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Term 1 2020-2021 – Week 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It has been so lovely to see all the children back in school this week and we must congratulate them on how well they have done in returning to school. I think we will all sleep well on Friday night!

It is also important for us to remember that everyone has had different experiences over the last 6 months with some families not seeing anyone outside their family or going into a public place. This is why it is vital to respect social distancing and remember to keep safe, in this still unsettling time.

We welcome all our new Reception children and also Henry, Jack and Sophie who have joined us in other year groups.

ATTENDANCE

If your child is 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. If they have any signs of Covid (high temp, continuous cough) then please keep them at home and get a test as soon as possible.

Our school target this year is 96.5% however we would like it to be higher! Last year we set our attendance target at 96.5% but unfortunately only achieved 95.6% so we were close but not quite there. Anything under 95% is considered a concern.

If we have any specific concerns about your child's attendance, we will approach you in person and arrange a meeting.

REWARDS

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

100 Points- Ruby (Underwater)

	Underwater	Bugs	High Peaks	Jungle
Week 1	100	94.7	95.4	99.7

Diary

September

23rd School photos-Individual and sibling

October

Parent forum and Parent consultations to be confirmed
23rd – End of Term

November

2nd – INSET
3rd – Children return to school

DATA COLLECTION

At this time of year, we update our contact details for the children. I'm sure you can appreciate it is imperative that we have up to date information in case of an emergency. If you are sure that your details have not changed, please email the office to confirm this. If you do need to notify us of any changes, please complete the blank form attached and put it in the post box on the wall (in front of the office) in a sealed envelope. This will be checked every day. Please could we ask that this is done by Friday 18th September. Thank you to those who have already responded to the office.

STAFF NEWS

Mrs Orme will not be returning to school just yet as she has been very unwell over the last 5 months. She will be having an operation in mid-September which we wish her all the best for. We hope that she will have a good recovery and be able to come back on a phased return when she is fit enough to.

We congratulate Miss Feltham, who usually works in an INA role, on expecting her first child. Miss Feltham is unable to work in school due to Covid guidance but is doing a lot of resources preparation for teachers at home.

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This has meant that we have a maternity INA position available which has been advertised over the last few weeks. The closing date is on Monday 14th September and details are on our website, if you know of anyone who might be interested.

STAFF ORGANISATION

Mrs Brown will be at Laughton Mon - Wed noon; Mrs West will be at Laughton Wed p.m. to Fri. We hope to alternate meeting each week at one of the schools on the Wednesday afternoon.

Our SENDCO Mrs Levey will be at Laughton on Wednesdays.

Mr Sidebottom will continue to lead Forest School and it is currently Year 2 who will be having sessions on a Friday afternoon.

Each Year group will get a Forest school programme throughout the year.

Term 1	Yr 2
Term 2	Yr 3
Term 3	Yr 5
Term 4	Yr 1
Term 5	Yr 4
Term 6	Yr 6

MEET THE TEACHER

Due to Covid guidance we will not be able to have our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions in the same way as before. We have therefore decided to do a socially distanced one this week. Please see letter attached with further details.

Please contact the school office if you wish to speak to your child's classteacher and they will arrange a phoencall, meeting outside or email response.

BIRTHDAYS

We will continue to celebrate your child's birthday in school with our birthday stickers and table top badge.

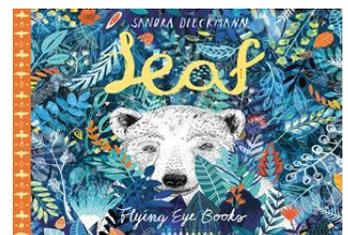
Please remember not bring in things to hand out such as sweets, cakes e.t.c for the whole class as we are trying to promote healthy eating and are also not allowed items to be brought in from home. Many thanks.

CURRICULUM

We have adapted our curriculum this year to help the children transition back into school learning and to reflect on any missed learning during lockdown. We are calling this a 'recovery curriculum' as it is to regain skills and build on previous learning whilst also recognising skills that were developed at home when the children weren't attending school.

The topic theme is around Sandra Diekmann's book 'Leaf' and all classes across both schools are taking this terms learning from it.

This means that children in different classes will be able to discuss their learning at home with siblings, and at school staff can share ideas with one another. It will allow us to cater for all children's abilities as each class teacher will develop their planning around the needs of their class. They can support one another for any gaps in learning from lockdown.



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LSA

All our new children received a welcome from the LSA and a gingerbread man this week. There will a letter going out next week regarding the AGM and events planned for the year. You are all very welcome and we would love to hear your ideas.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2021 you will receive a leaflet about how to apply. Information can also be found on;

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

EMAILS

At the end of last term, parents had access to teacher's direct emails to support contact during home learning. During this term these email address are changing; however we would like to ask that any correspondence for teachers now goes through the office until email addresses are changed; teachers are now back with classes full time and have limited time to respond to individuals by email. Please give at least 24 hours for a response.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Please find attached the menu for TERM 1.

REMINDERS

Please can we remind you that pack lunches from home must be NUT FREE, including chocolate spreads containing nuts. We continue to promote healthy eating in school and therefore ask that chocolate bars and sweets are not included in packed lunches. Small chocolate covered biscuits – Kit Kats, Penguin bars etc are fine. As a rule of thumb, if it is in the biscuit aisle, it is a biscuit; therefore ok in school.

COATS

Please ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day as the weather is very changeable.

YOGA

Yoga will begin next week on Fridays. If your child has any medical condition or sports injury that could be affected by yoga please can you let their class teacher know. All mats will be wiped down between groups.



Kind Regards

Rachel West, Vicki Brown