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Term 2 2023- Week 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are about to hit that time of term when you completely forget what day it is as there is so much going on! Please see the updated dates here.

One of the big events coming up is our whole school Christmas Concert and LSA Christmas Bonanza. This is on Tuesday 12th December. Doors open at 1:30p.m and the concert will start at 1:45p.m. There will then be a learning share in class whilst the LSA set up the hall and the Christmas Bonanza will start at 3pm. Please come along and let family and friends know about the Bonanza. There will be lots of activities for the children and great stalls and refreshments for all. Raffle tickets will be coming home today for family and friends to buy.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Bugs Class who had the highest attendance last week and to Jungle Class for the highest attendance this week. Well done.

Our target for our whole school attendance for 2023-2024 is **96.5%** Our current whole school attendance is **94.6%**

REWARDS

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

700 Points	Bugs: Ellie, Nate Jungle: Molly
900 Points	Jungle: Maisie
1100 Points	High Peaks: Oscar
1200 Points	Jungle: Daisy

JUNGLE CLASS RESIDENTIAL

Last week Jungle class had their residential trip to Hindleap Warren. They all had a fantastic time and enjoyed a range of activities such as Archery, climbing and forest adventure.

'There were some wonderful things about Hindleap and the teachers were very kind. I liked our groups and we got really nice rooms. The activities were really, really fun and it was fun to get meddy and wet. We also had fun activities in the evenings; challenge night, movie night and the tuck shop.' Ava.



Diary

November 2023

Tuesday 28th Pantomime
Thursday 30th CLASS+ Coffee and Chat Session

December 2023

Friday 1st LSA Christmas Shop
Monday 4th LSA Christmas Shop
Wednesday 6th School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 7th EYFS & KSI Nativity dress rehearsal
Thursday 7th LSA wreath making (Evening)
Friday 8th EYFS & KSI Nativity
Monday 11th LSA Home clothes day
Tuesday 12th Laughton Christmas Concert
Tuesday 12th LSA Christmas Bonanza
Wednesday 13th Jungle Class – One Voice performance
Friday 15th Christmas Carols 2pm
Friday 15th Last day of term

January 2024

Tuesday 2nd Children return to school for term 3

Other INSET Days

22nd & 23rd July 2024

'There were a variety of fun games and activities. The rooms were a good size and the beds were comfortable. The Forest adventure was really fun as we got to go out in the mud. The food was quite nice too. The tuck shop had a good selection.' Daisy.

We would recommend others go to Hindleap, the instructors were great.



WELL DONE

Well done to Bonnie in High Peaks and Ellie in Bugs who took part in the South Eastern Winter Prime Stock Fayre. They both did incredibly well. Congratulations to Bonnie who came 3rd in the young Handlers. We are all very proud of you both.



CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to our School Council who came up with the great idea for a home clothes day on Friday 17th November, and then a toy sale on Monday 20th November. Through your generosity we raised **£100.80** for Children in Need. Well done everybody.



EYFS AND KSI NATIVITY

EYFS and KSI will be performing their nativity play, 'Born in a Barn', on the following dates:

Friday 8th December on at 9:15am and one at 2pm.

A letter will be sent out next week regarding booking tickets for the performances. Their dress rehearsal will take place on Thursday 7th December.



CHRISTMAS DINNER

A reminder that our school Christmas dinner is on **Wednesday 6th December**. The deadline for orders is today. If your child would like a school Christmas dinner, please email the school office ASAP. Please make your payment (KS2 only) on ParentPay, Children in KSI are free. Please could you complete the form if your child is having a packed lunch from home so that we don't have to chase replies. There is a box to tick for this option. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Once again, we will be supporting the Save the Children Charity by wearing a Christmas Jumper to school **Wednesday 6th December** as it will fit in with our Christmas dinner day. Children are asked to bring in £1 donation towards the charity.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On Tuesday 12th December we will be hosting a Christmas concert where the children will share with you songs and music that they have been learning in class and whole school assemblies.

There will also be an opportunity for some of our children who learn instruments, to play for you.

After the concert, you will be invited into class to see what your child has been learning this term whilst the Friends of Loughton will set up the hall for their Christmas Fair which you are all welcome to attend. Please see the Friends of Loughton newsletter for further details.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have a number of children coming into school without their correct uniform. Children should not be wearing leggings, trainers or joggers to school and the only jewellery that is allowed is a watch and small stud earrings. We thank you for your support. Our school uniform, like our values is unique to Loughton Community Primary School. Wearing a uniform is a badge of pride, creates an identity for a school and is an important part of being a school student. Uniforms show that you are part of an organisation. Wearing it says we're all in this together. Be prepared! We will be having our uniform draw shortly. The winner will receive a £5 WH Smith voucher.

Please can we also remind you that our PE kit is black shorts and/or now the weather is getting colder, jogging bottoms or leggings.

TESCO TOKENS

If you or your friends or family shop at Tesco's in Hailsham, please make sure you add some tokens for our school! We are raising money for cooking and every vote will help us.

OPEN SESSIONS

Our final Open Session for parents and carers with children due to start school in September 2024 is on **Thursday 4th January 2024**. 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 ESCC closing date for applications is **15th January 2024**.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD (HAF) - BOOKINGS NOW OPEN FOR DECEMBER HOLIDAYS

You can find out what's available and book a place on the [HAF booking website](#).

Get ready for the winter holiday. The Government's Holiday activities and food (HAF) programme funds a range of exciting activities for young people. The activity sessions are free to children who receive benefits-related free school meals. Parents can check if they qualify by reading the East Sussex County Council website [Free school meals page](#). Sessions are free to those on benefit-related free school meals. There is a great range of clubs spread across multiple venues in East Sussex. They all offer a free healthy meal, engaging activities and a safe space to make new friends. There are clubs offering sport, animation, theatre, art and crafts, forest school, music, and lots more.

CLASS+ COFFEE AND CHAT SESSION

The next CLASS + Coffee and Chat session at Laughton is on **Thursday 30th November**.

Come and join the CLASS+ team and other parents at one of our Coffee and Chat sessions.

These sessions are designed for parents who have an autistic child or a child on the autism pathway.

There will be a short section on this session that will focus around the theme of Sensory Difference.

No need to book just turn up. We kindly ask that you don't bring small children to this session.

Please find attached the flyer with the dates/times and locations (also below)

East Sussex Local Offer – Activities and Events link - <https://ow.ly/kpC250Q2179>

- **Wednesday 29 November 2023** at St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School, High Street, Hartfield, TN7 4AA from 9:00am to 10:30am
- **Thursday 30 November 2023** at Laughton Community Primary School, Church Lane, Laughton, Lewes, BN8 6AH from 9:00am to 10:30am
- **Tuesday 5 December 2023** at Hailsham Family Hub, Hailsham East Community Centre, Vega Close, Hailsham, BN27 2JZ from 1:00pm to 2:30pm
- **Wednesday 6 December 2023** at Breakwater Academy, Valley Road, Newhaven, BN9 9UT from 9:00am to 10:30am
- **Thursday 7 December 2023** at Sidley Family Hub, 121 Ninfield Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, TN39 5BD from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. **This session is for Dads and male relatives such as Grandads.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown

FRIENDS OF LAUGHTON SCHOOL NEWS

Please see attached a newsletter from the LSA with upcoming dates for this term.

LSA Survey

Please could you spare a few minutes to complete a survey for the LSA who would love to hear your views. Please follow the link below.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSee0uZXfCvJnE3JQjYY_smmr1W38G3MvBKEQbRI35vCqaDrkQ/viewform

LSA School lottery

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/laughton-community-primary-school>