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### Term 1 2018-2019 – Week 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year, the children look fabulous after their summer break and very smart. Thank you for supporting our uniform policy.

We welcome all our new Reception children and also Sol and Florence who have joined us in year 6 and year 1.

I hope you have all had chance to read our OFSTED letter from their visit on 17<sup>th</sup> July. I would like to thank you for all your support and kind comments.

#### REWARDS

Congratulations for starting the new school year with their next Pupil Point certificate go to...

**Jungle- 600 points-** Emily

**1200 points-** Freya

#### STAFF ORGANISATION

Mrs Brown will be at Laughton Mon- Wed noon; Mrs West will be at Laughton Wed p.m. to Fri. They will meet each week at one of the schools and this will alternate

Our SENDCO Mrs Levey will be at Laughton on Wednesdays,

Mr Sidebottom will continue to lead Forest School and a timetable for classes will be out shortly.

Mr Bridger and Mrs Rieman (with another member of support staff) will be covering teachers Planning, Preparation and assessment time (PPA)

Our support staff will be:

Jungle– Mrs Greed (M and F), Mr Sidebottom (Tues) and Mrs Rieman Wed a.m and Thurs p.m

High Peaks – Mrs Candogan

Bugs- Mr Sidebottom (M, W, Th and F), Mrs Durrant (Tues)

Underwater- Mrs Pratt (M and Tue), Mrs Durrant (W- F)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child, please contact your child's class teacher first. If they are unable to help, then please contact the School office who will direct your concern to the appropriate member of staff. This may be our new Teaching and Learning Responsibility (TLR) post (appointment being made by 14.09.18), Mrs Brown (Head of Schools), Mrs Levey (SENDCO) or Mrs West (Executive Head teacher).

#### MEET THE TEACHER

Next week we will be having a 'Meet the teacher' session for each class just before the end of the school day. This is an opportunity to see your child's classroom and meet their teacher who will inform you about the class timetable, expectations, homework etc.

The times will be as follows:

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September **Jungle 2:30p.m**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September **High Peaks 2:30p.m**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September **Bugs 2:30p.m**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September **Underwater 2:30p.m**

#### Diary

##### September

Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> – Meet the Teachers

14<sup>th</sup> – LSA Meeting, 08.45-09.45am

19<sup>th</sup> – KSI Pirate Day

24<sup>th</sup> – INSET Day

28<sup>th</sup> – Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

##### October

16<sup>th</sup> - Parent Consultation at 3.30pm-6.30pm

16<sup>th</sup> – Harvest Festival at 2.30pm

17<sup>th</sup> - Parent Consultation at 3.30pm-5.30pm

19<sup>th</sup> – End of Term

29<sup>th</sup> – Children return to school

31<sup>st</sup> – LSA Hallowe'en Disco

If you are unable to make it then any details given will be put on the school website under 'Information for Parents'

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### **BIRTHDAYS**

We will celebrate your child's birthday in school but please can you not bring in sweets or cakes for the whole class as we are trying to promote healthy eating and with class sizes around 30 that is a lot of extra sugar! Many thanks.

### **REQUEST FOR BEAN BAGS/ LARGE CUSHIONS**

If you have any bean bags or large cushions that you no longer need at home please could you donate them to Underwater who would like them for their reading area. Many thanks.

### **ASSEMBLIES**

This year our assemblies for children will be:

Monday- Whole School - Growth Mind-set

Wednesday- Whole school- Music

Friday- Whole School- Celebration and Head Teachers Awards

Tuesday- Key Stage- rota basis- PSHEe/Celebrating topic

Thursday- Whole School – School Values

### **ATTENDANCE**

We want to improve our attendance this year and will work with you to ensure your child is happy in coming to school. If they are unwell and cannot attend school please let us know by 8:30a.m on each day of absence (unless they have a longer term illness e.g. Chicken Pox). Vomiting and Diarrhoea requires 48hrs since the last episode. Our school target this year is 96.5% however we would like it to be higher! Last year we had 2 children with 100% attendance for the whole year which was amazing.

We send all our attendance data into County who are informed of children who may become at risk of persistent absence. This is if they fall below the number of sessions set by County for that term. We will inform you if your child is on this list through a letter at the beginning of the subsequent term. This is a generic letter as we are unable to amend each one for each individual case. If you receive one of these letters and wish to discuss it with myself or Mrs Brown please make an appointment with the school office. If we have any specific concerns about your child's attendance we will approach you in person and arrange a meeting.



Please try to avoid booking doctor, dentist and other appointments during the school day and ensure your child is in school on time as 'lates' are also categorised in our attendance figures. Thank you.

We will be celebrating each class's attendance at assembly on Mondays and keep you informed through the school fortnightly newsletter.

### **SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**

This year's Mischief Makers Summer Reading Challenge will officially end this coming Saturday (8th September). Please remind children that they still have time to finish the challenge, and even if they are a few days late they will still receive their rewards.

Children are given the option to be presented with their finisher certificate in school. It means a lot to the children who choose this to have the recognition from their peers and teachers for their achievements.

They will be sending certificates to present to Summer Reading Challenge finishers in the week beginning Monday 8th October.



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### KS1 PIRATE DAY

As part of their 'Land Ahoy' topic this term, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be invited for some swashbuckling fun at our pirate day **in school**. It will be taking place on 'International Talk like a Pirate Day', which is on **Wednesday 19th September 2018**.

We need shipmates to sweep the deck, walk the plank and hunt for pirate treasure! Children **are welcome to dress up as a pirate for the day**, so put on yer eye patches and bring yer parrots for a jolly good time.

We are friendly pirates so no swords or cutlasses please!!

All our pirate crew will be eating school dinners/pack lunches as normal and we are staying on school grounds - so please drop off and collect as usual. Arrrrrrrr! Mrs Coakley and Mrs Budd

### WASP NEST

If your child is playing after school, please be aware that there is a wasp nest at the bottom right hand side of Pelham Field. We have informed the Parish Council.

### PRE SCHOOL

We are very sorry to hear that Laughton Pre-school has closed. This is extremely sad as we have always had strong links with them and many of those children came to Laughton. Each day we would see all the little faces come through to use the outdoor areas.

I have been in touch with Kate Fleming who runs the Ripe Preschool and we will continue to develop opportunities with them and provide further events to link all our EYFS children.

### PELHAM FIELD

Some of you may remember that we had a parent forum last term regarding a proposal by East Sussex County Council to fence the boundary on Pelham field and put in gates for access. This is because there is open access to the field and it is difficult to monitor who is on site during the school day as it is available for public use.

Pelham Field is Parish Council land and the school pays a peppercorn rent yearly to use it and in return receives some financial support from the Parish Council to go towards the costs in maintaining it.

East Sussex County Council have given the Parish Council a draft proposal which I have attached with this newsletter. ESCC would pay for the fencing, gates, entry system and maintenance and gift it to the Parish Council if the school were no longer to exist.

The Parish Council have rejected the proposal and are unwilling to compromise on the draft given. They have told ESCC that they can put up a fence around the playground but not the field.

We feel that this does not address safeguarding whilst the children are on the field and would also be restrictive in the children not being able to move from the playground onto the field.

I have asked for the matter to be put on the Parish Council agenda and would welcome any members of the Parish to come along on **Wednesday 19th September at 7:30p.m** to share their views.

The current proposal suggests fencing would have gated access to the rear of the field, cricket ground and transport access by the carpark. These would be only be locked during school hours in term time and access to the field could still be available for the Parish during the school day but via a video entry system (this would allow us to know that they were on site).

The proposed fencing would be black mesh to blend in with the background as this is more effective than green. I would be happy to ask any questions you have and can make myself available at 2:30p.m on Friday 14th September if you would like to come as a group.

We desperately want to secure the safety of the children and the relationship with the Parish so hope to find a way forward that everyone can support. Thank you.



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### **GOVERNORS**

The governors of the new Oaktree Federation had their first official meeting on Wednesday 5th September. Governors are looking forward to finding out more about each other's schools and making the experience as good as we can for our pupils. Both schools have recently had OFSTED inspections, so we have some clear focuses to work on. We discussed Laughton's OFSTED report at the meeting and governors noted that OFSTED saw familial involvement with our schools as an important part of its success. Many thanks to everyone for this, and also for your support over the last 18 months with the Federation process."

Denise Kong- Chair

Kind Regards

Rachel West, Vicki Brown