter for this term and we would like to take the opportunity to thank you for all your positive actions in helping the children settle back into a full term of school. We are slowly getting back to a kind of normal, and with the latest government lifting of some restrictions, will be looking at our risk assessment for any potential changes next term.

One thing we do hope to do is to provide a mixed junior playtime to enable the children to have access to the whole playground rather than split it.

This term's topic 'A Country Garden' using the text The Lost Words has hooked the children in to learning more about nature and wildlife and they have created some lovely, poems, stories and factual texts from their understanding. They have also used the theme through their art work to produce some fabulous illustrations, painting and salt dough sculptures.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Underwater for their attendance of **99.5%** last week and to Bugs class for their attendance of **97.9%** this week. Also a huge congratulations to everybody on Wednesday as we achieved 100% across the whole school!

Please note that if children are self-isolating, they do not affect our attendance as they are recorded as learning from home.

REWARDS

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

100 Points – **High Peaks:** Jack

200 Points – **Underwater:** Martha

500 Points – **High Peaks:** Alice

600 Points – **Bugs:** Ida **High Peaks:** Holly, Joshua

700 Points – **High Peaks:** Delilah

900 Points – **Jungle:** Dan

ECO UPDATE

In our previous meeting we looked at which rooms in the school use the most electricity and water and coloured in the ones that use most red and the ones that use the least green. It was an amazing experiment and the children were astonished at the results! We are currently looking into a possible LED lighting scheme which we hope to involve the Eco group in and we will keep you updated on this exciting development! Keep bringing your crisp packets in. We have just sent off the latest batch and have now raised well over £300 through this scheme, which we reinvest in other Eco ideas. This month we have purchased litter pickers for the Eco group and a new water butt to replace a split one in the front area.

Eco Ernie is awarded to Underwater class for being great recyclers! Well done!

Watch out for our new eco page on the school website which is being launched soon!

Diary

May

26th Forest School (Year 1 & 4)
28th LSA wear your home clothes for £1 day

28th Last day of term

June

7th Children return to school

8th LSA Meeting

9th Forest School (Year 2 & 5)

16th Forest School (Year 2 & 5)

16th LSA - Father's Day shop

21st Arts Week

22nd Snappy Opera performance-
Jungle class

23rd Forest School (Year 5)

30th Forest School (Year 3 & 6)

30th LSA - Bags2School collection

July

2nd Patina

7th Forest School (Year 3 & 6)

9th Sports Day

14th Forest School (Year 6)

14th LSA - Second-hand uniform
shop

22nd Last day of term

23rd INSET

PATINA

This week, we had some local Patina artists in school who did a presentation to the children. The theme this year is Wild in the Woods and Laughton and Firle's topic is the Oak tree. The children had the opportunity to design their costumes that they will wear for the parade and there will be making days in the lead up to Patina on Friday 2nd July.

"We had a presentation about what Patina is all about and what the theme is for this year. The theme is 'Wild in the Woods'. Every school taking part in the parade has their own tree. Firle and Laughton is the Oak tree" **Louis**

"Cleo from the wildlife trust came in and she did a talk about nature. The artists let us draw what we think our costumes should be" **Eaton**

MAHOGONY OPERA

In our last newsletter, we shared information about the Mahogany Opera supporting us in Laughton CP School. They have created a Snappy Opera called the 'Magical Music Tree', which Jungle class will be performing on Tuesday 22nd July. Parents and the local community will be invited to attend. In order to keep track of numbers, those who wish to attend will need to book tickets in advance. Therefore, if you wish to come along to the performance, please could you complete the form at the end of the newsletter and return it to the office by the end of term. You will also have the opportunity to purchase a cream tea from the LSA, to enjoy prior to the performance.

YEAR 5/6 RESIDENTIAL OPPORTUNITY

Jungle class parents will have received an email this week to advise them that we have provisionally booked an overnight stay at Blackland's Farm on Thursday 15th July, followed by a full day of exciting activities on Friday 16th July for the year 5 and year 6 children in both schools.

After a tricky year, and having missed out on last year's residential visits due to COVID, we really wanted to do something special for the children before the end of the academic year if circumstances allowed. We also wanted to book something whilst we could as we don't know what the situation will be next year in relation to our usual year 5/6 residential visits. The trip will be a fantastic opportunity for the children and will include lots of skills, challenges and fun team building activities. It will also be a lovely way for our current year 6 to end their time at primary school with their friends before they move on to the secondary school.



LOOKING AFTER THE ENVIRONMENT

It has been brought to our attention that a number of children, after school, are picking the bluebells from the edge of the field and leaving flowers scattered in the grass. We are so fortunate to have such a beautiful space for the children to enjoy, and during our outdoor learning we spend a lot of time reminding children of how to take care of our local area. Bluebells are protected and it is important for all pupils to understand that they should not be picked or destroyed. Please remind your children of this, when playing after school and ensure they are supervised.

COVID PROTOCOLS

We are all really pleased that the national Covid restrictions are beginning to ease and that we can start doing more outside of school. Currently our Covid guidelines in school remain in place in terms of hygiene and children being reminded of keeping their distance from each other. We understand that the rules around hugging have changed out of school but that we are all advised to proceed with caution. Within school we are reminding children that we are still keeping our distance- we will continue to do all we can to ensure that we keep everyone as safe as we can. Our risk assessment remains in place for everyone including visitors, so we continue to ask parents not to come into the school or into classes. We will ensure we communicate with you all, when we are able to change our current guidance and procedures.

HOME CLOTHES DAY

The children are invited to come to school in home clothes instead of uniform next Friday 28th May, in return for a £1 donation to the LSA.

PARENT AND CHILD YOGA & PLAY

Please see the attached information regarding parent and child yoga & play starting at Laughton school on Tuesday 8th June.

HOLIDAY CLUB

Please see the attached information from Premier Sport regarding a holiday camp over the half term, and how to book a place.

EAST SUSSEX PARENTING GUIDE

The ESCC Parenting Team 'Open For Parents' have created a specific 90 minutes online webinar to support parents whose children are starting school for the first time in September. We understand that this has been a highly anxious time for parents, particularly those who due to COVID19 have not had the usual transition process that parents have come to expect. It is understandable that parents may be more anxious than usual and that this may also have an effect on the anxiety of the children starting.

If you are interested in offering this one-off online webinar to your new cohort of parents then please do let us know, we will be happy to deliver the online webinar at a time that suits you and make it specific to the parents at your school. Please see additional information regarding the online webinar below:

Tips and Tricks for a Successful Start in School! 90 minutes (4-5 years)

Often the more supported a child feels at home the better they achieve in school. Come join 'Open For Parents' and receive top tips for developing independence, problem solving and communication skills – all of which are essential for having a successful first year at primary school. The online webinar will be presented by a qualified parenting practitioner, will include a short Q&A opportunity and you will also receive a handy tip sheet and further information on support if needed.

If interested please do contact us on 01424 725800 or email us on info@openforparents.org.uk

LSA NEWS

Thank you all for your support in donating and buying school uniform on Wednesday, we raised £64 which is brilliant! We are working on a Friends of Laughton Newsletter which will come out to you next week - watch this space for exciting updates. If you would like to get in touch with any of us with suggestions, questions or to offer help then our email address is laughtonsa@gmail.com. Our next meeting is at 1.30 Tuesday 8th June, please come along if you can.

Class reps

Yr 1 – Laura (Ben's Mum)

Yr 2 – Sarah (Pippa's Mum)

Yr 3 -

Yr 4 – Gemma (Bea's Mum)

Yr 5 – Nicky (Dizzy's Mum) Jo (Dan's Mum)

Yr 6 – Gemma C (Rupert's Mum)

There is currently no class rep for year 3. If you would like to take on this role, please let Natalie (Ruby's Mum) or the office know who will pass the message on.

FRIENDS OF LAUGHTON NEWS

The Friends of Laughton are delighted to let you know that we will be opening the Father's Day shop this year!

Shop opening day: 16th June 2021 (during school hours)

Cost: each gift will cost £2 (please send your children in with the correct money)

Gifts: we will make sure that every child has the opportunity to buy a gift for their father or carer. If there are spare gifts we will invite the children to a second visit of the shop to buy an additional gift.

Donations: if you would like to donate gifts, please buy a minimum of 5 identical gifts and put them in the box by Mr Herdman's office on the 10th and 11th June 2021. Gifts can be bought for about £1 but should not exceed £1.50.

Questions: please contact Gemma Collins (Rupert and Hannah's mother) by emailing: laughtonoffice@oaktreefederation.co.uk - your email will be forwarded to Gemma.

Kind Regards

Rachel West, Vicki Brown

CLASS LEARNING



Underwater

Monster Phonics:- we've been learning about Green Froggy and focusing on ee ea and y in words. The children have been playing reading games with the monster characters.

Bugs



Ila - We did some art to go on Mr Herdman's new displays. I love art it's fun, I want to do it all the time.

Mya - We made colourful cocktails by measuring the liquids into the big containers. I liked pouring and measuring it, I felt happy!

Marni - We went outside, and the wind was blowing, we talked about what air is and found out lots of things.



Please return this completed slip to the school office by Friday 28th May 2021

JUNGLE CLASS – SNAPPY OPERA PERFORMANCE

Please could I reserve 2 tickets for the snappy opera performance on Tuesday 22nd June, at 3pm.

Ticket 1

Name:

Ticket 2

Name: