

t: 01323 811306

e: office@laughton.e-sussex.sch.uk

w: www.laughton.e-sussex.sch.uk

Executive Headteacher: Mrs RM West

Head of Schools : Mrs V Brown

Term 6 2020-2021- Week 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an incredibly busy couple of weeks; preparing for end of term events, report writing, carrying out final assessments and we are sorry to announce that some of these have had to be changed or are not able to go ahead due to the pandemic.

You will receive your child/ren's reports next week with a covering letter stating changes to this year's assessment procedure. On Tuesday 20th July after school, there will be a drop in session outside your child's class for anyone who wants to discuss something specifically in the report. These do not require appointments and will run from after school until 4:15 p.m.

We currently have both infant classes home learning whilst they self-isolate. We appreciate that this is a difficult time for families and ask that you contact the school should you need any support.

I would like to thank you all for your patience as we come to the final weeks of a very unusual year. I would also like to thank the staff for the amazing and tireless efforts they have made throughout the year; their flexibility to adapt plans to ensure children are engaging in their learning and in paying close attention to their wellbeing.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to High Peaks Class for their attendance of **99.6%** last week and to High Peaks again for their attendance of **98.1%** this week.

Please note that if children are self-isolating, they do not affect our attendance as they are recorded as learning from home.

REWARDS

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

100 Points	Bugs – Ellie
200 Points	Underwater: Hector High Peaks: Alyssia
300 Points	Underwater: Henry, Ruby
400 Points	Underwater: Mia-Summer Bugs: Kye
500 Points	Bugs: James
600 Points	Bugs: Franklin, Pippa High Peaks: Mason
700 Points	Bugs: Nancy High Peaks: Arlo, Ava
900 Points	Jungle: Sam
1100 Points	Jungle: Charlie
1300 Points	Jungle: Flossy

STAFFING

Unfortunately, Mrs Orme will not be returning to her role as TA. We would like to thank her for her hard work in Underwater class and with the other years as MDSA. Mrs Orme has been very poorly and not been working at school since March 2020, she did pop in a couple of times to meet with the class and the children were delighted to see her. The whole school wish her well and staff have arranged a gift for her. Any messages can be passed on via the school office. We will be appointing a new TA and MDSA for September.

We say goodbye and thank you to some of our federation governors; Carro Hampden, initially a Governor at Firle, has supported the federation process and been instrumental in guiding us through as a foundation Governor and in supporting Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing, and PSHE in both schools. As a GP we have also appreciated her advice throughout the pandemic.

Diary

July

14 th	5/6 trip to Blackland's farm
14 th	LSA - Second-hand uniform shop
16 th	LSA – Frozen Friday
19 th	Knockhatch (Year 6)
20 th	Underwater class fair – 2pm
22 nd	Last day of term
22 nd	LSA - Non uniform day
23 rd	INSET

September

1 st	INSET
2 nd	Children return to school

Thank you also to Priscilla Paddock, our Clerk to Governors who has supported the federation process and ensured the Governors are well advised on protocol and procedures.

Finally thank you to Stuart Carruthers. Although he was only with us for a short time as Health and Safety Governor, he has had a huge impact to ensure Health and Safety requirements are met in both schools.

We welcome Sarah Greed, who previously worked as a TA at Laughton and provided maternity cover as Clerk, who has now been appointed as the new Clerk to Governors for the federation. We wish her well in her role.

SCHOOL ADVISOR

We received a visit from our school advisor last week who was very impressed with the progress in writing and also with the focus on our fabulous topic work. Due to the pandemic, all schools in East Sussex have had termly visits this year and we are pleased to report that she has evaluated our school as making good progress

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club has now started and runs 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. Children will be distanced from other bubbles for the remainder of this term.

Activities may include but will not be limited to:

Arts and craft

Reading

Board games

Outdoor play (weather permitting)

Other such themed activities deemed suitable

Quieter options available to give the children the opportunity to relax if they wish to.

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 from September, please contact the school office. Places must be booked in advance, you will then be contacted to confirm your place.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Dora from High Peaks who was successful in her audition for Glyndebourne Youth Opera and now has the fantastic opportunity of singing in their show Pay the Piper next February.

SCHOOL LAPTOPS

If anyone still has a school laptop, please would you return it to school by Monday 19th July 2021, as all laptops will need to be updated over the summer, ready for the classes to use in September. Many thanks.

SCHOOL READING BOOKS

Please could we have all reading packs returned to school by Monday 19th July 2021. Please could you also have a thorough search for any other school books, either from class or from the school library that you may still have at home and return these before the end of term.

TRANSITION SESSIONS

Children have begun transition for September by meeting with their new class teacher. We hope to be able to have further sessions outside where your child can meet with their new class, but this will, of course, be dependent on the weather.

SPORTS DAY

Today was our planned Sports Day and the juniors were able to enjoy a fun filled afternoon where the children participated in a number of sporting activities to gain points for their school team. Well done everyone, you were all amazing!

Many thanks to Miss Mandy and our fabulous Year 6 for organising sports day!

We hope that we will be able to provide an infant sports day when the classes return following their isolation period.

PATINA

Well done to everybody involved in the Patina parade on 2nd July; thank you to everybody who supported the children and to our volunteers who helped to make the structures and outfits, they all looked fantastic.

Our year 6s enjoyed being part of the Moving On event and made Laughton very proud as they paraded around the Paddock in Lewes. They joined lots of schools from the local area in celebrating their time at primary school.



COVID GUIDELINES

Whilst we are aware that there are a number of changes to the government guidelines coming into effect over the next few weeks, we are currently not changing our school risk assessment again before the end of the next academic year. As part of our ongoing Covid procedures, we have asked you to wear a face mask when dropping off and picking up your child and this remains in place. Our staff continue to wear masks when outside on the gate.

We have been notified by some parents that the majority of people have stopped wearing a mask at drop off and pick up times. Given the increase in cases and the circumstances we find ourselves in once again, this week, we do ask you to continue to wear a mask. We also continue to have a number of children living with vulnerable family members and are trying our best to make sure we have effective practice in school to minimise the risk of transmission. We do rely on the behaviours of families and staff to help reduce the risk of this infection entering our school and we want to ensure we keep everyone in our school community as safe as possible at the end of the academic year. Thank you.

ECO UPDATE

The interchangeable weather the last few weeks has been rather surprising and it feels like we have had every season possible since May!

We held our final Eco meeting of the year last week and it was very emotional as another set of great Eco Warriors finish their year. I am hoping they have not finished their work but will go on and carry on what they have learnt. The Eco Warriors filled in some feedback forms for me which will help shape what we do next year. Each Eco Warrior was awarded with a certificate for their work and everyone in the school owes them their thanks for a good job especially under the difficult circumstances we have had this year.

As we wind down to summer holidays, I would like to say that I hope our year 6s, who are moving onto to pastures new, take some of our Eco philosophy with them and that they continue to enjoy their education. Eco Ernie will be very sad when we break up at the end term but is looking forward to seeing everyone back in September and meeting all the new reception children!

Mr Herdman

SUMMER CLUBS

Lewes Athletic club:

Booking is now open for Lewes Athletics Club well attended Summer Camps for children in Year 3 to 7. This year, to give even more children the opportunity to participate we are running two separate weeks. The first is a three day one from 26th – 28th July and the second a five day one from 23rd – 27th August. This is a great opportunity for children to try a wide range of athletic events, learn new skills, keep active and make friends. Please see the attached poster for more information.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

We will give further information regarding the timings and procedure for drop off and pick up in September in our next newsletter. In the meantime we will continue as we are until the end of term.

We continue to have issues regarding traffic and safety at drop off and pick up times and would ask local residents to walk to school whenever possible.

We have had an upsetting call from one of our neighbours who was unable to get out of their drive the other day due parent/carer parking. Whilst there aren't any restrictions on the road for parking, please avoid leaving your car directly in front of driveways and paths. Many thanks.

LSA NEWS

Following on from the amazing success of the Snappy Opera and cream tea event, we would like to say a special thank you to: Sarah from Downsvie Farm for donating the milk and cream; J&R Wholesalers for donating the strawberries; and Michelle Hammond and Sandy Nichols for helping with all the baking.

The Bags2School collection was a tremendous success, we filled the covered area in the sensory garden! We will be organising another one in September.

Finally thank you to those who supported our first 'Frozen Friday' with a special thank you to Joss Salter for helping on the day.

Kind Regards
Rachel West, Vicki Brown

CLASS LEARNING

Underwater class

For our science focus, Underwater Class have been exploring reflective materials. We have been considering nocturnal, woodland woods (and the setting for A Midsummer Night's Dream). On Wednesday we made reflective outfits to keep our teddies safe in the woods at night.



Bugs class



Ida - I really liked making nature wands in the woods because we used natural materials and I really like the wildlife.
Oscar - We made fairies, I put some dandelion tops on them. It's so fun when we get to make.
Marni - We went to the church and went and looked inside. I liked the colourful windows. it was really interesting.
Ila - We talked about our special place, mine is my house.

