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### Term 3 2017 - Week 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back!

Thank you all from myself and the staff for your lovely Christmas wishes and gifts before the holiday, we hope you all had a fantastic break.

The winter is now upon us so please can you remind your child/ren that they need to have a coat in school every day, there are still some hardened ones out there trying to get away with just a fleece!

Please can I also draw your attention to the dates on our diary at the end of this letter as there are a number of events coming up.

#### REWARDS

Congratulations to the following children for getting their pupil point awards:

100 points – Jungle– Shane,

200 points –Jungle– Rafael



#### CENSUS DAY

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January the school has a census day. This is when we record the number of children on roll for each year group and how many take school dinners. Our school funding depends on this. This is particularly important for our infant meals as we are funded for them in our school budget. A copy of the menu will be sent with this newsletter. Please can you encourage your child, if possible to have a school dinner on this day if they are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Thank you.

#### SCHOOL DINNERS

Our cook Mrs Hunt is a great asset to our school and produces lovely dinners. She is keen to accommodate all allergies and would like to put on an event for parents to come in to a trial a school dinner in term 3.



#### FOREST SCHOOL

Year 2 and Year 4 are starting their Forest School today, this will run for 10 weeks. Please make sure that you have returned the forms and any monies. It will be on Fridays so they will need to have all the appropriate clothing to take part in school on this day.

We currently use an external trained Forest school leader to provide this opportunity and need to pay for resources and additional insurance which is why there is a cost. We tried to keep this to a minimum. As part of our Health Grant we will be training up a member of staff in leading Forest school so that it can be more

sustainable and introduced across the school.

#### CLUBS

Craft club and Let's Gets Cooking are full. Book club and cross country really want to go ahead but due to minimum numbers this may not be possible. Please let us know if you would like to sign your child/ren up for these clubs, we will see if an alternative day for Book Club would be more suitable as it currently coincides with Fencing. There will therefore be **no Book Club on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January and no Cross Country on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January.**

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### PRE SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

The Laughton Pre- School are extending their hours to 8-6p.m, Monday to Friday during term time. They will be offering an after school club for 4-11's with prices from £4.50 per hour. We will email you the posters next week and they will also be posted on our parent board in the playground.

### COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

If you as a parent or guardian are not picking your child up from school and have arranged for someone else to do so, please let the school office or teacher know. If it is a regular arrangement it can be noted in their details.

### KEY STAGE 2 FRUIT SCHEME

As part of our Public Health Grant Funding we are encouraging healthy eating. One aspect of this is to encourage children in Key Stage 2 to eat more fruit and vegetables. We will therefore be providing free fruit and vegetables for the children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 for the next 2 weeks starting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January. From 23<sup>rd</sup> January we will then charge 20p for the piece of fruit and gauge interest in whether the programme continues in school or whether children start to bring in fruit from home. The programme will be run by a member of staff with children from Jungle Class as they will work out whether it would be cost effective to run a fruit stall for KS2 after half term.



We are purchasing new equipment to promote the teaching of food technology and most of our support staff have all received training in food hygiene so that we can introduce this more into our curriculum.

### STAFFING



We are welcoming Miss Mandy to our staff from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January. Miss Mandy will work for 3 weeks alongside Miss Hayes in Jungle Class and will then take over the class from the end of January. Miss Hayes has unfortunately resigned due to a change in her personal circumstance. We will be very sorry to lose her as a member of our team as she has fit into Laughton so well.

We have ensured a smooth transition for the class by appointing Miss Mandy to work alongside Miss Hayes for 3 weeks. Parents and Carers of children in Jungle Class have been informed of this with a separate letter that went out yesterday.

### LSA

The LSA raised £376.50 from the Christmas Shop and £543.60 from the Christmas Fair (Grotto, Refreshments and Raffle). This is an amazing amount and so much fun was had too. Thank you for all your support with this.

### PLAYDOUGH

If anyone has any playdough or free time to make some for EYFS and KS1 it would be really appreciated. Thank you.

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Kind Regards,

Rachel West  
Headteacher

## Diary

### January

- 9<sup>th</sup>** Free Fruit starting for KS2 for 2 weeks
- 16<sup>th</sup>** Eco group -Yew Tree planting
- 19<sup>th</sup>** Census Day
- 19<sup>th</sup>** LSA meeting 7:30p.m- Roebuck
- 24<sup>th</sup>** Jungle Parent spelling session-9am  
Fire Service safety talks for KS2
- 25<sup>th</sup>** Bugs Parent spelling session-9am
- 26<sup>th</sup>** LSA Film Night
- 27<sup>th</sup>** Underwater Parent spelling session
- 31<sup>st</sup>** Fire Service safety talks for EYFS and KS1

### February

- 10<sup>th</sup>** Last day of term
- 13-17<sup>th</sup>** Half Term
- 20<sup>th</sup>** Pupils return to school
- 28<sup>th</sup>** Parent consultations

### March

- 2<sup>nd</sup>** Parent consultations
- 31<sup>st</sup>** Last day of term  
LSA Easter Mayhem

### April

- 18<sup>th</sup>** Pupils return to school