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Term 3 2023- Week 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the final newsletter of this term and we would like to thank you for all your support in helping us get through a very long January! The children have enjoyed their topics and it was lovely to see all the infants mix with the Firle infants and make new friends on their Superhero day last week.

Next week is parent/ carers evening so please make sure you have booked you slot to speak to your child's class teacher about their progress and next steps. If you wish to discuss something more in depth with them then it may be best to arrange another time after as we need to keep to the 10 min time slots so that everyone is seen. We have the fun Friends of Laughton Disco next Friday to finish off the term so make sure you have bought your ticket!

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **Underwater Class** who had an attendance of **97.9%** last week and **97.9%** again this week.

REWARDS

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

100 Points	High Peaks: Scarlett, Max
300 Points	High Peaks: Marni
500 Points	Underwater: Jasper Bugs: Bea, Walter, Rose, Ellie, George M, George T, Nate.
600 Points	Bugs: Dolly, Emil, Ivy, Florence, Harrison
700 Points	High Peaks: Mia Summer
800 Points	High Peaks: Bea
1000 Points	Jungle: Flo

TREE PLANTING

Thank you to all those who supported our tree planting last Friday. We were extremely lucky with the weather and there was a lovely atmosphere created by adults and children from the school and local community working together on a shared project. Every child planted their wish with their tree. They then celebrated the event back in school with some special refreshments.

A huge thank you to Kim who has been instrumental in getting our planting planning. Thank you to her for the 'hands on' work on the day; she also purchased additional saplings when we thought we were going to run out!

Diary

February 2023

Monday 6 th	Parents' Evening (Bugs only)
Tuesday 7 th	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 7 th	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 8 th	Underwater Learning Share
Thursday 9 th	Year 5 Swimming
	Year 5 Forest School
Thursday 9 th	Parents' Evening
Friday 10 th	LSA – End of Term Disco
Friday 10 th	End of term 3
Half term	
Monday 20 th	Term 4 starts
Tuesday 21 st	LSA -Pancake Breakfast

Other INSET Days

21st July 2023



SCIENCE AMBASSADORS

Congratulations to our new science ambassadors for Laughton School, who are as follows:

Grace (EYFS)

Samuel H (Y1)

Emil (Y2)

Ben (Y3)

Ida & Franklin (Y4)

Ava (Y5)

Alyssia (Y6)

They have already had their first meeting and are going to be responsible for creating a whole school science display and leading a whole school science competition. They will also help in our science lessons and help plan this year's STEM week, which will take place later on in this academic year. We look forward to seeing the children grow in to their role as Science Ambassadors.



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

The online booking window for our parent consultations are now open. You will need to use your parent eSchool login (not your child's) to access this. If you have any problems, please contact the office. The booking window will close at 10:30 am on Monday, so if you haven't done so already, please visit eSchools to reserve a time slot as soon as possible.

BREAKFAST CLUBS

Breakfast club will continue on a **Monday** and **Wednesday** starting from **7:45am**. Children are provided with a nutritious breakfast and will participate in an activity until 8:35am when they will be walked back to their classrooms ready for the start of the school day.

The sessions are **£5 per child per session**, and can be paid for by BACs or cheque to the school office. To ensure the sustainability of the club we will require parents and carers to sign up to this termly, as we need 2 members of staff to run it. You can select your days and we will offer places on a first come, first served basis. You do, however, need to book a minimum of 1 session per week. If you would like to book a place for the second term, please contact the school office by **Friday 10th February** to reserve your child's place.



On **Thursdays** Sports Cool Brighton will continue to offer a morning club. This will be £5 per session which should be made to the school office. This will start at **8am** and children will also be offered breakfast. Sports Cool Brighton will bring a variety of games and activities dependant on group size, ages and weather, such as archery, frisbee, and golf etc. They will also have games like Jenga, Connect 4, and Dominoes for those who prefer quiet time.

SUPERVISION AFTER SCHOOL

We are aware that many children stay after school to play and socialise. It is so lovely that we have the outdoor space to facilitate this, particularly as the days are getting longer.

However, we have had a number of incidents brought to our attention by both parents/carers and children in school, of unsocial and challenging behaviour towards each other and of damaging property or the local environment. Often these incidents occur at the very bottom of the field, where children are unsupervised by adults. We want to raise your awareness of this, as we are being informed that this unsupervised time can be challenging and upsetting for many of the children. It is hard for us, as a school to address any behaviour concerns that are taking place after school, when children are unsupervised once they have been collected.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

After school clubs will be returning in Term 4. We are aiming to provide a range of different clubs so that there is something for everybody. Please see the attached letter for details on how to book the following clubs we have available in term 4.

Tuesday	SportsCool club (Club to be decided on)
Wednesday	Cooking/baking club
Thursday	Kids with Bricks club
Friday	Mindful Makers craft club

SportsCool Brighton will be running a taster during school hours on Tuesday 7th February and children will be asked to vote on the most popular. The club providers will also be around after school to answer any questions you may have.

Please note that our afterschool clubs can only run if there are enough people signed up.

MESSAGE FROM CHARTWELLS

I am writing to you as UK food price rises soared to a record rate in December, figures show, as retail industry bosses warned, that high inflation would continue in 2023.

Within East Sussex it is affecting the school meals contract to a point of operations being untenable without a further in year meal price increase. To give you some context; within the East Sussex contract, on average food prices have risen by a further 7.5% since September alone, this being constantly driven up and not aided by the impact of Russia's war in Ukraine where a lot of foods and feed are sourced.

We have continued to work tirelessly to mitigate the impact being passed on to you as we know families are already struggling with the ongoing cost of living crisis.

We have worked with the catering provider to explore options of menu reduction, but any other items being removed will directly impact the School Food Standards and quality of the food that is being produced. The scale of the East Sussex contract has allowed our catering provider to protect this element as the number of schools in the contract give better buying power for quality ingredients.

In depth market research has been carried out by ESCC to look at other local authorities and catering providers to ensure our contract has comparable pricing using similar models and we are confident we are in line with others.

Therefore, from Monday 30th January 2023 the meal prices are as follows:

Primary: £2.60

This will be protected until September 1st 2023.

DITCH THE DETOX

Please see attached a poster about the 'Ditch the Detox' party which will be held on Saturday 11th February at Lewes Town Hall. This is a fundraising event from the organisers of Patina, who each year need to raise £10,000 to enable the year 6 leaver's parade to take place in July. This is one of their biggest fundraisers and promises to be lots of fun. Tickets are £8 in advance from King's Framers (or Georgie, Dora's mum who has a few) or you can also buy them for £10 on the door.

Please see the attached poster for more information.



FRIENDS OF LAUGHTON NEWS

The LSA have lots of exciting events coming up between now and Easter. Please see the Spring Dates poster for dates, and more details will be shared soon.

Next up is the school disco which is taking place next Friday 10th Feb (see poster and letter attached). Do get in contact with the LSA or school office to book your tickets.

Then just after half term we will be running a Pancake Breakfast to celebrate the Shrove Tuesday. Please save the date (Tuesday 21st).



The LSA are excited to be running an end of term disco on Friday 10th February 3.30pm. The cost is £5 per child (£1 for younger siblings). This ticket price includes pizza, juice, crafts and dancing. There will also be a tuck shop offering a small variety of extra snacks, each priced at 50p. So please do send your children with extra money if they want to buy anything. Please note, due to allergen risks, children are not permitted to bring other snacks/food with them from home. If your child/children would like to attend, please buy a ticket from the school office or speak to a member of the LSA. Bookings should be made no later than Monday 6th February to guarantee a ticket. Please do let the office know of any dietary requirements.

Kind regards

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown