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Term 1 2022-2023- Week 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy couple of weeks and I have been fortunate to have been able to go into classes to observe the learning and teaching. It is amazing how the children have settled so well in to new routines and expectations for their next year group. I hope that you have all managed to book your parent/ carer slot to catch up with their class teacher in the last week of term so that you can see how they are getting on and any ways in which you can further support them.

We are definitely heading into autumn now so please make sure your child has a waterproof coat every day. Mrs Brown is running a parent forum next Friday at 2p.m for you to come in and discuss your thoughts on inclusion and attendance. We are currently reviewing our attendance policy so it would be great to hear your ideas on how we can improve it. Please pop along for a coffee and chat to help us work together and share thinking.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Underwater Class for their attendance of **100%** last week and again to Underwater class for their attendance of **97.9%** this week.

REWARDS

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

400 Points **Underwater:** Lev, Jasper, Wyatt **Bugs:** George
600 Points **High Peaks:** Theo
1100 Points **High Peaks:** Ila **Jungle:** Holly
1200 Points **Jungle:** Tom

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

A little reminder that the online booking window for our parent consultations on **18th** and **20th October** are now open. You will need to use your parent eSchool login (not your child's) to access this. If you have any problems, please contact the office. Thank you.

UNDERWATER PARENTS

You are invited to a phonics meeting on Thursday 3rd November at 8.50am. This will be an opportunity for me to explain how we teach reading and writing at school and how best you can support at home. Year 1 parents, you are also invited to attend but please note, there will be an additional Year 1 phonics meeting at a later date.

A little reminder to Underwater Class parents about the learning share on Thursday 20th October at 2.15p.m Thank you, Ms Ricca.

FLU VACCINATIONS

A reminder that the flu vaccination nasal spray is on **Monday 10th October**. The NHS link for the parent consent system is now closed. If you didn't complete this in time or if your child is absent on the day of the vaccination, you will be given a letter home with information about how to book at a medical centre.

Diary

October

10th Flu vaccinations
13th Y2 Forest school
13th New to EYFS (2023) open session
18th Parents Evening
20th Y2 Forest school
20th Underwater Learning share
20th Parents Evening
21st Last day of Term for children
21st Halloween Day activities
21st Year 6 bake sale
31st INSET

November

1st LSA Bags2School
8th New to EYFS (2023) open session
14th Anti-Bullying Week
16th Jungle Class residential

INSET Days

31st October 2022, 3rd January 2023 &
21st July 2023

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

Thank you to everybody who donated cakes and to those who attending our Macmillan coffee afternoon last Friday. We raised £71.20 for an amazing charity.



SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2023 you will have receive a leaflet about how to apply. Information can also be found on;

https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/admissions/secondary_school/

The closing date for secondary school admissions close on **Monday 31st October**.

OPEN SESSIONS

We are having the first of our Open Sessions for parents and carers with children due to start school in September 2023 on **Thursday 13th October 2022** at 9:15am. 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 other Open Day dates are **Tuesday 8th November 2022** and **Tuesday 10th January 2023**. On these dates there will be two sessions, the first at 9:15am prompt, and the second at 1:30pm The ESCC closing date for applications is **15th January 2023**.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Individual and sibling photos were taken this week. Order forms will be sent home early next week and will need to be returned to the school office within 7 days.

HARVEST

Laughton Community Primary School collected an amazing **125.85 kg** of food for Hailsham Foodbank as part of our Harvest Festival. This is enough to provide **300 meals** for families in crisis with Hailsham and the surrounding area. Thank you to all of our families for your generosity.

'We've never been so happy to see Harvest starting to come in. Our first of the year was Laughton Primary School. A real help to our stocks and means we haven't had to buy any food yet this week!' Hailsham Foodbank.

'Thank you for your Harvest donation, this will greatly help as we continue to help individuals and families in need here in Hailsham and the surrounding area' Hailsham Foodbank.

POETRY COMPETITION

As you may know we have been carrying out a poetry competition in school where children in all year groups from 1-6 have been invited to learn a poem off by heart to recite aloud to an audience.

They have performed to their class and the finalists from each class have recited their poem to the whole school in a special assembly.

It has been an exciting competition and lovely to see so many of the children practising the words and using expression and actions in their performance. It has been a very difficult decision to find a finalist for each category, KSI, LKS2 and UPKS2. Everybody did amazingly well, but a huge well done to Dolly, Millie and Kit who were chosen to attend the finals which was held at Kings Academy Ringmer yesterday, along with others from local primary schools. Parents of finalists were invited to watch and Sian Williams, the Head at KAR judged the competition. Congratulations to Kit who came 2nd in his category.

It was lovely to see Rose come along to support us as a representative from KAR.



RINGMER TIDDLERS AND TODDLERS

On Saturday 8th October, Ringmer Tiddlers and Toddlers will be running their Nearly New Sale at Ringmer Village Hall, from 10:30 am until 12:30pm. The sale will include nearly new items from pregnancy to 11 year olds, everything you need when having, raising or minding a little one. There will also be refreshments available. They are a community run playgroup, and rely heavily on the funds raised at these sales.

FRIENDS OF LAUGHTON SCHOOL NEWS

As the end of term rapidly approaches, there's just a few key dates to pop in the diary.

On the last day of term, we have some Halloween activities (see poster attached) and a bake sale to raise money for the year 6 Patina. Both these will be on Friday 21st October. Any bakes (nut-free) are always great fully received for the sale.

Straight after half term we've arranged for a Bags 2 Schools collection. This is a great way to get rid of any grown-out-of clothes, old books or even toys, and at the same time raise money for the school. Bags can be left in the shelter in the sensory garden on the morning of 1st November and will be collected during school hours. As a reminder, a list of what can be donated can be found here: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

We want to extend a big thank you to all those who attended the LSA AGM on Tuesday, it was great to see so many people there. Another big thank you, to last year's committee for all their hard work, especially after such a challenging time for fundraising.

Following on from the meeting, we wanted to share the new committee for this academic year:

Chair: Katy Weller

Vice-chair: Grace Brickle

Treasurer: Ali Peeters

Secretary: Natalie Rowland

Staff liaison: Nicky Anstiss

Parent committee members: Joss Salter & Gemma Nicholas-Burleton

If you have any questions, need any advice, want a chat or have any super fundraising ideas please do just stop one of us in the playground. And if you'd like to be involved, please let us or the school office know and we can support this.

Kind regards

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown