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### Term 1 2016 - Week 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term is really flying by and with only 2 weeks left until half term everyone is working very hard. We had our School Improvement Partner visit last week and she had a brief tour of the school then spoke with some of the children about their learning. She spent the rest of the time going through the schools data and fed back to some of our governors and SLT at the end of her visit. We were delighted that she recognised, from her analysis, the strengths in the school and agreed with our self-evaluation of being good with outstanding features. In her draft report she has also made comment on how close we are moving towards Outstanding in 'Leadership and Management' and 'Behaviour, Safety and Welfare of the children'. The impact of Growth Mindset and our 5 learning habits have significantly contributed to this.

At Laughton we are...

Collaborative

Curious

Disciplined

Resilient

Imaginative

### REWARDS

Congratulations to the following children for getting their pupil point awards

200 points-Jungle- Amelie

600 points- Jungle – Angus

700 points- Jungle – Wini, Harry

### PARENT FORUM

We will be having our parent forum on Monday from 8:45 to 9:30. This will then will be followed by a Writing workshop for all Key Stage 2 parents. Our focus will be to gain parental view on school partnerships.

### STAFFING

We are delighted to welcome Miss Liz Hayes to our staff team from term 2. Miss Hayes will be the new Jungle Class teacher from Term 2 (October 31<sup>st</sup>). Ms Blood will then be on secondment at Saltdean Primary School for the remainder of the academic year.

Parents and Carers of children in Jungle Class will have the opportunity to meet Miss Hayes on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October for 8:30-8:45 a.m in the school library and at parent consultations the following week. Miss Hayes has already spent a day with the class and will be coming in for a day each week until half term.

Mrs Brown will become Acting Deputy Head from Term 2 until the remainder of the academic year. The transition to this role started in February when she had time out of class to lead safeguarding, training and School Council. Mrs Brown will be covered by Miss M for Sports teaching and Health Education on Monday and Thursday afternoons and will continue to have Wednesday morning management time with Mrs Wells covering. On alternate Wednesdays this will be all day.

Whenever we need long term cover we always look at our own resources first and try to use people who already know the children. This ensures that those staff are already familiar with whole school policies and class organisation. They also know the children well.

I will be sending out a separate letter to the parents and carers in Bugs class regarding arrangements from Term 2

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### MATHS



#### WORKSHOPS

Thank you very much to all of you who have been able to attend our class maths workshops. High Peaks have theirs tomorrow.

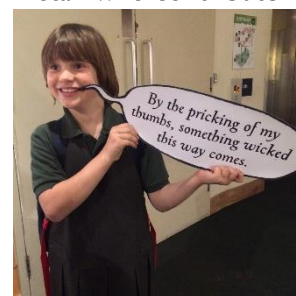
We have been delighted with the attendance at these events. We hope they have been useful for you. We will be carrying out other workshops in term 3.

#### SPORT RELIEF

Back in March, Jungle Class organised a range of fundraising activities for Sport Relief, including a collaborative sponsored run. We have just received a certificate for the final total – Laughton Community Primary School raised **£951.18**. We are so very proud of them and extend our thanks to all the pupils, parents and staff who contributed and supported the Sport Relief events.

#### VISIT TO THE GLOBE THEATRE

Last Wednesday, Jungle Class visited The Globe Theatre in London. They had a tour, participated in a drama workshop and viewed the exhibition. Everyone was brilliantly behaved – thank you to all the parent helpers who came with us.



#### ATTENDANCE

Our overall attendance last year was 94.8%. This was way under our target of 96%.

Good attendance is 95%+ and I have set the target of 96% again this year with the hope that we can achieve it.

Please can I ask you not to book time out for holidays in term time as it does have an impact on your child's education and what they miss out in those days can have a considerable effect on their learning as they move through school. It leaves gaps in areas taught and children do not feel prepared when they return to school to pick up from their time of absence. Some parents have been advised to say their child was ill by other parents and this is a problem when the child returns to school and knows they have been on holiday. It can make the children feel uncomfortable.

If your child is ill then please do not send them into school but if they have a cold or feel tired they are still expected to attend.

We are not allowed to give children under 8 non prescriptive medicines so please can you ensure they have it before they come to school.

Thank you for your support in helping us go for 96% attendance this year.

#### HARVEST



Our Harvest celebration will take place in school on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 2:30p.m in the School Hall. This will be led by High Peaks Class. We will be inviting contributions of food (non-perishables) that will be given to the local food bank. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as you can.

#### BREAKFAST CLUB

We have finally finalised our breakfast Club!

Breakfast Club will run on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 7:45 a.m. If you are interested please do sign your child up as we really want to keep offering this service and could do with increasing our numbers.

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## HALLOWEEN DISCO



The LSA are organising a Halloween disco for the children. This will be held on 31<sup>st</sup> October from 3:30-5p.m. details will follow shortly.

## PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Please sign up for parent consultations from Monday 10th October. The sheets are in the entrance hall by the school office.

Please see diary for dates.

## LSA

The LSA are busy planning and preparing the Halloween Disco of 31st October. Please speak to Alistair if you are able to help out at this event.

At the AGM Alistair was voted in to continue as Chair with Jane as Treasurer and Margaux and Corina sharing the secretary role. We now need a Vice Chair.

If you would like to nominate anyone for the position of Vice Chair on the committee, please fill in their name below and return it to the school office by 8:45a.m Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Please ensure you have spoken to the person you are nominating before submitting the names. All nominees will be required to make a brief presentation before the voting takes place. Thank you.

## LSA NOMINATIONS

**VICE CHAIR -**

Kind Regards

Rachel West  
Executive Headteacher

Katie Blood  
Head of School

## Diary

### October

- 10<sup>th</sup> Parent Forum 8:45 a.m**
- 13<sup>th</sup> LSA 7:30p.m Roebuck**
- 17<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival 2:30p.m**
- Bugs Parent consultation 3:20-5
- 19<sup>th</sup> Individual School Photos**
- Parent consultation 3:20-5 (not Bugs)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Last day of term for pupils**
- Parent consultation 3:20-6
- 21<sup>st</sup> INSET (School shut for pupils)**
- 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween Disco**

### November

- 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Anti Bullying Week**
- 18<sup>th</sup> Take Over Day**
- Children in Need
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Open Afternoon for those with children**
- starting school in September 2017
- 28<sup>th</sup> Open Morning for those with children**
- starting school in September 2017

### December

- 5<sup>th</sup> Jungle Class 'Big Sing'**
- 9<sup>th</sup> Infant Nativity**
- 19<sup>th</sup> Community Concert and Christmas Fayre**
- 21<sup>st</sup> End of term Service 2p.m**
- Break Up for Christmas