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Term 1 2023- Week 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is lovely to see all the children back so healthy and happy. Thank you so much for all your support with uniform and having them in to school on time. It has been a very positive start to the term.

We welcome our new families and Reception children who are settling in very quickly and look forward to getting to know you all.

We hope that you had a great summer and are ready for the new academic year.

We have term 1 dates below for your diaries.



ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Underwater and Bugs classes who both had the highest attendance of **100%** this week. Well done.

STAFFING

A huge welcome to Mrs Donna Chandler who will be teaching in Underwater and to Mr Josh Varley who will be teaching in Bugs class until November.

We hope you enjoy your time at Laughton School.

POETRY COMPETITION



We will be running our school cluster competition again this year and will be launching this in assembly on Monday 11th September.

There are 3 categories, KS1, lower KS2 and Upper KS2.

The children will be given a selection of poems that they can choose one to learn to recite. They can learn a few

lines or the whole poem. They will then have an opportunity to share this with a friend and then, if they wish to, their class. 3 finalists will be selected from each class to perform to the school and then the finalists of this will go to KAR on 6th October for the final.

Reading aloud and reciting poetry is part of our English curriculum.

We carried out this competition last year, for the first time and it was a great success.

REMINDERS

We would like to remind you that the playground is not supervised before 8.30am and children should not be left unattended before this time as there is no one to safeguard their welfare. We have breakfast club 3 times per week, which may help those of you who find getting to work a rush, further details can be found in this newsletter. Also, if

Diary

September 2023

Monday 11 th	High Peaks class Meet the Teacher
Monday 11 th	Poetry Competition Launch
Tuesday 12 th	Bugs class Meet the Teacher
Wednesday 13 th	Jungle class Meet the Teacher
Thursday 14 th	Underwater class Meet the Teacher
Thursday 21 st	LSA Bags2School collection
Friday 22 nd	Parent Forum 2.15pm
Tuesday 26 th	LSA AGM
Friday 29 th	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

October 2023

Monday 2 nd	Harvest Festival
Wednesday 4 th	Individual school photos
Friday 6 th	Poetry final at KAR
Monday 16 th	New to EYFS 2024 Open Session
Tuesday 17 th	Parent consultation evening
Thursday 19 th	Parent consultation evening

the gates are shut just before pick up time then there is a reason for it so please do not find alternative ways of coming on to the playground, thank you.

Please can we ask everyone to be mindful of safety when driving and parking on Church Lane and in the village car park. This can also cause issues for our neighbours who cannot access their property. Please allow extra time to park and drive slowly down the lane, thank you.

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.

PARENT FORUM

Our first parent forum of this academic year is on **Friday 22nd September at 2.15pm** and will be related to school improvements for this academic year. Everybody is welcome to attend and it will be a chance for open discussion and to put your views forward. We are also happy to take requests for parent forums of matters that you would like to raise. This can be done via an email to the office or in person to a member of staff.

UNIFORM

It is great to see the children back in their full school uniform. Please ensure that they stick to the correct uniform; see below.

- Green or white polo or white shirt
- School sweatshirt/ fleece
- Green cardigan/ V neck jumper
- Grey trousers/shorts/culottes/skirt/pinafore
- White or grey socks, grey or green tights
- Green and white checked summer dress
- Black shoes/ boots (no sandals please)
- Long hair tied back
- No jewellery except for small plain stud earrings and a watch
- No nail varnish or make up

P.E kits need to be in everyday and can go home to be washed every few weeks or half term for the infants. Uniforms can be purchased from the uniform website or a provider of your choice. The LSA will also be running second hand uniform sales. Please see the diary section for upcoming dates.

We will continue to have a uniform draw each term on a random day when all the children, who are in the correct school uniform on that day will have their names go into a hat and one will be picked out for each class. The winner will receive a £3 WH Smith voucher. This is to help support our uniform policy. If you are having any difficulties purchasing a uniform then please speak to the school office.

Please make sure that any long hair e.g. reaching shoulders is tied back and avoid elaborate accessories.

ESCHOOL LEARNING PLATFORM

We will continue to use our learning platform to share the children's home learning, please can you check that you are still able to log on to your child's individual page.

You also have a separate parent login which you will need to book parents evening towards the end of term 1. Therefore, please can you make sure that you can access this account as well. If you have any problems, or have forgotten the login details, please contact Mrs Geer.

Children who started our school in September will receive their logins shortly for this. Please contact Mrs Geer in the school office if you have any difficulties logging on.

DATA COLLECTION

At the start of every academic year, we update our contact details for the children. I'm sure you can appreciate it is imperative that we have up to date information in case of an emergency.

If you haven't done so already, and you need to notify us of any changes, please complete the blank form attached and return it by Monday to prevent office staff having to chase. If you are sure that your details have not changed, please email the office to confirm that there are no changes. Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS

We will continue to celebrate your child's birthday in school with our birthday stickers and table top badge.

Please remember not to bring in things to hand out such as sweets, cakes etc. for the whole class as we are trying to promote healthy eating and are also not allowed items to be brought in from home. Many thanks.



MEET THE TEACHER

Next week we are inviting parents to our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. This is for you to meet the teacher who will be teaching your child/ren and for them to share with you how the class is set up and explain the expectations for behaviour, communication, learning, homework etc. We have planned the following dates so that parents and carers with more than one child can attend.

Monday 11th 2:30pm – High Peaks

Tuesday 12th 2:30pm- Bugs

Wednesday 13th 2:30pm - Jungle

Thursday 14th 2:30pm – Underwater

Please do not worry if you are unable to attend these sessions, as we will forward the information on to you by email.



KS2 FRUIT AND SNACKS

All KS1 and EYFS children are given a fruit or vegetable snack through the government healthy school initiative. If you would like your child to receive this in KS2 then you will need to order through the office. The cost of this is £3 per term.

If you wish your child to bring in a snack from home then please make sure that it is only fresh fruit or vegetables, thank you.

SCHOOL DINNERS

From September, a daily lunch for KS2 children will cost **£2.85**, therefore a weekly cost of **£14.25**. If you would like to pay for the whole of the first term (minus INSET days) the price will be **£94.05**. Just a reminder that pupils moving into Year 3 will have to register for Parent pay if their child is having paid school dinners from September. The school office sent out the registration codes this week. Please let the office know if you haven't received this. The menu for this term was sent home before the holidays and can be found on the school website.

Please could everyone ensure that their parent pay accounts have no outstanding balances at the end of every week. This will help the office as we will not have to chase any debt owed as this can take up a lot of time for office staff. If there remains an outstanding balance on a Friday, you will be asked to send a packed lunch in for the following week, or until the debt is paid.

Thank you for your support with this.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club has started 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 from September for the first term, 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 a morning club. This will be £5 per session which should be made to the school office. This will start at **8am** and children will also be offered 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 are delighted to offer after school clubs, most starting from next week. Please see the attached information on how to book a place.



Tuesdays	Kids with Bricks club	Natasha Brown	Starting next week
Wednesdays	Cooking	Mrs Millward	Starting 20 th September
Wednesdays	Tag Rugby	Premier Sports	Starting next week
Thursdays	Gardening	Mrs Rozee	Starting next week

PRIORY SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

For children due to start Year 7 in September 2024, please see the flyer attached.

*Priory School is running an Open Evening for prospective students on **Thursday, 14th September between 5-8pm.** You do not need to book onto this event which will consist of tours around the school and a welcome address from our Senior Leadership Team. We look forward to welcoming you to Priory.*

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

We will be raising funds for Macmillan on **Friday 29th September at 2p.m** in the school hall. Staff will provide some cakes and we would also be very grateful for donations too. Please pop along for a chat, cake and cuppa from 2p.m on this day.



FRIENDS OF LAUGHTON SCHOOL NEWS

A little reminder that our AGM will be held on 26th September at the Roebuck. Everybody is welcome to attend.

Thank you for all your support.

Kind regards

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown