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### Term 2 2016 - Week 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are starting to get ready for some of the Christmas festivities coming up. Jungle Class are practising for the Big Sing at the Winter Gardens, the infants have started singing for their nativity and the whole school is preparing the pieces for the Community Carol Concert. I am sure the next 3½ weeks will go very quickly!

### REWARDS

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

1000 points- Jungle- Fraser

Attendance bear has been won by Underwater and Jungle Class in the last 2 weeks. Well done

### CHILDREN IN NEED

On Children in Need day, all the children ran as many laps as they could round the playground. They managed to raise over £1000 with sponsorships, cakes and donations. This is a record amount and it is absolutely fantastic for a school of our size. Thank you so much to all of you for your efforts and for taking part. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and the money raised will go to those who really need it.

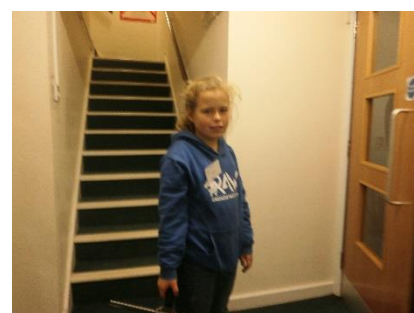
### PE

Please can your child bring in socks to change into for PE. This is because they sometimes get very sweaty and it is uncomfortable to wear their school socks for the rest of the day. Also girls wearing tights end up not having a pair of socks when they get changed for PE. Thank you.

### TAKEOVER DAY

On takeover day all the children from year 6 took over the school. They could either be headteacher, office manager, caretaker or a class teacher. All of the 'staff' were given name badges in the morning. They had spent the week planning for the day. Some of their reflections from the day were: 'Teachers work really hard', 'There is a lot of planning and marking!', and 'The headteacher does a lot of writing.' Despite that they all enjoyed it and some of

the year 5's are already planning what they want to be next year!



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### ANTI BULLYING WEEK

The children had a number of assemblies and did some activities in class to raise awareness of what bullying is and how we can stop it. We used the 'Power of Words' to launch it and detail can be found at <http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>

### CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Cross Country race at Ringmer last Friday. The girls came 2<sup>nd</sup> and the boys came 4<sup>th</sup> out of 9 schools participating. They coped very well and all completed the course. Well done to Jia, Maisy, Scarlett, Shane, Sammy, Wini, Issy, Sam, Fraser, Megan, Iliana, Finley, Angus, Emily, Aurora, Rafael, Max, Thomas, Freddy, Megan, Summer, Freya, Emma, Callie



### FOREST SCHOOL

I mentioned in the newsletter before half term that we would like to ask for some donations towards Forest School which is due to start in term 3. We will also be starting an after school club for Forest School as well. Michelle has put together a list that I have added below. If you are able to help out with any of these items please let the office know.

A fully working wheelbarrow suitable for the woods!

Leather/suede gardening gloves, children's size small/medium

A lockable tool box

Large lightweight tarp shelters

Waterproof jackets and trousers age 6-9 yrs

Warm socks and fingerless gloves age 6-9 yrs



### Message from Ms Blood

Ms Blood was in yesterday doing some follow up work with school projects and wanted the following to go in the newsletter:

"Thank you so much for all your wonderful cards, generous gifts and kind messages when I left for my secondment at the end of term 1. I am enjoying myself in my new post and I am learning all the time. I look forward to seeing you all, the next time I visit Laughton. Ms Blood

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### PARENT FORUM

We will be having our next parent forum on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. It has been requested for us to have this at a different time so that other parents may be able to attend. We will therefore host this one at 5:30p.m in the School Hall and give an hour to the session. The context for this meeting will be about ideas to set up a confidence framework for the school in judging how happy parents feel about specific areas and their child's experience at Laughton. We will also discuss what parents would like to see for the future of the school in working partnerships.

### STEM GREEN CAR

We are looking for anyone who is interested in electronics and knows about STEM science to help our Yr 5 and 6 children make our Green Car in the summer. If you are interested please let the school office know.

### LINK SCHOOL DONATION

Apologies as in my last newsletter I said that it was a £5 minimum donation for our charity Link School Christmas card and I should have said £3. You can obviously donate as much as you would like but for those with more than one child it may make it a bit easier.

### MUFTI DAY

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December we will be having a Mufti day where children can wear their home clothes and bring in an item for our Christmas hampers that will be raffled at our Community Concert. Please see the items your child/ren will need to bring in on that day. Thank you.

Jungle- Bottles

High Peaks- Jars

Bugs- Savoury snacks

Underwater- chocolates and sweets

### EASY FUNDRAISING REMINDER

When purchasing Christmas presents, please be aware that you can raise money for the school by going through Easy Fundraising. Please see details below.

Laughton School Association are asking all parents, carers, grandparents, friends, community members and even businesses to get into the habit of shopping online using Easy Fundraising. It's completely FREE and once you're set up it's simple to use and every penny raised goes towards equipment and activities for Laughton School. If you Google 'Easy Fundraising' and register then each time you visit sites such as Amazon, Tesco etc. a window will pop up asking whether you want to raise money for the school. Alternatively follow the link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

Kind Regards,

Rachel West  
Headteacher

### Diary

#### November

**28<sup>th</sup>** 9:15 a.m Open Morning for those with children starting school in September 2017

**29<sup>th</sup>** KSI and EYFS Michelham Priory trip

#### December

**5<sup>th</sup>** Jungle Class 'Big Sing' -1:15 leaving school. 5:30p.m performance at Winter Gardens

**6<sup>th</sup>** Pantomime by Lewes Priory 1:30 at Laughton

**7<sup>th</sup>** Dress rehearsal for Infant Nativity

**9<sup>th</sup>** Infant Nativity 2p.m

**13<sup>th</sup>** LSA Christmas Shop 2-3p.m

**14<sup>th</sup>** School Christmas Dinner

**15<sup>th</sup>** LSA Christmas Shop 2-3p.m

**16<sup>th</sup>** Mufti Day for Christmas Hampers

**16<sup>th</sup>** LSA Christmas Shop 2-3p.m

**19<sup>th</sup>** Community Concert and Christmas Fayre 1:45p.m.

**21<sup>st</sup>** End of term Service 2p.m Break Up for Christmas

#### January

**3<sup>rd</sup>** INSET

**4<sup>th</sup>** Children return to school