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Term 1 2019-2020 – Week 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope you all had a lovely summer, it has been good to hear the children's news of what they have all been doing. They look very smart in their uniform, thank you for supporting our policy.

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

NEW STAFF

We would like to welcome Ms Emma Ricca to Laughton. Many of you will have met her already as she is on secondment from Firle during Mrs Budd career break year. She has made a great start getting to know the children and Underwater class parents and hopes to meet more of you as the year progresses.

ECO UPDATE

Time flies, we are back at school already! It is great to see all the children back and the new children settling in! I did my first Eco assembly of the year this week and spoke to all the children about what we do here at Laughton School. We believe that is everyone's responsibility to reduce our impact upon the environment by being as eco friendly as possible and we were awarded an Eco Schools green flag award last year. We introduced the new children to Eco Ernie who is our lovable elephant and Eco mascot. Eco Ernie is awarded every fortnight to the most eco friendly class... so we are looking for the class who turns lights out when they leave room, recycling everything possible, turning off taps and so on.

We also run our Eco Warrior initiative. Every year we have an Eco Warrior group consisting of two pupils from every class whose role is to encourage everyone else to be eco friendly. Hannah, one of our Eco Warriors from last year, got up and told everyone about some of the things we did last year and how much she enjoyed it. To become an Eco Warrior, if your child is interested, they need to fill out the application forms that went out on Wednesday to each class. We have included a copy with the newsletter if they have mislaid it! They just need to answer 3 questions and these forms need to be handed in to the office by WEDNESDAY 25th September. Once I have the forms I will pick the 2 best from each class, not an easy process! Eco meetings are held every other Wednesday at 8.15am so it's important that children who apply will be able to attend these early meetings. We provide a breakfast snack and can take siblings as well if necessary.

Lastly to all those parents who are new to Laughton school... as well as recycling paper and cardboard and so on we also do specialist recycling. We have special bins located by the office to recycle crisp packets, biscuit wrappers, pens, ink cartridges and batteries. We especially want your crisp packets, pens and biscuit wrappers as not only are we saving them from going to landfill and recycling them but we also get money for each one we send off. Last year Laughton raised nearly £100 just from crisp packet recycling! We are also providing crisp packet recycling to King's Academy Ringmer, Southover School Lewes, Chiddingly School, East Hoathly School and Six Bells pub Chiddingly... we also encourage local people and businesses to bring them in! If your child has packed lunch and has crisps please

Diary

September

27th – Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

October

2nd – Parent forum 2:15pm

3rd – Open morning for children starting school in 2020 -9:30am

9th – School photos-Individual and sibling

15th - Parent Consultation at 3.30pm-6.30pm

17th - Parent Consultation at 3.30pm-5.30pm

25th – End of Term

November

4th – Children return to school

18th – INSET

11th – Open afternoon for children starting school in 2020 -2:00pm

25th – Open afternoon for children starting school in 2020 -2:00pm

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encourage them to put their empty crisp packet in the special recycling box (we have a crisp packet one in the hall for this). If any anyone has some great eco ideas I would be pleased to hear them! Watch out for eco updates in all of our newsletters.

Mr Herdman

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 4 who will be having sessions on a Thursday morning.

MEET THE TEACHER

Thankyou very much to all those who were able to make our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions this week. We hope you found them useful. Some of the teachers may have given out things and if you were not able to be there these will be sent home with your child.

If you have any concerns at any point during the year, please speak to your child's class teacher as first point of contact. Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS

We will celebrate your child's birthday in school and also during Friday assemblies. We have also bought some birthday stickers to give the children who have had a birthday over the week. This morning we had a number of children to sing to as we went over August as well!

Please can you 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 with class sizes up to 33 that is a lot of extra sugar! Many thanks.

ASSEMBLIES

This year our assemblies for children will be:

Monday- Whole School -Music

Tuesday- Key Stage- PSHEe/Celebrating topic

Wednesday- Whole school- Growth Mindset

Thursday- Whole School – School Values

Friday- Whole School– Celebration and Head Teachers Awards

VOLUNTEER GARDENER

Georgie has kindly offered to take care of our hanging baskets by refreshing them with plants (funded by the LSA) and we would be grateful of any more volunteers who would be able to water the sensory garden and do some planting and weeding. Please let the school office know if this is something you could help with. Thank you.

LSA

We had our first LSA meeting today where we had lots of offers of help and offers of becoming class reps which was great. The **next meeting is on Monday 21st October at 8:45 a.m** in the school hall. If you have a younger child they are welcome to come in with you and we can have some activities out to keep them entertained.

There will be an **LSA sale on Monday 23rd September at 3:00p.m** where we will be selling a range of items as part of their cupboard clear-out. Please come along to get hold of some bargains it will be an eclectic mix of items!



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ATTENDANCE

We need to improve our attendance this year and will work with you to ensure your child is happy in coming to school. If they are 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.

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.

We send all our attendance data into County and are informed via a report of children who may become at risk of persistent absence. This is if they fall below the number of sessions set by County for that term.

We will inform you if your child is on this list through a letter at the beginning of the subsequent term. This is a generic letter as we are unable to amend each one for each individual case. If you receive one of these letters and wish to discuss it with myself or Mrs Brown, please make an appointment with the school office. If we have any specific concerns about your child's attendance, we will approach you in person and arrange a meeting.

Please try to avoid booking doctor, dentist and other appointments during the school day and ensure your child is in school on time as late marks are also categorised in our attendance figures. It can be unsettling for children to arrive late to class so please try to leave a bit earlier if you can.

The children need to be registered at 8:45 a.m so we will be closing the gates at this time. If anyone arrives after 9 a.m they will be recorded as late and you will need to sign them in at the school office. Thank you.

We will be celebrating each class attendance at a weekly worship and keep you informed through the school fortnightly newsletter.

TRAFFIC

Please can you take care when driving and parking on the school run as we have had a few collisions and some unsafe parking which has led to children having to walk in the road to get past.

Our neighbours need access to their driveways at all times and do not like them to be used as turning points so please be sensitive to this when planning your journey. Thank you.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

If your child is in year 6 you will need to apply for their school by the online application process opened on Thursday 12th September and you can access this on-

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



WINNERS

We are delighted to let you know that Bugs Class entry to the Numberblocks design competition last summer won!

The children have therefore won a Play Doh session and goodie bag which will take place on Monday 16th September. The school will get to keep the equipment after. Well done children you showed great imagination in your creations.

SCHOOL LUNCHES PRICE REDUCTION!

You will be pleased that the price of a school lunch has decreased this term and will be £2.05 per day for all the children in KS2. A new addition to the menu this year is fruit infused water. If you child has any special dietary requirements please let the school office know.

COATS

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

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AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGMENTS

If your child is not going home with the usual person, please let the school office know, as we cannot allow children to go home with other parents without prior notice.

PARENT FORUM

Our next parent forum will be held on 2nd October at 2:15pm in the school library. The topics for discussion will be our behaviour policy and the school improvements priorities for this academic year. Everyone is welcome.

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. The children will use many of the elements from these sessions to support them during the week and hopefully in life in becoming more aware of breathing and body positioning techniques.



BREAKFAST CLUB

We would like to know if anyone is interested in us running a breakfast club. We have done this before but had to stop due to lack of numbers.

We would need a minimum of 6 children per day for it to be viable. If you have days that you would use this please can you complete the slip below so that we can gauge interest. The cost would be £5 per child which would include a wide variety of choice for breakfast and games. There would be 2 members of staff facilitating. The club would run from 7:45 a.m

Kind Regards

Rachel West, Vicki Brown

I would be interested in a breakfast club on the following days, please tick as appropriate

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Names of children and year groups _____

Signed _____

Please return to the school office by Friday 20th September. Thank you.