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Term 2 2022-2023- Week 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fun filled fortnight with still lots more to come so we hope you are enjoying the festivities.

It has also become much colder in the last few weeks so please make sure you take extra care in traveling in to school and that your child has a hat, gloves and warm coat for playtimes.

We have attached some guidance with is newsletter from the local authority regarding the increasing number of Strep A cases in children and how to look out for symptoms. It clarifies what to do if you have any concerns. It is very distressing when any child is extremely ill and we ask you to read this information to help you understand the illness but not to cause you alarm.

Whilst there are plenty of events still next week, this is our last newsletter this term and we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New year. We hope you all get a good break over the holiday and come back feeling refreshed on Wednesday 4th January. Many thanks for your continued support over this term.



ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **Underwater** and **High Peaks** who both had an attendance of **97.4%** last week and to **Jungle** class for their attendance of **97.8%** this week.

REWARDS

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

100 Points	Underwater: Dylan, Emily, Grace, Harriet, Jessica, Maddison, Merryn, Rudi, Rupert, Spencer, Ursula, William
200 Points	High Peaks: Rafe
400 Points	Underwater: Wyatt High Peaks: Ellie
500 Points	Underwater: Lev
1000 Points	High Peaks: Thea Jungle: Josh S
1600 Points	Jungle: Bea



SCHOOL DOG

Alma has loved being in school and is settling in really well. The children are always pleased to see her. Some of the children have brought her in treats from home and whilst this is kind we do need to make sure she doesn't eat things other than the treats we have in school. Please can we ask that your child doesn't bring in food from home for her. The children can give her something from her own box on a 1:1 basis so that we can monitor what she eats. Thank you for your support. Here are a few photos of Alma's adventures!

Diary

December

12 th	Bugs learning share 2.15pm
13 th	Library
13 th	Christmas Dinner
14 th	Underwater Marble Party
14 th	Christmas Concert 2pm
14 th	High Peaks & Jungle learning share
15 th	Bugs and Jungle Marble Party
15 th	Underwater learning share
16 th	Underwater & Bugs Welly Walk
16 th	Church Service 2pm
16 th	Last day of term

January

3 rd	INSET
4 th	Children return to school
5 th	LSA Meeting
10 th	New to EYFS open session
27 th	CLASS + Coffee and Chat session

Other INSET Days

21st July 2023



SCHOOL PANTO

On Tuesday, the children were entertained by the Performing Arts students from East Sussex College. They visited Laughton school with their 2022 touring pantomime, Snow White. The children joined in with the fun and thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

EYFS AND KSI NATIVITY

Congratulations to Underwater and Bugs class who performed brilliantly in their Nativity, 'Wriggly Nativity'. They have worked so hard to learn their lines and spoke clearly to the audience. Everybody did a fantastic job. We hope you all enjoyed watching it as much as we did!



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On **Wednesday 14th December** we will be hosting our Christmas concert where the children will share with you songs and music that they have been learning in class and whole school assemblies. There will also be an opportunity for some of our children who learn instruments, to play for you. The Friends of Laughton will set the hall up as a café so that you can buy a drink and mince pie to enjoy the event. There will also be a raffle drawn for some amazing hampers. After the event Jungle Class and High Peaks will share their learning this year with parents and carers. There is a separate date for the infant learning shares.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

A reminder that our school Christmas dinner is on **Tuesday 13th December**. Please make your payment (KS2 only) on ParentPay, Children in KSI are free. The children may accessorise their school uniform with something festive for Christmas Lunch.

PARENT PAY

Please can you make sure that your Parent Pay accounts are clear by the end of term. Chartwells are unable to run on a credit basis, and this needs to be cleared weekly. The total for next week, if your child has a school dinner every day, will be **£12.10**. If you have an outstanding balance then you will need to bring in a packed lunch for your child until the account is back in credit. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS TREE

A huge thank you to Staverton Nursery who very kindly donated a Christmas tree to Laughton School. The School Council did a great job with the decorating and the hall now looks very festive! Thank you to Katy (Bea and Florrie's mum) for organising this again this year.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Jo (Grace's mum and Katy, Bea and Florrie's mum) who very kindly purchased 3 music stands for the school. What a lovely surprise and the children will benefit from them during their music lessons.

Thank you also to our amazing librarians, Ellen, Kirsty, Natalie and Hannah who come in weekly to ensure the children have access to quality books and are supported when using the library. It looks fantastic with the new cushion covers and curtains too made by Kirsty.





CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We had our Christmas Jumper day yesterday and raised a fantastic **£75.90** for the Save the Children Charity. Thank you all for your generosity.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you very much for donating to our Children in Need activities over the last couple of weeks.

We made £116.40 for the rainbow themed home clothes day, and £103.49 for the cupcake, cookie and toy sale, and the movie lunch.

In total we made an impressive **£219.89** for Children in need. Well done everyone for your donations and big thank you to our school council who came up with the great ideas!



QUEEN'S CANOPY PROJECT

This afternoon we are taking the School Council and Eco Group down to the Glebe land near the church to plant a tree for the Queen's Canopy. We will still have a whole school event on 27th January for every child to plant a tree but we had previously arranged for a ceremony on this date with the Bishop and Lord Lieutenant that we are unable to reschedule (so have had to keep the original ceremony date).

The Canopy Trust have advised us that the official guests on Friday will consist of:

The Bishop of Chichester – Martin Warner

The Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex – Andrew Blackman

The	Vice	Lord	Lieutenant	–	Sara	Stonor
Deborah Bedford and David Allam (Deputy Lieutenants)						

Mark Whitaker – Queens Canopy Trust.

The Lord Lieutenant and the Bishop will both plant a tree and will both speak briefly about the project. The children will then plant a couple of saplings and speak about their hopes for the future of the project. They have written the most touching speeches which they are keen to read.

We will share photos of the afternoon in our next newsletter.

CLASS+ COFFEE AND CHAT SESSION

The next CLASS+ coffee and chat session will be on **Friday 27th January at 9.30am**. 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.

OPEN SESSIONS

Our final open sessions for parents and carers with children due to start school in September 2023 is on **Tuesday 10th January 2023**. There will be two sessions, the first at 9:15am prompt, and the second at 1:30pm. So we can monitor numbers, please can you book with the school office on 01323 811306 or email 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 ESCC closing date for applications is **15th January 2023**.

HOLIDAY AND FOOD PROGRAMME

The December school holidays are approaching! The Government's Holiday activities and food (HAF) programme funds a range of exciting activities for young people. The activity sessions are free to children who receive benefits-related free school meals. Parents and carers can check if they qualify by reading the East Sussex County Council website [Free school meals page](#).



All HAF sessions include a healthy meal and are free to those on benefit-related free school meals. A smaller number of places will also be available to children and young people who:

- Referred to Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

- Disabled, those with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), those with other special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) or on the disability register.
- Young Carers
- Have a disabled sibling
- Referred to the School Mental Health Teams
- Gypsy, Roma & Traveller
- Supported by “Family Focus”/“Troubled Families” services
- Children in Need (CiN), children on a Child Protection Plan (CP) and Looked After Children (LAC)
- LGBTQ+
- Ukrainian Guests

There is a great range of clubs spread across multiple venues in East Sussex. They all offer a free healthy meal. Activities include sport, art, theatre, forest school, animation, music, computer coding and crafts.

You can find out what's available and book a place on the [HAF booking website](#).

Also available: [Active primary Sports](#) – book via their own website.

Thank you for helping us to ensure that as many young people as possible take part. Like you, we want them to have a great winter holiday.

You will find more information about the programme on the ESCC [Holiday Food and Fun webpage](#).

OPEN FOR PARENTS

Please find attached Open for Parents latest booklet which outlines all the FREE online courses they offer to parents and carers in East Sussex.

FRIENDS OF LAUGHTON SCHOOL NEWS

Just a quick reminder that the LSA will be selling tickets for the **Christmas raffle** at the Christmas Concert on 14th December, as well as providing refreshments - please do come and support us.

If you are unable to get to the concert to buy tickets, you are welcome to leave an envelope in the school office with your name on and we will collect it before the concert.

As the end of term fast approaches, we just wanted to take the opportunity to say a big thank-you for all your support, especially at this busy time of the year. Wishing all Friends of Laughton School a very merry Christmas and all the best for 2023.

Date of our next meeting: 5th January 2023 @1.30pm

Kind regards

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown

