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Term 2 2020-2021- Week 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new term, we hope you had a lovely half term and feel well rested. This is a very busy term and you will notice that there are a number of dates added to the diary, with more to be confirmed in the next couple of weeks.

The children have started their new topics and you will have received your child's class topic web last week which informs you of what they will be covering.

Thank you also for those that have offered to join our Reading Army. We will be sending out an invitation soon for an initial training session. If you think you could offer a set time each week to come into school to support reading, then please let the school office know, it is not too late to sign up!

A reminder that we have an **INSET day on Monday 22nd November**.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Underwater class for their attendance of **99%** last week and again to Underwater Class for their attendance of **97.1%** this week.

REWARDS

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

100 Points	Underwater: George M, Samuel H, Samuel P, Dom, Ellie, Florrie, Nate, Rose, Walter
	High Peaks: Sam
300 Points	High Peaks: Jess
500 Points	Underwater: Henry, Martha Bugs: Oscar
600 Points	High Peaks: Flo
700 Points	High Peaks: Shea
800 Points	Jungle: Isabella, Hannah, Lucy
900 Points	Jungle: Tom
1000 Points	High Peaks: Ava Jungle: Dan
1400 Points	Jungle: Ava

INCLUSION

As a federation, we work hard to ensure that every member of our school community – pupils, parents, carers, staff and visitors – feel safe and included. We pride ourselves on the fact that both Laughton and Firle are inclusive schools that place children at the heart of everything we do. Every child, whatever their individual abilities or needs, is equally valued and welcome as an integral part of The Oaktree Federation. Our intention is that our whole school community share and support our inclusive ethos.

Diary

November

16 th	Library session
18 th	Toy & Cake Sale for Children in Need
19 th	Children in Need day
19 th	Phonics Meeting – Yr R & Yr I
19 th	LSA school disco
22 nd	INSET
23 rd	Flu vaccinations
23 rd	Eco rep meeting (in school)
30 th	Library session

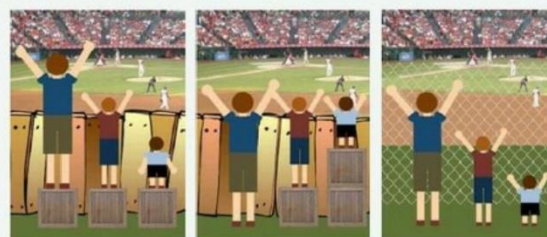
December

6 th	KS1 Nativity 2pm
7 th	KS1 Nativity 2pm
7 th	Eco rep meeting (in school)
8 th	Christmas Dinner Day
8 th	LSA second hand uniform sale
10 th	Christmas Jumper Day
13 th	LSA Christmas shop
14 th	LSA Christmas shop
17 th	Carol service
17 th	Last day of term

January

4 th	INSET
5 th	Children return to school

EQUALITY VERSUS EQUITY



In the first image, it is assumed that everyone will benefit from the same supports. They are being treated equally.

In the second image, individuals are given different supports to make it possible for them to have equal access to the game. They are being treated equitably.

In the third image, all three can see the game without any supports or accommodations because the cause of the inequity was addressed. The systemic barrier has been removed.

We believe that inclusion is a universal human right. The aim of inclusion is to embrace all people irrespective of race, gender, disability, medical or other needs. It is about giving equal access and opportunities and moving away from discrimination and intolerance.

In both our schools, 'inclusion' describes the right of children to access mainstream education alongside their peers. Inclusion is about providing equality of opportunity for all children. This means that all groups and individuals have the same rights. Sometimes children may behave in ways that we find difficult to understand. In particular, children with additional needs and/ or disabilities may present with different and sometimes challenging behaviour. We provide specific resources to support individual children to access school alongside their peers, in order for them to receive the same opportunities. Every decision we make is tailored to the needs of individuals to help them succeed and make progress. Inclusion is about valuing everybody and respecting the differences that make us all unique. We celebrate the diversity of our amazing school community, as we all learn with and from each other.

KSI WELLY WALKS

Due to other school events over the next few weeks, there are some changes to our Friday Welly Walks, as detailed below:

Friday 12th November	Year 1 and 2 only
Friday 19th November	Reception and Year 1 only
Friday 3rd December	No Welly Walk (Nativity dress rehearsal)

Our sign-up sheet for volunteers is outside the school office, or you can let a member of staff know directly.

Please continue to ensure children arrive at school on Friday's dressed in warm home clothes, ready for the Welly Walk in the woods.

Thank you for your support.

FLU VACCINE

Please see the attached letter from the school immunisation team. The vaccinations will take place on **Tuesday 23rd November** and consent forms should be completed as soon as possible, even if you do not want your child to have the vaccine. There is an option to refuse the vaccine, and will prevent the office having to chase.

Please note that your online consent form closes at 11am, **5 working days before your session date**. If this deadline is missed, your child will not be able to have the vaccine in school and you will then have to make alternative arrangements if you would like your child to have the vaccine.

1. Click on the following the link: www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu
2. Enter and confirm your preferred email address – you will receive a confirmation email following submission of the consent form.
3. Enter your school code: **SXI14404**
4. Complete and submit the consent form, indicating your choice of consent - Please ensure you provide the child's registered address and GP.

OPEN SESSIONS

Our final open session for parents and carers with children due to start school in September 2022 is on **Tuesday 11th 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 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 **15th January 2022**.

ECO UPDATE

With the leaves turning brown and falling we are definitely feeling Autumnal! Our new Eco Warriors had their first meeting this week, which was really exciting. We introduced ourselves to each other, discussed what we recycle in school, and why it is important for the correct things to go in the correct bins. We also highlighted that our finger is one of the most important parts of being a good Eco Warrior, as this is what we use to turn off lights and equipment when they are not needed! The Eco Warriors are going to go away and make some posters to go around the school so watch out for those appearing soon!

In our next meeting we have a guest speaker coming, Mr Stephen Green. Mr Green used to be the Eco leader at King's Academy Ringmer and has generously agreed to give his time to meet our new group and speak to them about energy. Please don't forget to keep bringing in your crisp packets, biscuit wrappers and pens as not only do these then stay out of landfill and get recycled, but the school will also receive money in return.

Kind regards, Paul Herdman

BONFIRE DAY

On Friday 5th November, a very excited Bugs class wrapped up warm and went outside to the woods for some bonfire day activities and learnt about Guy Fawkes and Bonfire celebrations, whilst also enjoying marshmallows and hot chocolate! In class, children also got creative by making firework paintings.



Kitty - I liked all the bonfire art because I like art.

Ben - the firework pictures were good and the marshmallows were yummy!

Bonnie - we roasted marshmallows and drank hot chocolate. We made firework pictures and printed in paint. I liked making fireworks on the computer too.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Yesterday, the school observed a two minutes silence at 11:00. We are very proud of how respectful the children were. The children in High Peaks also created some beautiful art work and poems to reflect upon Remembrance which you can see at the end of this newsletter.

Thank you to our amazing school council who have been selling poppies in school all week for the Royal British Legion.

ON THE MOVE TOPIC MORNING

On Tuesday morning, Underwater and Bugs Classes had fun riding their bikes, scooters and skateboards as well as drawing pictures of them, creating their own junk-model vehicles and choosing activities in response to the story of The Jolly Postman. 'I liked playing in the playground with my scooter. I had lots of fun!' Martha



TICKETS PLEASE!

In Underwater Class we will be creating a topic-themed role-play area, so that we can travel anywhere our imagination takes us. We would like train/aeroplane tickets, pilots' hats, old wheelie suitcases or anything else you can think of that will add to excitement of going on an adventure by ... hot air balloon? Please send any donations to the office.



CHILDREN IN NEED

Our School Council have planned a fundraising event for Children in Need next week. There will be a toy and bake sale next **Thursday afternoon (18th November) from 3-3:30p.m.** Please can your child bring in a donation of a good quality, used toy, that they no longer use for this stall thank you. We would also like to ask for donations of cakes and bakes to sell. Please remember that we can't accept anything containing nuts, thank you. **If your child is on the School Council we would like to ask if they could stay until 3:30p.m** on that day so that they can help out on the stall, thank you. Please note that the sale will be outside.

On **Friday 19th November** your child is invited to come to school in either **Pudsey clothes or their own clothes and donate 50p to each different item they are wearing.** The School Council will then collect the donations from each class and add them to the money made from the Toy and Bake sale the day before.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Please see the attached info regarding our school Christmas Dinner which will be on Wednesday 8th December. We know it seems early to send out menus, but we need numbers as soon as possible so the kitchen can order supplies. Therefore, please could we ask that you complete the order form with your child and return to the school office by Friday 26th November.

FOOD SUPER HERO CARD CAMPAIGN

This week, Chartwells is running a new super hearo card campaign. **How will the campaign work?** During the first week (8th-12th Nov), children ordering a school meal will be given a **Food Super Hero playing card**. From then on, the Food Super Hero cards will **ONLY** be given out on **Thursday** lunchtimes until the 9th December. There are **12** Top Trump style cards for the children to collect.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council have been busy sorting out the playground equipment sheds and would like to ask if anyone has any of the following that you could donate to the school.

Dressing up (this can be adult clothes)

Diablos

Craft

Sticker books

Soft toys, dolls, pushchairs



WINTER WEATHER

As the weather gets 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

FRIENDS OF LAUGHTON SCHOOL NEWS

We hope you all had a lovely half term and thank you all for making the Halloween Day so very successful. Unfortunately we have taken the sad decision to postpone the disco next week to keep everyone as safe as possible. We have spoken to the school and hopefully the teachers are going to arrange a mini disco in each classroom during the day on the 19th so the children can practise their dancing for the real thing when we've got a new date.

We are pleased to confirm that the Wreath Workshop with Ellie from Anthologie Floristry is still going ahead on Monday 22nd November, we have a limited number of places for this and ask that you contact us by Wednesday 17th November to secure your spot!

As our thoughts turn to Christmas please remember to use Easy Fundraising and Amazon Smile when you are online shopping, these are really simple ways you can secure donations for us with no cost to yourself. We will be launching the Christmas Raffle shortly too so watch this space.

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

REMEMBRANCE DAY POEMS

