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Term 1 2021-2022- Week 8

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now reached the end of term 1 and it seems to have flown by. So much has been achieved with the children settling into their new classes, completing their Roald Dahl topic, preparing for harvest, parents' evenings, open days for new 2022 EYFS cohort and then ending with our Witches, Wizards and Mythical Creatures day. It has been jam packed!

A huge congratulations to our new Reception children who have completed a whole term at school. They have been very well supported by their buddies and next term they will be going into lunch and assemblies without them. The buddy system has had a positive impact on them starting school and supporting them with learning the routines and expectations. Their buddies will continue to be there throughout the year to support them. Thank you Year 6, for helping Reception with their fantastic start to school.

Thank you so much for your support this term in helping your child settle back into the school routine. We would like to wish you all a very happy half term and hope that you get a chance to rest a bit before term 2. There will be a number of dates being shared at the start of term as we have a lot of events planned for the festive season. Further details will follow.

Please can we remind you that **Friday 22nd October is an INSET day.**
We have another **INSET day in term 2 on Monday 22nd November.**

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Bugs class for their attendance of **100%** last week and again for their attendance of **98.8%** this week.

REWARDS

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

300 Points **Underwater:** Georgie
400 Points **Underwater:** Woody
500 Points **Bugs:** Bea

STAFFING

We are delighted to welcome Mrs N Brown who will be joining us after half term; she has been successfully appointed as an INA for Underwater class. We wish her well in her new role and we are sure she will enjoy being a part of the infant team.

YOUR IDEAS PLEASE...

At Firlie CEP School and more recently at Laughton CP School we have been affiliated with Starfish Malawi, a Christian charity that supports schools in Malawi, and also links schools in England to a specific partner school in Malawi. We have enjoyed our link with Thawale Primary School and have raised money at regular events for a number of years. However we now feel it is time for a change and welcome your thoughts and ideas about which charity we can support on a regular basis. Ideally this will be an opportunity for the children across the federation to not only learn the value of helping others, but also to benefit from learning about and respecting communities that may be different to our own, as we celebrate diversity.

Diary

October

21st Last day of term

22nd INSET

November

1st Children return to school

10th Jungle Class bake sale

11th Remembrance Day

11th LSA Meeting 8:45am

12th Children in Need Day

19th LSA school disco

22nd INSET

23rd Flu vaccinations

December

6th KSI Nativity 2pm

7th KSI Nativity 2pm

8th Christmas Dinner Day

8th LSA second hand uniform sale

10th Christmas Jumper Day

17th Carol service

17th Last day of term

January

4th INSET

5th Children return to school

So far suggestions have included Chailey Heritage Foundation (a Sussex based charity changing the lives of young people with complex disabilities), and City Mission (a Brighton based Christian charity that supports the local community in a variety of ways, including providing a Food Bank).

We welcome your suggestions, so that we can support a charity that reflects the ideas of our school communities. Please discuss this at home with your children and let your school office know your ideas.

ECO UPDATE

I have some very exciting news! I have decided on this year's Eco Warriors! I had so many wonderful applications and it was really hard to choose. Poor Eco Ernie could not bear to watch. This year's Eco group was announced in assembly on Wednesday and each child was given their Eco Warrior badge to wear with pride. Our new eco warriors are:

Underwater: Georgie and Martha

Bugs: Harrison and Grace

High Peaks: Ellie and Maisie

Jungle: Jack and Alice

Well done to you all and I look forward to working with you all over the coming year. The first Eco meeting will be Tuesday 9th November starting straight after school at 3pm and finishing at 3.30pm. I look forwards to seeing you all there!

Mr Herdman

HALLOWEEN DAY

Thank you to our amazing LSA who organised a fantastic last day of term, with the theme being Laughton School of Witches, Wizards & Mythical Creatures. The children looked amazing in their costumes and took part in decorating a picture of a pumpkin, decorating a skeleton gingerbread; they also had the opportunity to meet, hold and draw some mythical creatures brought in by Dizzy's family (Year 6) and the E.S.R.A.S. team. Thank you so much for bringing them in.



"I had a really fun day, everybody looked funny and Halloweenie!" Grace Bugs Class

"I liked holding the tortoises when we saw the reptiles. I had a really nice day, it's been lots of fun" Dolly Bugs Class



HIGH PEAKS BAKING

Thank you to Becca (Woody and Franklin's Mum) who came into High Peaks class to help bake bread with the children this week.

"Becca, Franklin's Mum came in and made bread with us. We squeezed it and punched it and rolled it like a sausage. We looked to see how it rises. Then we baked it and had some after school. It was very yummy! It was really nice of Franklin's Mum to make bread with us!" Bryce

GLOBAL WARMING ASSEMBLY

A huge well done to Rose in Jungle class who recently led an assembly on global warming. She was very confident and had the whole school engaged with the subject.

"I created a slide show with Ava. Some slides were about the effects of global warming such flooding, wild bush fires and rising sea levels. Global Warming can affect people over the world and how we live as it can make a hole in the Ozone layer. I was quite nervous but sometimes you need to speak out about what you believe in and not let others get you down. It was really good and we finished with the whole school chanting 'Save our planet, save our planet, save our planet!'"

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/

OPEN SESSIONS

Our next open session for parents and carers with children due to start school in September 2022 is on **Monday 8th November 2021**. There will be two sessions, the first at 9:15am prompt, and the second at 1:30pm. In order to

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 Head teacher, Rachel West.

Please spread the word if you know anyone who has a child due to start school next year. Our last Open Day is on **Tuesday 11th January 2022**. The ESCC closing date for applications is **15th January 2022**.

HARVEST

We would like to thank you all for the very generous donations to Hailsham Food Bank which we collected during our Harvest festival last week. We are delighted to tell you that your generosity meant that we collected **160.85kg** of food which is enough to provide an incredible **383 meals** for families in crisis within Hailsham and the surrounding areas. Thank you for your support.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our breakfast club will continue to run after half term on a **Monday, Wednesday** and a **Thursday** 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.

If you would like to book a place, please contact the school office. Places must be booked in advance; you will then be contacted to confirm your place. If your child is currently attending breakfast club, please could you confirm with the office if you would like to continue in term 2.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please see the attached info regarding after school clubs for term 2 and how to book. Gymnastics will continue on a Monday, football will continue on a Wednesday and we are delighted that Mr Sidebottom will be offering a new Lego club on a Thursday.

FIRLE SPOOKY TRAIL

Please see the attached information regarding the Spooky trail in Firle which you may like to do with your children during the half term.

LILLEY LOVETT THEATRE GROUP

Are you wondering what to do with your children during half term? With the weather forecast looking very grey and wet, why not bring them along to watch Lilley Lovett Theatre Group's production of Alice in Wonderland Jr at the Laughton Village Hall.

Due to popular demand, we've added an extra performance on **Friday 29th October at 3.30pm**. Tickets available now from the Laughton Village Shop. Book now to avoid disappointment. We look forward to seeing you there!

www.lilley-lovett.org

FRIENDS OF LAUGHTON SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to everyone for your support with a very successful first term. We really appreciate all the suggestions, bakers, donators and buyers. Watch this space for news of upcoming planned events!

Kind Regards

Rachel West, Vicki Brown

CLASS PHOTOS

UNDERWATER

Underwater Class applied what they had learned about sound and the uses of different materials by creating their own ear defenders, from a selection of materials.

On Friday's Welly Walk we finished the week off by creating a line of sticks, from shortest to longest.



BUGS



HIGH PEAKS



JUNGLE

