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Term 4 2023/24- Week 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely half term and managed to get a restful break. There were definitely some moments when the sun shone and the sky was blue- so we hope that Spring is soon on its way. This week, however, has proved that the weather is still far from warm and dry. Please remember to send your child in with a coat every day as we continue to have outside playtimes, even in the drizzle. We have a busy term ahead, across the federation and there are plenty of events coming up including World Book Day and STEM week, so please make a note of any relevant dates in the diary.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **Jungle** class who had the highest attendance of **98%** during the last week of term and to **Underwater** for the highest attendance of **97.2%** this week. Well done.

Our target for our whole school attendance for 2023-2024 is **96.5%** Our current whole school attendance is **94.2%**

35 children achieved 100% attendance in term 3. Well done you all. The winner of our attendance draw for term 3 is Max.

REWARDS

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

400 Points	Bugs: Ursula, Rudi
700 Points	Jungle: Sophie
800 Points	High Peaks: Florence, Dolly
1800 Points	Jungle: Ava

STAFFING

We are sad to say goodbye to Natasha Brown who will be leaving Laughton on 8th March to start a new role. We will miss her but wish her all the very best for the future.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Thank you to everybody who booked and attended the parent consultation evenings at the end of last term. If you were unable to book, and would still like to see the class teacher, please email the school office who will arrange a 10-minute appointment for you.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 7th March and we hope you'll join us as we come together to celebrate our World Book Day in school. We have been working hard to embed the Colour Monsters into our classrooms and this year the characters will be our dress-up focus.

Diary

February 2024

Friday 23rd

FOL Pop up Pancake Café

March 2024

Friday 1st

FOL Meeting

Friday 1st

Y2 Woodland Wellbeing

Monday 4th

YR & Y1 Welly Walk

Monday 4th

FOL Mother's Day shop

Tuesday 5th

FOL Mother's Day shop

Tuesday 5th

Lego Club

Thursday 7th

World Book Day

Thursday 7th

Y4 Swimming

Friday 8th

Y2 Woodland Wellbeing

Monday 11th

YR & Y1 Welly Walk

Monday 11th

STEM Week

Wednesday 13th

Lego Club

Thursday 14th

Y4 Swimming

Friday 15th

Y2 Woodland Wellbeing

Monday 18th

YR & Y1 Welly Walk

Wednesday 20th

Lego Club

Thursday 21st

Y4 Swimming

Friday 22nd

Y2 Woodland Wellbeing

Friday 22nd

Bake Sale

Monday 25th

YR & Y1 Welly Walk

Monday 25th

School Book Fair

Wednesday 27th

High Peaks class trip

Thursday 28th

Last day of term

April 2024

Monday 15th

Children return to school

Other INSET Days

22nd & 23rd July 2024

We will also be holding a Reading for pleasure session with parents/carers at 2.30pm on Thursday 7th March, to share some reading time with the children.



We also have the travelling school book fair in school during the last week of term. Children will be able to use their token, received on world book day, towards a purchasing a new book at the school fair. Please see the poster attached.

THEMED MENU

As part of World Book Day, Chartwells are offering a special themed menu on Thursday 7th March. Please see the poster attached.

PARADISE PARK

Underwater and Bugs class had a wonderful trip to Paradise Park before half time. They explored the outside dinosaur safari to see the exciting collection of full-size prehistoric creatures from marine animals to fearsome predators along with the Infants from Firle School.



'We really enjoyed the trip, especially having a ride on the train!' Lev

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

AMAZE are running Cuppa, Cake and Chat sessions at locations across East Sussex for parents and carers of children with SEND. Details can be viewed on their website amazesussex.org.uk

EAST SUSSEX FAMILY HUBS now have an advice and support phone line. The service is for families to use

only. The phone number is 01323 46 46 55 or the email address is familyhubs@Eastsussex.gov.uk. It is open Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm and Fridays 9am to 4.30pm. Please see the flier attached.

TOP TIPS FOR MANAGING SCREEN TIME

Please see the attached flier.

PARENTAL CHECKS

We have a number of children in school who regularly use their own phone or electronic device to connect with friends outside of school. We have previously sent out information regarding setting parental controls and checking in with children regularly about their use of social media and online apps, so thank you for your support with this.

However, we are receiving an increase in reports regarding unkind messages being sent to other children via text messages and group chat messages. These messages have sometimes been about other children in classes, who do not use online technology. When checking in with children, we urge you to regularly check on text messages they are sending to each other and remind them of the importance of being kind online as they would be face to face.

BREAKFAST CLUBS

Breakfast club will run on a **Monday, Wednesday and Thursday** starting from **7:45am**. Children are provided with a nutritious breakfast, comprising of a choice of healthy cereals, toast, fruit, yoghurt or pancakes. Children will participate in an activity until 8:35am when they will join the other children on the playground and be supervised by the teacher on duty.

The sessions are **£5 per child per session**, and can be paid for by BACs. 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 9th February** to reserve your child's place.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Unfortunately, we haven't had much uptake on after school clubs for the last couple of terms so some clubs have been unable to go ahead for term 4. If you have any ideas for different clubs, then we would love to hear them. Please do contact the school office.

FRIENDS OF LAUGHTON NEWS

Please see our latest newsletter packed full of info!

Thank you for your continued support
Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown