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Term 1 2022-2023- Week 7

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of our first term of our new academic year. It has been a particularly busy one and the children have been fantastic in settling into their new year groups and adapting to the raised expectations. I think everyone is ready for the half term break!

Thank you so much for supporting your child with this transition this term, it is so important for us to work together to make sure they have a positive learning experience at school and build on their prior knowledge. We appreciate that this is not always easy and welcome your thoughts on how we can improve in our practice. Our staff are having a guest speaker at our INSET day on 31st October who will share his knowledge of neurodiversity and how 'No two children are the same'. Fin O'Regan is a leading behaviour and learning consultant and he will be presenting to staff how to support learning, behaviour and socialisation issues of students both in structured and non-structured situations.

Thank you to those who were able to attend our parent/ carer forum on attendance and inclusion. Your comments have been noted and will help us in the review of our attendance policy and practice.

We would like to wish you a happy half term and look forward to seeing the children back at school on Tuesday 1st November.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Underwater Class for their attendance of **96.3%** last week and to Bugs 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	Bugs: Walter, Rose, Ellie, Bea, Nate, George T
500 Points	Bugs: Dolly, Emil, Harrison, Florence, Ivy
800 Points	Jungle: Alice
900 Points	High Peaks: Thea, Daisy Jungle: Arlo
1300 Points	Jungle: Dora
1500 Points	Jungle: Bea

REMINDERS

Please can we remind parents/carers not to park across the staff car park or use it as a turning point. This is especially dangerous during drop off and pick up when children are walking in and out of school.

Please refrain from parking opposite the staff carpark or on the yellow zigzag lines as this causes congestion, especially when the school bus needs to stop.

Diary

October

31st **Y6 Secondary application deadline**

31st INSET

November

1st LSA Bags2School

1st Library

3rd Phonics Meeting – Underwater

4th Cake sale for Queens Canopy

8th Library

8th New to EYFS (2023) open session

10th Planting day for Queen's canopy

15th Library

14th Anti-Bullying Week

16th Jungle Class residential

18th Children in Need

22nd Library

25th CLASS+ Coffee and Chat Session

29th Library

December

6th Library

7th EYFS & KSI Nativity

8th EYFS & KSI Nativity

8th Christmas Jumper Day

13th Library

13th Christmas Dinner

14th Christmas Concert

16th Last day of term

January

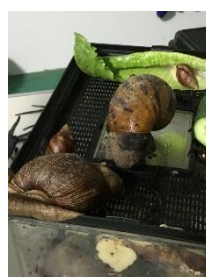
3rd INSET

Other INSET Days

21st July 2023

HALLOWEEN DAY ACTIVITIES

Thank you to our amazing LSA who organised a fantastic last day of term, with a day full of Halloween activities. The children all looked amazing in their costumes and took part in decorating a picture of a pumpkin and decorating a skeleton gingerbread. They also had the opportunity to meet and hold some mythical creatures brought in by Mrs Anstiss and the fantastic ESRAS team. Thank you for sharing, the children really enjoyed learning all about them.



A little reminder that the year 6 bake sale takes place after school today.

PARENTS AND CARERS CONSULTATIONS

Thank you to those of you who attended Parents' and Carers Evening, if you missed it and would still like to meet with your child's teacher please contact the school office.

LIBRARY

Thank you for returning old library books over the last few weeks. This was to deal with the back log of old loans from January 2020 to July 2022.

Later in November we will be sending out reminders for current loans the children have from this academic year, which need to be returned before Christmas.

As the library is small, we have limited the number of books children can borrow to 2; they can borrow one book per session and need to return their 2 books before we can issue any further loans.

As always, if you cannot find library books at home, please don't worry, but any returns are very much appreciated as this keeps our library stock at a healthy level.

Thanks for your support,

The Library Team Ellen, Hannah L, Kirsty and Natalie

WORKING WITH OTHERS - RE FOCUSED AFTERNOON

On Monday children across the school practised their WWO skills, as they explored the story of the Bible through 7 key concepts. Children were grouped with children of different ages as they created their own interpretation of an aspect of the story through art.



CLASS+ COFFEE AND CHAT SESSION

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. You are also very welcome to attend to find out more information or ask any questions you may have. Your child does not need a diagnosis for to come along. Please see the poster attached which has details for alternative dates and locations.

NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE.

Please see attached information about this wonderful free resource that can help parents and children to learn more about their sleep and develop better bedtime routines. Sleep is essential to brain function, by helping children to sleep better, we can help them to succeed in school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to all those children who wrote a manifesto to become a member of our new school council. It was lovely to see the different comments about what they like about our school and what they would like to improve. The voting by their peers took place this week. Congratulations to the following children who have been elected.

Year 6- Jack

Year 5- Flo

Year4- Ila

Year3- Mia-Summer

Year2- Woody

Year1- Lev

We will be appointing our Reception councillor in January, when they have had a bit more time to settle into school life.

DIGITAL LEADERS

Congratulations to our new digital leaders, Jack, Delilah, Bea B, Dora, Josh S, Marni, Millie and Bea W. Digital leaders are children with a skill and interest for computing, keen to share their knowledge with others, and promote the use of all things digital throughout the school community.



ECO GROUP

It has come to that time of year where I look for budding Eco Warriors to join the Eco group following an assembly and application process. As usual, all the applications were of a really high standard and it was really hard to decide. For those that were not successful there are still many ways they can join in as it is only by working together as a school that we can make a difference.

The Eco Warriors for this year are:

Underwater: Dylan and Emily

Bugs: Nate and Samuel P

High Peaks: Marni and Teddy

Jungle: Tom and Leila

Their first meeting was held on **Wednesday 20th October** and then will be fortnightly after that during school so we look forward to seeing what brilliant ideas they can come up with.

In other Eco news, following the energy saving funding by East Sussex County Council, we had all our lighting replaced in the summer holidays to ultra-efficient LED lighting. This will cut our consumption by an estimated 10% and saving a huge 1.5 tons of CO2 emissions every year.

Mr Herdman

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. Thank you.

Ms Ricca.

SCHOOL CLUBS

Breakfast club will continue on a **Monday** and **Wednesday** starting from **7:45am**. Children are provided with a nutritious breakfast and will participate in an activity until 8:35am when they will be walked back to their classrooms ready for the start of the school day.

The sessions are **£5 per child per session**, and can be paid for by BACs or cheque to the school office. To ensure the sustainability of the club we will require parents and carers to sign up to this termly, as we need 2 members of staff to run it. You can select your days and we will offer places on a first come, first served basis. You do, however, need to book a minimum of 1 session per week. If you would like to book a place for the second term, please contact the school office by **Friday 21st October** to reserve your child's place.

On **Thursdays** Sports Cool Brighton will continue to offer a morning club. This will be £5 per session which should be made to the school office. This will start at **8am** and children will also be offered breakfast. Sports Cool Brighton will bring a variety of games and activities dependant on group size, ages and weather, such as

archery, frisbee, and golf etc. They will also have games like Jenga, connect 4, and dominoes for those who prefer quiet time.

After school clubs will also return in Term 2. We are aiming to provide a range of different clubs so that there is something for everybody. Please see the attached letter for details on how to book, but the days are as follows:

Monday	Multi Sports
Tuesday	'Rhyming Rocks' club
Wednesday	Cooking/baking club and Mindful Makers craft club
Friday	Mindful Makers craft club

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**.

QUEEN'S CANOPY

As mentioned at our harvest assembly. the Diocese of Chichester has given over some glebe land in Laughton next to the rectory to plant trees as part of her late Majesty's Queen's Green Canopy Project (<https://queensgreencanopy.org/>).

We're aiming to plant around 150 native wild harvest trees. The children have been learning about the trees that will be planted and will take part in the planting of trees from the Woodland Trust on **Thursday 10th November**.



This woodland will be a resource for the school and the community and we'd love people to get involved.

- On **Friday 4th November** Laughton Community Primary School invites parents and Laughton residents to join us at 3pm for a piece of cake and to look at the designs for the woods that the children have worked on.
- On **Thursday 10th November** we would invite people to come and help us plant some trees. If you would like to join us on 10th November please contact the school office to let us know what time you are available. We will need spades and watering cans if you are able to bring these too.

If you would like to donate towards the project (to help us with the cost of larger trees and fencing) that would be most appreciated: To contribute to the fund:

Bank Details: **NatWest**

Laughton CP School Acc No: **04298527** Sort Code: **60-13-09**

Reference: **Queen's Canopy**

Remittance advice: office@laughton.e-sussex.sch.uk

VAT Reg: **GB191803754**

SCHOOL MEALS

We have received the Autumn/Winter menu from Chartwells, please find it attached and on our website.

OPEN SESSIONS

Our next open Sessions for parents and carers with children due to start school in September 2022 is on **Tuesday 8th November 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 final Open session is on **Tuesday 10th January 2023**. The ESCC closing date for applications is **15th January 2023**.

FRIENDS OF LAUGHTON SCHOOL NEWS

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>

Kind regards

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown