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### Term 2 2020-2021- Week 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

The classes are enjoying their new topics. It is lovely to see KS2 embracing their learning on the Victorians and I think they are all quite relieved to be living in this era instead! You will see from the reports in this newsletter that we have been incredibly busy over the last 2 weeks and still have lots going on for the remainder of this term. Please make sure you check the diary dates opposite.

We are hoping that we can run these events but this will depend on our infection rates in school.

Please continue to test regularly with lateral flow tests as this has helped reduce our risk of infections spreading. Thank you.

#### ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Underwater class for their attendance of **95.9%** last week.

#### REWARDS

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

100 Points	<b>Underwater:</b> Bea, Jasper, Lev
	<b>High Peaks:</b> Dougie
200 Points	<b>Jungle:</b> Henry W
300 Points	<b>Bugs:</b> Ivy, Mason, Emil
400 Points	<b>Underwater:</b> Hector <b>Bugs:</b> Ruby
600 Points	<b>Jungle:</b> Alice
700 Points	<b>High Peaks:</b> Mya
800 Points	<b>High Peaks:</b> Shea, Ila, Holly

#### OPEN SESSIONS

Our final open session for parents and carers with children due to start school in September 2022 is on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022**. There will be two sessions, the first at 9:15am prompt, and the second at 1:30pm. In order to monitor numbers, please can you book with the school office on 01323 811306 or email

[laughtonoffice@oaktreefederation.co.uk](mailto: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 Head teacher, 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 **15<sup>th</sup> January 2022**.

#### ECO UPDATE

We were very pleased to welcome Mr Green, the now retired Eco leader from King's Academy Ringmer to our meeting. Together we discussed energy, what it is, where it comes from and how we use it. We discovered that each classroom has a thermometer and the ideal temperature for the classroom should be 19 degrees. We then moved on to how to make the best use of heating the school, asking "If it is too hot in the classroom, is it better to open the window or turn the heating down?"

The ECO reps will be monitoring the temperature in each classroom to see how much heat we are using.

#### Diary

##### November

**30<sup>th</sup>** Library session

##### December

**6<sup>th</sup>** KSI Nativity 2pm

**7<sup>th</sup>** KSI Nativity 2pm

**7<sup>th</sup>** Eco rep meeting (in school)

**8<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Dinner Day

**8<sup>th</sup>** LSA second hand uniform sale

**10<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Jumper Day

**11<sup>th</sup>** KS2 performance

**13<sup>th</sup>** LSA Christmas shop

**14<sup>th</sup>** LSA Christmas shop

**18<sup>th</sup>** LSA Home clothes day

**17<sup>th</sup>** Carol service

**17<sup>th</sup>** Last day of term

##### January

**4<sup>th</sup>** INSET

**5<sup>th</sup>** Children return to school



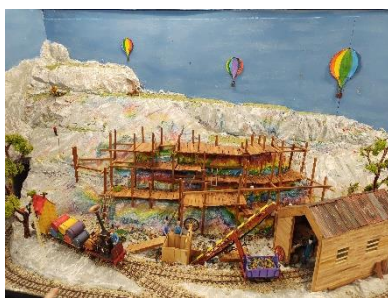
## KSI TOPIC VISIT TO FIRLE SCHOOL

As part of the infants 'Transport' topic, KSI had the opportunity of visiting Firle School last week to see their Caretaker, Mr Fox-Wilson's, astounding model of the town of Rainbow Rock. The town's economy thrives from the Rainbow Rock quarry and the sugar mine. The trains move the rock and the sugar to the factory where it is turned into sticks of rock to be sold at local seaside towns. All the children were able to see it and marvel at how intricate the details are as well as watch the train go round. Well done to the children, they all had a lovely time collaborating on a number of activities and play. Thank you Mr Fox Wilson.

Oscar – 'The trains were all moving and were different colours. There were houses and schools. I liked that the trains moved.'

Riley – 'There were trains and a dragon, I liked it because of the dragon.'

Mia-Summer – 'When the train went through a building, we couldn't see them. I like how Mr Fox-Wilson chose the colours. The dragon had burnt a roof, Mr Fox-Wilson may need to replace a tile. I liked how he made the rocks, it was all clever as they actually looked real.'



## CHILDREN IN NEED

A huge well done to our School Council have planned our fundraising event for Children in Need last week which consisted of a toy and bake sale, and wear your own clothes day.

Thank to everybody that supported this event, we are delighted to say that Laughton School raised an impressive **£285.88** For Children in Need! Well done to everybody!

## POPPY APEAL

We are pleased to tell you we also raised **£75.80** for the Poppy Appeal! Thank you once again for all your support and to our school council who sold the poppies.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Good luck to Sam, Henry W, Arlo, Jack K, Jack S, Kit, Ava, Rose, Flossy, Hannah, Dora, Delilah and Isabella in Jungle class who will be representing Laughton Primary School at the cluster Cross Country race on Tuesday 30th November, at Hailsham Community College. We wish them all well and will let you know how they get on in our next newsletter.

## HOCKEY

Congratulations to Hannah and Ava who represented Lewes Hockey Club on Sunday, in the Ron Easton tournament, which took place in Eastbourne. Lewes won the tournament and will now go on to play the winner of the equivalent West Sussex tournament.



## STUDENT TEACHER

Today is the last day Mr Blaxland, our PGCE student from Brighton University, will be with us for a while as he returns to University to continue his degree. The children in Jungle class have enjoyed having him and we look forward to welcoming him back for his next placement on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

## SINGING AND GUITAR LESSONS

Dan Vice-Holt is a singing and guitar teacher and experienced choir master (and also a parent at Firle school). Following on from his successful work with Firle school, Dan will be spending Friday afternoons at Laughton school from January. He will be running a weekly singing assembly with the children every Friday afternoon followed by a free lunchtime choir (with Miss Everest) available to all pupils. He will also be offering private singing and guitar lessons to children who wish to learn further. Dan has a limited number of spaces available so if your child is

interested, sign them up for a free taster session. Please contact Dan directly for more information: [dannyviceholt@harmonessence.co.uk](mailto:dannyviceholt@harmonessence.co.uk) or 07941 760866.

## **SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER**

A reminder that our school Christmas dinner is on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December** and orders should have been received today. If your child would like a school Christmas dinner, please complete the attached form regarding menu choices, and return to the school office on Monday morning. Please make your payment (KS2 only) on ParentPay, Children in KS1 are free. The children may accessorise their school uniform with something festive for Christmas Lunch.

## **KS1 NATIVITY**

KS1 will be performing their nativity play, 'Nativity', on the following dates:

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2pm**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2pm**

Children have been allocated parts over the last few weeks, and have begun to learn their lines at school. We are delighted to be able to invite parents into school this year to watch their performance. However, to enable us to do this, we do need to limit parents and carers to two per child.

Seats will be distanced in the hall, which will be ventilated, and parents and carers are asked to wear a face mask. Please email the school office to reserve your two seats on your preferred date.

## **KS2 PERFORMANCE**

KS2 will have their Christmas performance on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2:15pm. We are delighted to be able to invite parents into school this year to watch the children in Jungle and High Peaks sing. As with the KS1 Nativity, we will need to limit parents and carers to two per child. Seats will be distanced in the hall, which will be ventilated, and parents and carers are asked to wear a face mask. Please email the school office to reserve a maximum of two seats.

A huge thank you to the LSA will also be selling tea and cake at both the KS1 and KS2 performances. You will also have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets which will be drawn on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

## **PANTOMIME**

Unfortunately, the touring pantomime due to perform at Laughton school on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December have had to cancel their school visits this year. However they will be live streaming the pantomime for the children to watch. The date of this will be confirmed next week.

## **CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS**

The classes will once again be getting creative and making tree decorations for the village Christmas tree. We look forward to seeing them displayed from 5<sup>th</sup> December. Everyone is welcome to the Parish Carol Service and lighting of the Christmas tree on this day at 5p.m. Please see the attached flier with further details.



### **WINTER WEATHER**

The weather is now getting colder, please ensure that your child comes into school suitably clothed, with a jumper or cardigan, a fleece and a coat and on particularly cold days a hat and gloves. We are still making sure that the classrooms are fully ventilated so it may not be as warm in school as in previous years.

## **SAVE THE CHILDREN CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

Once again we will be supporting the Save the Children Charity by wearing a Christmas Jumper to school Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December in return for a minimum £1 donation to the charity.



## **CLASS+**

CLASS+ works across East Sussex to support families/carers of young people with ASD. Their aim is to provide guidance and training that enables families/carers to build their understanding of the strengths and challenges faced by children and young people with Autism and so to develop greater confidence in how to support them. The team is part of the CLASS service.

### **They offer**

- Weekly advice line
- Signposting
- Coffee mornings – support groups and schools
- Training for parents

- Short pieces of home based support (for school aged children)

### How can parents/carers access support from CLASS+?

If you think you or someone you know could benefit from CLASS+ support then please use the contact details below for more information.

- CLASS@eastsussex.gov.uk
- Message them on their [Facebook page](#)
- Call 01273 336887

### CITIZENS ADVICE VOLUNTEERS

Lewes District Citizens Advice are currently recruiting for volunteer advisers for Citizens Advice in the Lewes District area, and have found that parents of school age children often get a great deal out of their training and the experience of volunteering for them, which often enables them to make steps back into the workplace if they so desire. They have also found that they make very good advisers, and are able to offer a lot of their experience to others in need of help in the wider community.

### FRIENDS OF LAUGHTON SCHOOL NEWS

We are getting ready for all things Christmas. If you have been thinking about taking advantage of the amazing DIY Wreath offer from Anthologie Floristry please get in touch as soon as possible, the last order date is the 1st December with the last collection date being 3rd December.

We will be spreading Christmas cheer and selling raffle tickets at all the children's performances so hope to see you there!

**Christmas shop** - Great news, Friends of Laughton School are planning the Christmas Shop this year. The shop will be open during the school day on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th December. If you would like to donate gifts to the Christmas shop, please can you do so by the 3rd December. This will give us the opportunity to photograph all gifts and wrap them in advance. If you would like to buy gifts for the Christmas shop please buy a minimum of 5 identical gifts and hand them in to the school office. You are welcome to claim your expenses if you would like to. Gifts should be bought for about £1 but not exceed £1.50. Thank you very much. Gemma Collins (Hannah's mother – year 5)

Kind Regards  
Rachel West, Vicki Brown

### CLASS LEARNING

#### Underwater

Underwater Class have been following the adventures of Naughty Bus. Did you know he's a night bus? I wonder what mischief he will get up to next...

The children drew story maps of his adventures.

In Maths we have been using tens frames to count accurately, applying quick recall of number bonds to find totals and to calculate how many more to make 10.





Bugs and Underwater Classes found out about a vintage car, as part of their 'On the Move' topic.



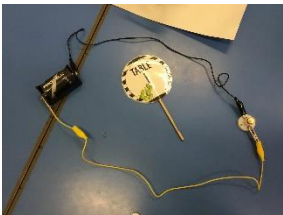
## Bugs

Fabulous displays in Bugs class.



## High Peaks

Making electricity and role play in High Peaks.



## Jungle

Creating Atoms in Jungle class.

