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Term 3 2023- Week 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wishing a Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to school. We hope you had a lovely break and managed to catch up with friends and family.

It did feel a bit early starting back on 2nd January, but the 4 day week has eased us in to the new term.

You will receive your child's topic web today so that you can see what they will be learning this term. There will be an opportunity for you to view their learning at the end of this term at parent consultations and we will also be providing some workshops and open sessions for you to see how we teach maths, reading and phonics in school over the next couple of terms. Details of the maths workshop are in this newsletter.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to the Friends of Laughton for their amazing events last term which provided fun activities for the children and to you for raising so much money. Further details are in this newsletter.



ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Jungle Class who had the highest attendance of **96.13%** this week. Well done.

Our target for our whole school attendance for 2023-2024 is **96.5%** Our current whole school attendance is **94.8%**

28 children achieved 100% attendance in term 2. Well done you all. The winner of our attendance draw for term 2 is Lizzie.

REWARDS

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

100 Points	Underwater: Alba, Grace, Casey, William, Wilfred
400 Points	Bugs: Merryn, Jessica
600 Points	Bugs: Lev
700 Points	Bugs: George T, George M
1000 Points	High Peaks: Bea
1500 Points	Jungle: Holly

STAFFING

A huge congratulations to Mrs Waters and her husband for their exciting news in expecting their first baby in May. We currently have an advert out for her maternity post from early May 2024 to Spring 2025. If you know of anyone who may be interested then please direct them to the vacancy on our website.

Diary

January 2024

Tuesday 9 th	Lego Club Starts
Wednesday 10 th	Dodgeball club starts
Thursday 11 th	Cooking club starts
Friday 12 th	Y4 Swimming Lessons
Thursday 18 th	Gardening Club starts
Friday 19 th	LSA Meeting
Thursday 25 th	Y5 Woodland Wellbeing
Friday 26 th	Y4 Swimming Lessons
	School Census
	Maths workshop for parent/carers
	Y5 Woodland Wellbeing
	Parent forum 2:15p.m
	Y4 Swimming Lessons
	Y5 Woodland Wellbeing

February 2024

Thursday 1 st	Y4 Swimming Lessons
Friday 2 nd	Y5 Woodland Wellbeing
Thursday 8 th	Y4 Swimming Lessons
Friday 9 th	Y5 Woodland Wellbeing
Monday 19 th	LSA School Disco
	Last day of term 3
	Children return to school for T4

Other INSET Days

22nd & 23rd July 2024

SCHOOL REMINDERS

Please can you make sure that all children have a coat and hat/scarf/gloves as suitable for the weather conditions. We will always try to get children outside in the fresh air at break times whenever possible.

Can we also remind you that we are a **NUT FREE** school and pack lunches from home must not contain any foods containing nuts, including chocolate spread, cereal bars e.t.c. We continue to promote healthy eating in school and therefore ask that chocolate bars and sweets are not included in packed lunches. Small chocolate covered biscuits – Kit Kats, Penguin bars etc are fine. As a rule of thumb, if it is in the biscuit aisle, it is a biscuit; therefore ok in school.

MESSAGE FOR UNDERWATER PARENTS

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a very happy new year from me. Thank you so much for your kind Christmas gifts. This term I would like to see if any parents or grandparents could offer an hour or so a week on a regular basis to come and read with the children of Underwater. Reading is an essential skill that opens up all areas of learning and having visitors to do this enriches the learning of the children. Please could you let me know if this is something that you could offer please? I am happy to offer training on how we deliver this in class and we will be on hand to support you. If you feel you can help on a regular basis you will need to complete a DBS application with Mrs Miller.

Thanks and regards,
Mrs Chandler

DONATION REQUEST

We are looking for a cold frame or similar to store our seeds we are about to sow. If anybody has one they no longer need and would like to donate it to the school, please let the office know.

Gemma (Arthur & Harvey's mum)

CENSUS DAY AND UIFSM – THURSDAY 18th JANUARY 2024

On Thursday 18th January 2024, it is national School Census Day and, in an effort, to increase the uptake of the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) on that day, the menu will be Fish and Chips. There will also be a jacket potato on offer on this day.

Census Day is when the Local Authorities collect information electronically from every school in their area, partly to guide them in planning and funding. They collect details such as pupil numbers, numbers of pupils with Special Educational Needs, entitled to Pupil Premium funding, entitled to Free School Meals, attendance information and so forth. One thing in particular they are looking at this term is the number of children taking the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM), to provide schools with appropriate funding for this service such as utility costs.

To maximise our potential funding, we would encourage all families with children entitled to UIFSM to enjoy their free meal on Thursday 18th January, rather than bringing a packed lunch that day. It is the number of children in Key Stage One eating the free meal on the actual day's lunchtime that informs our funding, rather than meals ordered for that day or children attending school. Pupils who bring a packed lunch from home unfortunately are not able to be included, nor are children who normally take UIFSM, but who are absent on 18th January. Once again, we encourage as many as possible to commit to eating the UIFSM on Thursday that week; this will record those children as having eaten on Census Day and therefore count towards the total Government funding that will be allocated to our school for UIFSM for a whole year. We hope that it will also create some enthusiasm amongst the children who don't normally take the meals and lead to more of them eating over the rest of the school year.

YEAR 4 SWIMMING LESSONS



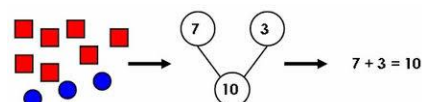
From Thursday 11th January, our year 4 pupils will be attending swimming lessons at Wave Leisure in Lewes from 9.30 to 10.30am. They will travel to and from the pool by bus and will be back in school in time for lunch

YEAR 5 WOODLAND WELLBEING

Year 5 children will be having their Woodland Wellbeing sessions on Friday afternoons until half term. Please make sure that they bring in suitable warm waterproof clothes and wellies. We also need a parent helper so please contact the office if you able to help.

MATHS WORKSHOP

We invite all parents and carers to our 'What is maths mastery?' workshop on Thursday 18th January at 2:15p.m. Mr Lawler will give a short presentation on what maths mastery is and how your child learns in class. He will also be able to share resources with you and ways to support your child in their maths learning.



The teaching of maths has changed a lot in recent years and the well-researched mastery approach is about deepening understanding of facts and concepts through concrete, visual, pictorial and abstract representations. Please let the school office know if you are able to attend. Thank you.

PARENT FORUM

We will be holding our next parent forum on Friday 19th January at 2:15p.m. We invite you to come along and discuss with us your thoughts on behaviour in school and areas you would like us to consider for future meetings.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

If we need to close the school due to severe weather etc. then we will first put a message on our website and contact the Local Authority for our school name to be put on their school closures list on their website. We will also email parents and carers as soon as possible and encourage the message to be shared via What App groups.

If the school needs to be closed, for any reason whilst the children are in school, we will email first and then start calling families to cascade the information. It is really important that we have the correct contact details for you so please make sure that any change in email, phone number or address has been received by the school office for our records, thank you.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club will continue in term 3 on a **Monday** and **Wednesday** 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 join the other children on the playground and be supervised by the teacher on duty.



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 in term 3, please contact the school office. Places must be booked in advance and you will then be contacted to confirm your place.

On **Thursdays** Sports Cool Brighton will be offering their morning club. This will be £5 per session which should be made to the school office. This will start at **8am** and does not include breakfast. Sports Cool Brighton will bring a variety of games and activities dependant on group size, ages and weather, such as archery, frisbee, and golf etc. They will also have games like Jenga, connect 4, and dominoes for those who prefer quiet time.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We will continue to offer after school clubs next term. Please see the attached information on how to book a place.

Tuesdays	Kids with Bricks club	Natasha Brown	Starting 9 th January
Wednesdays	Cooking	Mrs Millward	Starting 10 th January
Wednesdays	Dodgeball	Premier Sports	Starting 10 th January
Thursdays	Gardening	Mrs Rozee	Starting 11 th January



CLASS+ COFFEE AND CHAT SESSIONS

The CLASS+ team would like to share their upcoming coffee and chat dates for this term. Whether your child has an Autism diagnosis or you are awaiting a diagnosis, meet and talk with other parents and members of the CLASS+ team. Part of the session will focus around the theme of autism and change. Please note that parents/carers do not need to book they can just turn up.

- 9 January, Robsack Wood Primary Academy, 9:00am to 10:30am
- 17 January, Plumpton, Southdowns 9:00am to 10:30am
- 16 January, High Cliff Academy, 1:15pm to 2:45pm
- 24 January, Uckfield Family Hub, 10:30am to 12:00pm
- 7 February, Plumpton, Southdowns, 9:00am to 10:30am

FRIENDS OF LAUGHTON SCHOOL NEWS

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped with our Christmas events. Whether this was buying for the Christmas Shop, wrapping, serving refreshments at the Nativity and Christmas Concert or helping with the Bonanza. We raised an incredible amount, just over £1800! Thank you, it would not have been possible without your help, time and donations.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown