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Term 1 2022-2023- Week 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term is now in full swing and we have a number of events coming up so please check the dates for your diary. The weather has definitely turned autumnal now so please make sure that your child has a waterproof coat in school every day.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Underwater Class for their attendance of **98.3%** last week and to Bugs class for their attendance of **98.7%** this week.

YEAR 6 SAFETY IN ACTION

This week, our year 6 children were invited to take part in the highly successful "Safety in Action" project, held at Newhaven Fort, where the children actively participated and learnt how to deal with dangerous situations in a safe and controlled environment. East Sussex Fire and Rescue, Sussex Police, Ambulance Service, Southern Rail and others are all worked together to teach children about safety and crime prevention.

'I enjoyed Safety in Action. We split into 2 groups and moved around different activities. One activity was about safety around electricity. There was also a model Village and we had to point out the dangers we could see' **Lucy**

'Safety in Action was fun, we learnt what to do and what not to do in different situations. I realised it wasn't safe to cross between parked cars' **Delilah**

CENSUS DAY AND UIFSM – THURSDAY 6th OCTOBER 2022

On **Thursday 6th October 2022**, it is national School Census Day and, in an effort, to increase the uptake of the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) on that day, the menu will be Fish and Chips. There will also be a jacket potato on offer on this day.

Census Day is when the Local Authorities collect information electronically from every school in their area, partly to guide them in planning and funding. They collect details such as pupil numbers, numbers of pupils with Special Educational Needs, entitled to Pupil Premium funding, entitled to Free School Meals, attendance information and so forth. One thing in particular they are looking at this term is the number of children taking the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM), to provide schools with appropriate funding for this service such as utility costs.

To maximise our potential funding, we would encourage all families with children entitled to UIFSM to enjoy their free meal on Thursday 6th October, rather than bringing a packed lunch that day.

It is the number of children in Key Stage One **eating** the free meal on the actual day's lunchtime that informs our funding, rather than meals ordered for that day or children attending school. Pupils who bring a packed lunch from

Diary

September

- 23rd** Harvest Festival 2pm
- 27th** LSA AGM
- 28th** Bugs class Bake Sale
- 29th** Y2 Forest school
- 30th** Macmillan Coffee Morning

October

- 5th** Individual school photos
- 6th** Y2 Forest school
- 10th** Flu vaccinations
- 13th** Y2 Forest school
- 13th** New to EYFS (2023) open session
- 18th** Parents Evening
- 20th** Y2 Forest school
- 20th** Parents Evening
- 21st** Last day of Term for children
- 31st** INSET

November

- 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

home unfortunately are not able to be included, nor are children who normally take UIFSM, but who are absent on 6th October.

Once again, we encourage as many as possible to commit to eating the UIFSM on Thursday that week; this will record those children as having eaten on Census Day and therefore count towards the total Government funding that will be allocated to our school for UIFSM for a whole year.

Hopefully it will also create some enthusiasm amongst the children who don't normally take the meals and lead to more of them eating over the rest of the school year.

Thank you for your continued support.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

The online booking window for our parent consultations on **18th and 20th October** will open from 4pm today. 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.

FLU VACCINATIONS

The flu vaccination nasal spray is on **Monday 10th October** The NHS link for the e-consent form was sent out last week. A little reminder that the consent window will close 4 working days prior to the vaccination.

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

We will be holding our Macmillan Coffee afternoon next Friday 30th September from **2pm, in the school hall**. Everybody is welcome and any cake or tray bake donations will be much appreciated, and can be left with the school office after morning drop off.



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 2022 on **Thursday 13th October 2022**. 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 other Open Day dates are **Tuesday 8th November 2022** and **Wednesday 9th January 2023**. The ESCC closing date for applications is **15th January 2023**.

FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER

Through our local schools alliance we have been fortunate to receive funding for a Family Support Worker to work with our schools, over the next 3 months. I met with Richard Andrews today who has been assigned to us and he has a very comprehensive background in all areas of family support and advice from finance and housing to support at home and children's individual needs. If you feel that you would benefit from some personal advice then please let Mrs West know and she will arrange a time for you to meet with him. This can be at home or school.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Individual school photos will take place in school on **Wednesday 5th October** and the order forms will be sent home shortly afterwards. We are allowing siblings photos again this year, which will be done before school from 8:15am.

HARVEST

This afternoon we will be celebrating Harvest Festival in school. Relevant activities will take place in each class during the day, and learning will be shared during the whole school assembly. We are collecting food for the Hailsham Foodbank; and they will be collecting the donations from School on Monday morning.

Hailsham Foodbank are currently low in stock of the following items:

- Tinned meat
- Tinned vegetables – Sweetcorn, carrots, peas
- Tinned tomato/tomato-based pasta sauce
- Long life dairy milk
- Desserts – Jelly/ instant whip, long-life cakes, mini chocolate rolls etc...
- Sweet treats – Chocolate/cereal bars
- Savory treats – crisps etc
- Instant mash
- Tinned rice pudding/custard
- Tinned fruit
- Tomato ketchup/brown sauce
- Size 4, 5 and 6 pull ups
- Deodorant (men and women's)



You can also visit their website to get up to date information on what they need or currently have enough of:
<https://hailsham.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

POETRY COMPETITION

We are currently running a poetry reading competition for years 1-6. The children have been given a selection of poems in the categories, KS1, Lower KS2, and Upper KS2. They have selected which poem they are going to learn to read off by heart. They will then share this in class. If they do not want to recite it in front of the class they can share it in smaller groups or with a member of staff.

The finalists from each class will be heard at a whole school assembly on Friday 30th September. From this, a finalist will be selected to go to the finals at Kings Academy Ringmer on the afternoon of Thursday 6th October.

This competition is between the local primary schools and is to promote the reading of poetry and develop skills in memorising.

ATTENDANCE

After a very helpful meeting with the school attendance advisors from East Sussex, we will be putting some new procedures in place to support you with your child's attendance. If their attendance falls below 95% for terms 6 and 1, we will be writing to you to draw your attention to this. If their attendance percentage does not improve within 3 weeks (from date of the letter sent) we will write to you again to invite you into school for a meeting to discuss strategies with which we can help you to improve their attendance. We will be reviewing our attendance policy in line with this.

Please can we also remind you that all holidays are unauthorised and if your child/ren are off for 5 days (10 sessions) then it will trigger a fine of £60 per child per parent, from East Sussex.

It is really important that children don't miss learning days as it can leave significant gaps in their learning.

Many thanks for your support.

SAFEGUARDING

At Laughton Primary School, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility and our top priority. All professionals who come in to contact with children and their families have a role to play. Within school we have a number of staff members who are responsible or leading on child protection and welfare.

We would like take this opportunity to remind you of who to contact if you have a welfare concern about a child. If you are worried about a child's safety please do not hesitate to contact any of the Designated Safeguarding Lead staff members straight away.

The following members of staff are Designated Safeguarding Leads for Laughton School:

Mrs Vicki Brown – Lead DSL

Mrs Rachel West- Lead DSL,

Mrs Victoria Mandy- Deputy DSL

Mrs Charlotte France-Lewis is our safeguarding governor.

These members of staff can be contacted via the school office- laughtonoffice@oaktreefederation.co.uk or by telephone on 01323 811306.

FRIENDS OF LAUGHTON SCHOOL NEWS

Our AGM is set for Tuesday 27th September at 6pm at The Roebuck. This is the perfect opportunity for anyone looking to become more involved with the behind scenes workings of the LSA, do come along and join in. The current committee are standing down so all roles are available. If you would like any more information about any role please let one of us know, feel free to nominate yourself for the perfect role or if you know someone else who would be brilliant at it just make sure you get their permission before nominating them.

The on Wednesday 28th September we have our first class bake sale of the school year, this is for Bugs class raising money for aprons. Please let us know if you can bake/buy anything for the sale and of course be sure to treat yourself to a midweek cake on the day! We will also have the second-hand uniform out at the same time and will be take donations as well as selling items.

Kind regards

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown