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Term 2 2024- Week 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are about to get in to the very busy part of this term with Christmas just around the corner. Please make sure that you have all the diary dates on your calendars at home, as it can get quite hectic.

Next week we have the children in Years 5 and 6 going to Hindleap Warren from Wednesday to Friday, I suggest they all take their thermals! It is a great trip and a good bonding session for the class. Those children not going will be taught in class as normal with school staff covering.

We have decided to move our 'Take Over Day' to term 3 as there has been a lot going on this term. This is when the year 6 children swap roles with staff for the morning and cover classes, work in the office etc. to see what is involved. They do lots of preparation for this and it is a good learning experience. The staff are present to support them but they have to do the planning, marking and teaching!

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **High Peaks** who achieved the highest attendance last week and to **Jungle** for having the highest attendance of this week. Well done.

Our target for this year is **96.5%** and our current whole school attendance is **94.2%**.

29 children achieved **100%** attendance in term 1. Well done to you all. The winner of our attendance draw for term 2 is Bea from Jungle who received a £5 WHSmith voucher.

REWARDS

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

300 Points	High Peaks: Harvey, Maksy
500 Points	Underwater: Cassius, Casey
600 Points	Bugs: Rudi Arthur B,
900 Points	High Peaks: Walter, Ellie, Samuel
1000 Points	High Peaks: Bea Jungle: Max
1100 Points	Jungle: Rafe
1200 Points	Jungle: Ellie
1300 Points	Jungle: Bea
1500 Points	Jungle: Thea



Diary

November 2024

Wednesday 27th Jungle Class Residential

December 2024

Monday 2nd Friends of Laughton decorating hall p.m.
Tuesday 3rd Nativity Dress Rehearsal 9:30 a.m.
Friday 6th Infant Nativity 9:15a.m and 2 p.m.
Monday 9th Home clothes day for Christmas hamper
Tuesday 10th Christmas Concert and Bonanza
Wednesday 11th Christmas Dinner
Christmas Jumper Day
Jungle Class One Voice Performance
7:30 p.m. Glyndebourne
Monday 16th Touring Pantomime p.m.
Tuesday 17th WWO at Christmas
Friday 20th Christmas Service 2p.m.
Last day of term 2

WINTER WEATHER

As the weather gets colder, please ensure that your child comes into school suitably clothed, with a jumper, cardigan, or fleece and a coat and on particularly cold days a hat and gloves.



CROSS COUNTRY Well done to Jon, Frank, Oscar, and Isla from Jungle class who represented Laughton Primary School at the cluster Cross Country race on Wednesday, at Hailsham Community College. They all did so well.



CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everybody who donated to Children in Need with our home clothes day, and our bake sale. We raised an incredible **£137.35** for an amazing charity. Thank you all for your generosity.

JUNGLE CLASS RESIDENTIAL

Next week the children from Jungle class are going on their residential trip to Hindleap Warren. We are sure they will have an amazing time and we can't wait to hear all about it. We will share more details with you in our next newsletter!

EYFS AND KSI NATIVITY

EYFS and KSI will be performing their nativity play, 'Nativity', on **Friday 6th December**. There will be one performance **at 9:15am and one at 2pm**.

A letter will be sent out next week regarding booking seats for the performances. Their dress rehearsal will take place on Tuesday 3rd December.



CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our school Christmas dinner is on **Wednesday 11th December**. If your child would like a school Christmas dinner, please email the school office with their food choices by Wednesday 4th December. Please see the form attached. Please make your payment (KS2 only) on ParentPay, Children in KS1 are free. Please could you also let us know if your child is having a packed lunch from home so that we don't have to chase replies. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Christmas Jumper Day will be on Wednesday 11th December as it will fit in with our Christmas dinner day. We will be raising money for St Wilfred's Hospice and Children are asked to bring in £1 donation towards the charity if they can.

STAFFING

We are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Catherine Adair Faulkner who joined us in September as our School Business Manager. She has resigned due to personal reasons which has been a very difficult decision for her. We thank her for fitting in so well to our team in her time with us. We will be getting support through the Local Authority in the meantime and looking at other structures instead of replacing the role. Mrs Adair Faulkner's last day will be 1st December.

With additional responsibilities being taken on by SLT and the school office we ask for your support in reducing office traffic by making sure that your children are in school on time and by using the Arbor App for payments for trips and visits and Parent Pay for school dinners. Please ensure that you have emailed or called the school office before 8.30am on the first day of any absence and any subsequent days. Many thanks.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On **Tuesday 10th December** we will be hosting a Christmas concert where the children will share with you songs and music that they have been learning in class and whole school assemblies.

There will also be an opportunity for some of our children who learn instruments, to play for you.

After the concert, you will be invited into class to see what your child has been learning this term whilst the Friends of Laughton will set up the hall for their Christmas Bonanza which you are all welcome to attend. Please see the Friends of Laughton newsletter for further details. There will be a **non-school uniform day on Monday 9th December** for the children to wear their home clothes for a hamper donation.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

It was lovely to see so many children apply to be our next School Councillors, well done to you all. The votes took place last week and congratulations to the children below for being elected.

Yr 6 Marni and Scarlett

Yr 4 Florence

Yr 2 Jessica

Yr 5 Rafe and Millie

Yr 3 Bea

Yr 1 Bugs Elias- Underwater- Cassius

OPEN SESSIONS

Our final Open Session for parents and carers with children due to start school in September 2025 is on **Thursday 9th January 2025 at 9.15am**. So that we can 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 Headteacher, 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 2025**.

PARENTING TEAM'S WHAT'S ON GUIDE FOR JANUARY TO MARCH 2025

Please see the attached.

HAF

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) winter clubs are now open for booking. Families can find out what's available and book a place on the HAF booking website. This DfE funded programme offers a range of exciting activities for young people who receive benefits-related free school meals. Parents can check if they qualify by reading the East Sussex County Council website Free school meals page. All sessions include a healthy meal and are free to eligible young people. There is a great range of clubs spread across multiple venues in East Sussex. Activities include sport, art, theatre, forest school, animation, music, computer coding and crafts.

A small number of places will also be available to children and young people who:

- Disabled or special educational needs, including those with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)
- Children in Need (CiN)
- Referred to Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)
- Young Carers
- Have a disabled sibling
- Children on a Child Protection Plan (CP) and Looked After Children (LAC)
- Refugee groups

FRIENDS OF LAUGHTON NEWS

Please see our latest newsletter attached.

Thank you for all your support.

Kind regards

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown