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Term 1 2024- Week 7

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a lovely to see so many of you at our Harvest Festival assembly on Monday. We hope you enjoyed it. Thank you very much for all your donations, these were collected by Hailsham Foodbank this week and will be used to support many families.

We are about to go into week 8 which seems like a long term; I'm sure everyone will be ready for half term on 25th October! Thank you very much for your support this term as the children have settled in to the new academic year. It is so important for us to all work together.

Next week we have Jungle class out at Glyndebourne on Tuesday and the infants also on their trip to the toy museum that day. All classes will have trips during the year and teachers will let you know when these are coming up.

Please make sure that you have signed up for Parent and Carer consultations, on either Tuesday or Thursday. This is an opportunity for you to talk to your child's class teacher about how they have settled in to the new academic year and the areas of learning to focus on. Please keep discussion time to 10 minutes so that appointments aren't delayed for other parents and carers. If you wish to discuss something at length then please arrange another time to catch up with the teacher, thank you.

The term will end with the Halloween disco next Friday after school. Please can you make sure that there are no scary masks as they have previously upset the younger children. Many thanks.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **Underwater class** who achieved the highest attendance of **97.6%** last week and to **Bugs Class** for the highest attendance of **97.1%** this week. Well done.

Our target for this year is **96.5%** and our current whole school attendance is **95.1%**

REWARDS

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

200 Points	Underwater: Hugo, Henry, Olivia-Mae, Tess and Riley
900 Points	Jungle: Mia
1300 Points	Jungle: Grace
1700 Points	Jungle: Oscar



DCAT

After our consultation in the spring this year we are continuing to explore DCAT as an academy trust that our federation may join. It is very important for us to secure the future of our small schools and this will involve working in a larger partnership. DCAT have been in to both Laughton CP and Firle CEP to carry out their due diligence in the curriculum and teaching and learning. They are due to carry out a visit for finance, HR and health and safety after half term.

Diary

October 2024

Tuesday 22 nd	Infants trip to Brighton Toy Museum
Tuesday 22 nd	Jungle Class trip to Glyndebourne
Tuesday 22 nd	Parent Consultations
Thursday 24 th	Y1 Woodland Wellbeing
Thursday 24 th	Parent Consultations
Friday 25 th	EYFS & Y2 Welly Walk
Friday 25 th	Halloween Disco
Friday 25 th	Last day of term

November 2024

Monday 4 th	Children return to school
Wednesday 6 th	Infants Raystede Visit
Wednesday 6 th	Home clothes day
Friday 8 th	Hindleap parent meeting 2.45pm
Monday 11 th	Anti-Bulling Week
Monday 11 th	Remembrance Day
Tuesday 12 th	Open Session, 1.30pm
Tuesday 12 th	LSA Meeting, 2pm
Thursday 14 th	CLASS+ Coffee and Chat
Friday 15 th	Children in Need
Wednesday 27 th	Jungle Class Residential

Once they have completed their visits and reported their findings back to their trustees they will make a decision as to whether they see our schools as a good fit for their trust. We will keep you updated on any decisions as and when we hear more.

POETRY COMPETITION



Well done to our poetry competition finalists, Bea W, Ellie G, and Emily. The final took place at King's Academy Ringmer. They all did extremely well and we are very proud of them, they represented our school beautifully.

INFANT TRIP TO BRIGHTON TOY MUSEUM

To support learning for this term's History focus, the infants have planned a trip to Brighton's Toy and Model Museum for next week. This term the children have enjoyed looking at a range of toys, past and present and discussing what their parents and grandparents may have played with when they were children. During our visit to the museum, the children will participate in a 'Toys through time' workshop in the morning and a storytelling workshop in the afternoon. A huge thank you to the LSA who have very kindly covered the cost of the travel.

JUNGLE CLASS TRIP TO GLYNDEBOURNE

Jungle Class have the opportunity to attend the Glyndebourne performance of '*Il turco in Italia*' a laugh-out-loud comedy, full of energetic, buoyant music from the undisputed genius of comic opera – Rossini.

We are very grateful to Glyndebourne who have given us discounted tickets and to Create Music who are funding the cost of the coach.

INFANTS VISIT FROM RAYSTEDE

As a fantastic start to our 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers' topic, we have arranged for Raystede's education department to come into school on Wednesday 6th November at 09:30 to visit Bugs and Underwater. They will be bringing some small animals in and teaching the children how to look after pets. There isn't a charge for this visit, however Raystede is a charity. We will therefore have a home clothes day for all year groups, if they wish, in return for a donation of £1.

PENALTY NOTICES

Please see the attached flier regarding penalty notices. Please note that the fine has now increased. Fines can be issued for term time absences, irregular patterns in attendance and lateness to school.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

The photographer will be in to collect orders early next week. This is a final reminder for any last-minute orders that must be handed into the school office first thing Monday morning.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

The online booking window for our parent consultations next week is now open. You will need to use your parent portal login to access this. If you have any problems, please contact the office. Thank you.

SCHOOL MEALS

We have received the Autumn/Winter menu from Chartwells, please find it attached to the newsletter, and on our website. If you would prefer a hard copy, please contact the school office.

On **Tuesday 12th November** there will be a special themed menu of hotdogs for Bonfire Season. Please see the menu attached.



YEAR 6 SAFETY IN ACTION

Our year 6 pupils had the opportunity this week to go to Plumpton Racecourse last week to attend an event called Safety in Action. Children from over 20 primary schools in the Lewes district had the chance to test their skills in an emergency. The event was organised jointly by East Sussex Fire and Rescue, Sussex Police, Ambulance Service, Southern Rail and aims to teach children how to deal with different safety scenarios in relation to fires, accidents, electricity, dogs, strangers, water safety, roads and internet safety.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you to everybody who donated to the Hailsham Foodbank at our Harvest Festival, they collected the donations on Tuesday and were very appreciative to your generosity. You can find out more about the work Hailsham foodbank do via their website <https://hailsham.foodbank.org.uk/>

CLASS+ COFFEE AND CHAT SESSION

The next CLASS + Coffee and Chat session at Laughton is on **Thursday 14th November** at **9.30am**. These sessions are for parents and carers of an autistic child or a child who is on the autism pathway to meet, talk and share information or ideas with other parents/carers. You are also very welcome to attend to find out more information or ask any questions you may have. Your child does not need a diagnosis for to come along. Please see the poster attached which has details for alternative dates and locations.

OPEN SESSIONS

Our next Open Session for parents and carers with children due to start school in September 2025 is on **Tuesday 12th November 2024** at **1.30pm**. 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 final Open Day is on **Thursday 9th January 2025 (am)**. The ESCC closing date for applications is **15th January 2025**.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2025 you will soon receive a leaflet about how to apply. Information can also be found on;

https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/admissions/secondary_school/

The closing date for secondary school admissions close on **Thursday 31st October**.

THE ONE VOICE FESTIVAL

At 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th December Jungle Class will be performing at Glyndebourne Opera House. They will start to learn the songs for this next week with one of the musicians coming in to school. Mrs Dry will then work on the songs in some of their music time in term 2. All children are expected to attend and further information will follow in how to obtain tickets

YOGA SESSIONS

One of our new school mum's Emma, is setting up a local yoga class here in Laughton after Half Term. Find out more in her poster attached.

FRIENDS OF LAUGHTON SCHOOL NEWS

Please see our latest newsletter attached.

Thank you for all your support.

Kind regards

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown