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Term 2 2023- Week 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fun filled fortnight with lots more still to come so we hope you are enjoying the festivities. The Nativity today definitely helped sprinkle some Christmas magic!

It has started to feel much colder in the last few weeks so please make sure your child has a hat, gloves and warm coat for playtimes.

Whilst there are plenty of events still to come next week, this is our last newsletter this term and we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We hope you all get a restful break over the holiday and come back feeling revitalised on Tuesday 2nd January. Many thanks for your continued support over this term.



ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Jungle Class who had the highest attendance of **96.5%** last week and to Bugs Class for the highest attendance of **96.8%** this week. Well done.

Our target for our whole school attendance for 2023-2024 is **96.5%** Our current whole school attendance is **94.2%**

REWARDS

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

400 Points	Bugs: Emily
700 Points	Bugs: Samuel, Bea, Walter
800 Points	High Peaks: Ivy
900 Points	High Peaks: Millie
1200 Points	High Peaks: Henry

Diary

December 2023

Monday 11 th	LSA Home clothes day
Tuesday 12 th	Laughton Christmas Concert
Tuesday 12 th	LSA Christmas Bonanza
Wednesday 13 th	Jungle Class – One Voice performance
Friday 15 th	Christmas Carols 2pm
Friday 15 th	Last day of term

January 2024

Tuesday 2 nd	Children return to school for term 3
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Other INSET Days

22nd & 23rd July 2024

EYFS AND KSI NATIVITY

Congratulations to Underwater and Bugs class who performed brilliantly in their Nativity, 'Born in a Barn'. They have worked so hard to learn their lines and spoke beautifully to the audience. Everybody did a fantastic job. We hope you all enjoyed watching it as much as we did! Thank you to everyone who helped with costumes, the children all looked amazing. A big thank you to the LSA who, as always, did an amazing job with refreshments and selling raffle tickets.



CHRISTMAS DINNER

Thank you to Mrs Bolton for cooking the most delicious Christmas dinner on Wednesday, everybody enjoyed it. We were also lucky that Father Christmas managed a visit again this year and gave the children some lovely gifts to enjoy with their friends in class.



PARENT PAY

Please can you make sure that your Parent Pay accounts are clear by the end of term. Chartwells are unable to run on a credit basis, and this needs to be cleared weekly. The total for next week, if your child has a school dinner every day, will be **£14.25**. If you have an outstanding balance then you will need to bring in a packed lunch for your child until the account is back in credit. Thank you.



SCHOOL PANTOMIME

On Tuesday, the children were entertained by the Performing Arts students from East Sussex College. They visited Laughton school with their 2023 touring pantomime, Aladdin. The children joined in with the fun and thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We had our Christmas Jumper day on Wednesday and raised a fantastic **£58.07** for the Save the Children Charity. Thank you all for your generosity.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On **Tuesday 12th December** we will be hosting a Christmas concert where the children will share with you songs and music that they have been learning in class and whole school assemblies.

There will also be an opportunity for some of our children who learn instruments, to play for you.

After the concert, you will be invited into class to see what your child has been learning this term whilst the Friends of Laughton will set up the hall for their Christmas Bonanza which you are all welcome to attend. Please see the bottom of the newsletter for more information.

PARENT FORUM

We had our parent forum this week so thank you to those who attended. We talked about the new behaviour approach we are developing this year and what this looks like in school. The Therapeutic Thinking approach is a school-led embedded ethos that is characterised by an inclusive culture, underpinned by best practice, policy and plan. The approach helps to develop an understanding of how to respond to those who may be communicating through inappropriate behaviours by having a more analytical approach to what is going on.

We will be sharing more information next term and will plan in a further parent session, if you would like to find out more.

CHRISTMAS TREE

A huge thank you to Staverton Nursery who very kindly donated a Christmas tree to Laughton School. Thank you to Katy (Bea and Florrie's mum) for organising this again this year.



OPEN SESSIONS

Our final Open Session for parents and carers with children due to start school in September 2024 is on **Thursday 4th January 2024**. There will be two sessions, the first at 9:15am prompt, and the second at 1:30pm. So we can 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 Headteacher, Rachel West.

Please spread the word if you know anyone who has a child due to start school next year.

The ESCC closing date for applications is **15th January 2024**.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD (HAF) - BOOKINGS NOW OPEN FOR DECEMBER HOLIDAYS

You can find out what's available and book a place on the [HAF booking website](#).

Get ready for the winter holiday. The Government's Holiday activities and food (HAF) programme funds a range of exciting activities for young people. The activity sessions are free to children who receive benefits-related free school meals. Parents can check if they qualify by reading the East Sussex County Council website [Free school meals page](#).

Sessions are free to those on benefit-related free school meals. There is a great range of clubs spread across multiple venues in East Sussex. They all offer a free healthy meal, engaging activities and a safe space to make new friends. There are clubs offering sport, animation, theatre, art and crafts, forest school, music, and lots more.

Thank you for your continued support this year.

We would like to wish all our families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown

FRIENDS OF LAUGHTON SCHOOL NEWS

Home Clothes Day:

We are asking each class to bring in a donation toward our Christmas Hampers in return for wearing home clothes on Monday 11th December.

- Underwater – Chocolate and sweets
- Bugs: Biscuits and crackers
- High Peaks: Jams and chutneys
- Jungle: Drinks (alcohol and non)

LSA Christmas Bonanza:

Following on from the school concert, we will be holding our Christmas Bonanza! Jam packed with festive fun – a £5 ticket for your child will include games, Christmas crafting, tree decorations and reindeer food, face painting or washable tattoo, nail painting and a hot chocolate! Children can purchase their ticket from the school office.

There will also be added extras, including a raffle and the LSA will be selling yummy treats and mulled wine!

Christmas Wreath Making:

A huge thank you to Dan and Hayley who ran a wreath making workshop last night. They did a fantastic job and everybody came away with a beautiful wreath they created themselves.



Thank you to everybody for your continued support this term. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!

