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Term 2 2018-2019 – Week 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2. It is going to be a busy one so please check the dates and keep an eye out for any relevant emails. Please make sure that children are sent to school with a coat now the weather is getting colder. Just to let you know, Mrs West's operation went well and she is now at home recovering. We all send her our best wishes and look forward to seeing her back her very soon.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Jungle and High Peaks who have had Attendance Bear over the last two weeks. Our school target this year is 96.5%.

	Underwater	Bugs	High Peaks	Jungle
Week 1	93%	95.6%	97.4%	99.6%
Week 2	94.7%	99.2%	99.7%	98.9%

REWARDS

Congratulations for starting the new school year with their next Pupil Point certificate go to...

500 points- Bugs- Arlo, Delilah

600 points- Bugs- Madison, Rhea

900 points- Jungle- Frazer P

1300 points- Jungle – Josh

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Congratulations to the following children who have been voted in by their fellow class members to become our new school councillors for the coming year. They will be helping Mrs Budd in their first role next week to support the Children in Need fundraising sale.

- EYFS- Franklin
- Year 1- Shea
- Year 2- Bea
- Year 3- Dizzy
- Year 4- Delilah
- Year 5-Ella
- Year 6-Josh
- Honorary member- Callie and Max

Diary

November

12th-16th Extended Coppers Week

16th- Take Over Day

16th- Children in Need

16th- Flu vaccinations YR R-5

19th- Open afternoon 2-3pm

21st-Open morning 9.15-10.15am

23rd Whole school cross country

28th-Big Sing for Jungle class

30th LSA Film night

December

3rd- LSA Christmas Shop 2p.m

4th - LSA Christmas Shop 2p.m

7th - KSI Nativity

11th- Christmas Concert at 2pm

12th –Christmas Lunch

14th - LSA Christmas Shop 2p.m

19th –Christmas church service at

2pm

19th – End of Term

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CHILDREN IN NEED

Next Friday, 16th November, the School Council is running a toy, book and cake sale to raise money for Children in Need. If you are able to donate any second hand toys, games and books, they can come into school from Monday. There will be a table up in the hall to leave any donations.

On Friday 16th November, children will come into school as normal, in school uniform. They can bring some money for the sale, in a named purse or wallet. The sale will take place from 2pm in the hall and each class will visit with their class teacher.

SKIPPING WORKSHOP

On Tuesday 6th November, all the children took part in skipping workshops. Each class had a session with a specialist skipping coach and learnt new skips and how to skip using a long rope. At the end of the day, some children from each class presented what they had been learning during their sessions to the rest of the school. The children found it really interesting to learn new techniques for skipping and particularly enjoyed working collaboratively with their friends when partner skipping. We look forward to watching them practice these skills in the playground over the coming weeks.

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Thursday 1st November, eight of our year 5 and 6 children braved the wind and rain whilst taking part in an 'Albion in the Community' football tournament. The children represented the school brilliantly and tried their absolute best, whilst having a lot of fun. We are very proud of them all – they showed such resilience and excellent collaboration during their games.



WHOLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

After the success of last year, we have decided to organise another whole school cross country competition. The run will take place on Friday 23rd November at 2pm. The children will be competing in their PE colour teams. Parents are invited to come and support their children. More information will be sent out nearer the time.

MEDICINE ADMINISTRATION

Please can we remind parents that we are not able to administer non-prescriptive medicines to any children under 8 years. These medicines are normally administered 3 times a day so if children have a dose just before coming to school at 8.30am they should be covered until 3pm. If children do need to be given non-prescription medicine during the day a parent or carer will have to come into school to administer it.

FLU VACCINES

Children from Reception to Year 5 will be having the scheduled flu vaccines on Friday 16th November. A letter was sent out about this earlier last term. Please ensure that you notify the school before Wednesday if you DO NOT wish your child to have the vaccine, if you haven't already done so. Thank you

OPEN DAYS

This term we are holding two open sessions at Laughton, for parents of children due to start school in Sept 2019. We have an open afternoon on Monday 19th November at 2pm and an open morning on Wednesday 21st November at 9.15pm. Please spread the word and encourage friends and acquaintances to come and see our fantastic school.

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UNDERWATER MUD KITCHEN

Underwater class would like a mud kitchen (please see photo of an example below) which Mr Herdman has offered to build; however we require some materials and wondered if there was anyone who can help out with anything from the list below:

1 metre or longer lengths of 5 by 2 or 4 by 2 timber (we already have some but more is always useful)

1m or longer lengths of 2 by 1 timber

2 large sheets of exterior plywood or similar flat pieces of exterior wood

1 large piece of trellis



If anyone has any of these items that they are willing to donate to this project please speak to Mr Herdman. Once the kitchen is complete we will be putting out a request for any old utensils, saucepans etc. so if you have any of these items please start putting them to one side and hold onto them for us!

ECO UPDATE

We held the first meeting of our new Eco Warrior group on Wednesday and all of the children - and Eco Ernie - were very excited in their new roles. We discussed what is involved in being an Eco Warrior and also discussed the main areas of focus for the year. We have also been invited to plant 2 trees in the car park at 10.30am on Tuesday, 27th November, as part of the Tree Council's National Tree Week. All of the Eco Warriors will be taking part in this and any parents are more than welcome to attend if they wish. We look forward to our exciting new Eco Warrior group taking on their new challenge. They will be attending assembly this Friday so that all the classes know who their Eco Warriors are and what their role is. They look fantastic and keen in their photo!



Eco Ernie also attended this week's assembly. He has been watching with a keen eye as the new Eco group has been formed. Eco Ernie is our Eco Mascot and is awarded to the most eco-friendly class every fortnight. I have to say I have been hugely impressed by all of the classes at the start of this new academic year but especially by our youngest children in Underwater who have already shown a great passion for being eco-friendly. Therefore Eco Ernie has been awarded to Underwater this time! Well done!

Mr Herdman

COPPERS WEEK

We would like to remind you that Coppers Week has been extended to Coppers Fortnight so will continue next week. Please raid any drawers and pots and have a look down the side of the sofa for any loose change. There is a jar for foreign coins in the office. All the money raised will go towards helping with essential items that will support the children with their learning.



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UNIFORM

Can you please check that all items of school uniform and PE kit are named clearly with the correct names, especially if you have 2nd hand uniform. Many items are going astray and in many cases, we have no way of identifying if someone else is accidentally wearing the missing items. We also cannot return lost items to their owners if they are not clearly named.

PARENT AND TODDLER SESSIONS

From next week we are holding a parent and toddler yoga session at Laughton, on Tuesday morning from 9am-10am. Please spread the word! There will be 4 weeks of sessions this term starting on Tuesday 13th November. An email was sent earlier in the week asking for items to help us with running the toddler group. Thank you for items already donated. We are still on the lookout for a changing mat and a small step if anyone has one they can give us.

BONFIRE DAY AT FIRLE

This week all Reception and KS1 children from Laughton and Firle enjoyed a bonfire themed day together in Firle Woods. They learnt to build bonfire models out of woodland debris with our Forest School Leader, Mr Sidebottom, as well as taking part in music and arts activities. We would like to say a big thank you to our parent helpers from both schools for all their support. The children all had a great, fun-filled day!

HALLOWEEN DISCO

The children had a fabulous start to the term with the LSA Halloween Disco. Their costumes, dancing and pumpkins were fantastic and being a judge was extremely difficult. A particular well done to all our brilliant prize-winners of the disco - we saw some great costumes, fantastic carved pumpkins and awesome dance moves. Thank you so much to the LSA for their hard work in making the event so successful. The decorations in the hall were magnificent.

Your fantastic efforts have been rewarded in the total amount of £312!

EASY FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOL

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your shopping to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Laughton School Association and the school? It really is a very simple way for us to boost our fundraising and we urge you to join up before you start your Christmas shopping. In particular we are currently fundraising for lots of lap top computers and iPads for KS1 so that they can have easy access to IT, and this will really help. So... head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/laughtonschool/>

Kind Regards

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown

