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Term 1 2020-2021- Week 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely summer holiday relaxing and spending time with family.

We also want to send a warm welcome to all our new families and hope that they enjoy their time with us at Laughton. The Year 6 have certainly made a great start in their buddy programme by supporting the new EYFS children at the start of the day and lunch and play times.

It has been lovely to have everyone back in school and able to mix at playtimes. It has also been great to have them together in assemblies and sing again! Sometimes we take for granted these things and don't know how much they mean until they are taken away from us. Thank you for all your support in helping us get back to some kind of normal. The whole school is working on the same topic theme this term; celebrating the life and works of Roald Dahl. We hope that this topic will enthuse the children to write and make up characters to tell their own stories. You will receive their topic planners today outlining the objectives they will be covering in term 1.

We have sent home a number of emails recently regarding clubs, **Roald Dahl day on Monday 13th September** and the 'Meet the teacher' dates so please make sure you have received them. If you have trouble accessing these, then contact the school office who will try to sort it out for you. We will also make sure that information is uploaded to our website.

You will have received an email regarding our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions from 2:40-3:00p.m please see times in the diary dates here.

We are looking forward to our term ahead and thank you for helping make such a great start in preparing your chil/ren for coming back or even starting school.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Jungle Class for their attendance of **99.2%** this week.

UNIFORM

It is great to see the children back in their full school uniform. Please ensure that they stick to the requirements below as we will be introducing a uniform draw each term. This will be on a random day when all the children, who are in the correct school uniform on that day will have their names go into a hat and one will be picked out for each class. The winner will receive a £3 WH Smith voucher. This is to help support our uniform policy. If you are having any difficulties purchasing uniform then please speak to the school office.

Please make sure that any long hair e.g reaching shoulders is tied back and try to avoid elaborate accessories.

P.E kits need to be in everyday and can go home to be washed every few weeks or half term for the infants. Uniform can be purchased from the uniform website or a provider of your choice. The LSA will also be running second hand uniform sales. Please see the diary section for upcoming dates.



Diary

September

- 13th Meet the teacher - Bugs
- 13th Roald Dahl Day
- 14th Meet the teacher – High Peaks
- 15th Bugs Class bake sale
- 15th Y2 Forest school
- 15th Meet the teacher – Underwater
- 16th Meet the teacher - Jungle
- 22nd Y2 Forest school
- 24th Macmillan Coffee Morning
- 29th Y2 Forest School

October

- 6th Y2 Forest school
- 6th Individual school photos
- 12th LSA meeting
- 13th Y2 Forest school
- 13th New to EYFS (2022) open day
- 13th LSA second hand uniform sale
- 14th Bags2School collection
- 15th Harvest Festival
- 19th Parents Evening
- 20th Y2 Forest school
- 21st Halloween day
- 21st Parents Evening
- 21st Last day of Term for children
- 22nd INSET
- 23rd Flu vaccinations

November

- 10th Jungle Class bake sale
- 19th LSA school disco
- 22nd INSET

December

- 8th LSA second hand uniform sale

BOOK BAGS

We are now able to have book bags back in school however we would still like to reduce things coming in from home so please keep it to the necessities – PE kit, water bottle, reading book etc.

ESCHOOL LEARNING PLATFORM

We will continue to use our learning platform to share home learning and provide online education if your child needs to self-isolate. Please can you check that you are still able to log on to their individual page, thank you.

Children who started our school in September should receive their logins shortly for this. Please contact Mrs Geer in the school office if you have any difficulties logging on.

DATA COLLECTION

At the start of every academic 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 do need to notify us of any changes, please complete the blank form attached and return it by next Friday to prevent office staff having to chase. If you are sure that your details have not changed, please email the office to confirm that there are no changes. Thank you.

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 etc. 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.

MEET THE TEACHER

A letter was sent home this week with information about 'Meet the Teacher' sessions which are happening next week.

ROALD DAHL DAY

You will have received a separate letter by email regarding this. We are celebrating Global Roald Dahl Day on Monday 13th September so your child/ren can come to school in fancy dress as either one of the characters from his books or in home clothes as a child from one of his many stories.



COVID GUIDANCE

We have update dour risk assessment which is available on the school website under parent information. Please see the link below for further information on covid guidance with children returning to school in September, thank you.

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2021/08/24/back-to-school-what-you-need-to-know/>

LIFE SKILLS

On your child's topic web that you will receive today, you will notice that we have changed the PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education) heading to Life Skills. This is because we feel that the objectives taught during these lessons help prepare children for life.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2022 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/

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.

KS2 FRUIT AND SNACKS

All KS1 and EYFS children are given a fruit or vegetable snack through the government healthy school initiative. If you would like your child to receive this in KS2 then you will need to order through the office. The cost of this is £3 per term.

If you wish your child to bring in a snack from home then please make sure that it is only fresh fruit or vegetables, thank you



YOGA

Parent and child yoga will be held at Laughton School every Tuesday 9-10am starting from 21st September and costs £3 per family. Please see the attached poster for more information.

In addition to this, your child will participate in class Yoga on Tuesday afternoons starting on 21st September. If your child has any medical condition or sports injury that could be affected by yoga please

can you let their class teacher know.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS



This Thursday some of our Year 6 from 2020-21, now Year 7's came back to plant a plum tree as a gift to the school for their time here.

They had some help from siblings and Mr Herdman. We would like to thank all those who contributed to this lovely present and hope that we will get a good plum crop from it in years to come. Mrs West.

Leavers 2021 leaving gift to the school, jungle and Miss Victoria Mandy, a Victoria plum tree! Thank you to all for your digging and planting help! So lovely to see the children in their new uniforms looking so happy and raving about secondary school,

Laughton have done a wonderful job making sure you are ready for the next stage of your lives. Wishing you all the very best of luck, Gemma Collins and all the Leavers 2021 parents, carers and friends.



SCHOOL DINNERS

From September, a daily lunch for KS2 children will cost £2.15. If you would like to pay for the whole of the first term the price will be £77.40. Just a reminder that pupils moving into

Year 3 will have to register for Parent pay if their child is having paid school dinners from September. The school office went out the registration codes on Tuesday. Please let the office know if you haven't received this.

The menu for this term was sent home before the holidays and can be found on the school website.

BREAKFAST CLUB

A little reminder that breakfast club will continue to run on a **Monday, Wednesday** and a **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 be walked back to their classrooms ready for the start of the school day.

The sessions are £5 per child per session, which will include breakfast and participation in the activity that day. This 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.

Places must be booked in advance, you will then be contacted to confirm your place.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Letters have gone home this week with details on how to book after school clubs which all start next week. Please book directly with the providers and notify the office which clubs your child will be attending and who will be collecting them. The clubs all run 3-4pm and will be on the following days:

Monday: Gymnastics

Wednesday: Football club

Thursday: Dodgeball

We are also hoping to run a craft club on a Tuesday. If you or you know anybody who would be interested in running this club, please let the office know.

Unfortunately, due to low numbers the Spanish club has been cancelled. Those who had signed up will have received an email directly from the Spanish Teacher.

BUGS CLASS

Bugs class would love to have a maths shed where the children can enjoy learning outside as well as in the classroom. They are raising money with their class donation jar but if anybody has items they would like to donate, please let the office know.

FRIENDS OF LAUGHTON SCHOOL NEWS

We are looking forward to a whole school year of fun and fundraising after the last couple of interrupted years! We have got lots of plans and would like to thank the new faces that came along to our first meeting this week. Our main committee is made up of Natalie Rowland, Katy Weller, Sarah McDonald-Lee, Kirsty Blackford, Nicky Anstiss and Gemma Burleton, hopefully we will get chance to say hi to most of you over the next couple of weeks in the playground. Everyone in the school is a Friend of Laughton School and we welcome all ideas so please get in touch.



This year we have some specific requests from each class that we are fundraising for, these are not exhaustive and once we achieve each request we have more ready to aim for! For now Underwater would like an Optima Visualiser, Bugs would like a Maths Shed for their outside area, High Peaks need some chair organisers and Jungle would like Lego. Each class have their own coin jars for any spare change you would like to donate, these are available the week commencing 27th September. Each term we have a class bake sale, the first one this year is on Wednesday 15th September raising funds for Bugs. We will be holding second hand uniform sales each term and lots of other fun days which we welcome your ideas and support with. The main focus this school year is the schools 150 year birthday celebrations taking place next Spring - watch this space for details!

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 12th October at 1.30pm at the school, please come along to say hi if you can.

FOREST SCHOOL

We will be starting our Forest School sessions on Wednesdays with Year 2 next week. Each term there will be a programme for a different year group.

Kind Regards
Rachel West, Vicki Brown

CLASS LEARNING

Underwater

The children have enjoyed exploring the learning areas, both inside and outside the classroom.



Bugs





Jungle

The children in Jungle are writing instructions for how to make a Lego caravan (linked to their learning around Danny the Champion of the World)

