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Term 1 2024- Week 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back! We hope you had a lovely summer and were able to spend time with friends and family. It is lovely to hear the children's holiday news and see them settling back into school life so well. Well done to you all with remembering the new school times 8:45a.m -3:15p.m!

This week's weather has definitely been a reminder that we are now in Autumn so please make sure your child has a raincoat in school every day.

There is a huge amount of information in this newsletter so please read through to the end and encourage others to read it too. All newsletters go on our website and our calendar is kept up to date so please give us feedback if anything is missing.

Due to the amount of information in this letter we will send out class topic webs and home learning grids on Monday.

One of the new changes this year is that children will be able to come to school in the PE kits on their class PE day. This is because some children find changing in front of others uncomfortable and it can put them off the actual lesson. It will also save time in getting ready for PE and ensure that everyone has the appropriate kit. The PE uniform is black shorts and/or black tracksuit bottoms, no leggings. Their PE shirt should be plain in their house colour (red, yellow, blue, green). We have asked the children to bring home their kit today ready for next week.

Class PE days are as follows:

Jungle- Mondays and Wednesdays

High Peaks- Tuesday and Fridays

Bugs- Thursdays and Fridays

Underwater- Mondays and Fridays

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to all classes this week who achieved the highest attendance of **100%**. What a great start to the year! Well done.

Our target for this year is **96.5%** and we will update you on our progress in every newsletter.

We will continue to recognise those with 100% each term, by entering them into a draw to win a £5 WHSmith voucher. We will also recognise those whose attendance remains above our school target of 96.5% throughout the school year in our celebration assemblies.

WELLY WALK AND WOODLAND WELLBEING

On a Thursday at 1:00 pm Year 1 children will be going on Woodland Wellbeing whilst Year 2 children have some focus time in class. On a Friday at 9:00 am Reception and Year 2 children will be going on a Welly walk whilst Year 1 children have some focus time in class. Our welly walks will be on site for the first few weeks of the term. When we start to go off-site we will require additional adult support, if you're able to support us please do let us know.



Diary

September 2024

Monday 9 th	Meet the Teacher Week
Monday 9 th	After School Clubs start
Monday 9 th	EYFS & Y2 Welly Walk
Wednesday 11 th	Underwater Meet the Teacher
Thursday 12 th	Y1 Woodland Wellbeing
Thursday 12 th	Jungle Meet the Teacher
Monday 16 th	EYFS & Y2 Welly Walk
Monday 16 th	Bugs Meet the Teacher
Tuesday 17 th	High Peaks Meet the Teacher
Thursday 19 th	Y1 Woodland Wellbeing
Monday 23 rd	EYFS & Y2 Welly Walk
Tuesday 24 th	LSA AGM
Thursday 26 th	Y1 Woodland Wellbeing
Friday 27 th	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon
Monday 30 th	EYFS & Y2 Welly Walk

October 2024

Wednesday 2 nd	Individual School Photos
Thursday 3 rd	Y1 Woodland Wellbeing
Friday 4 th	INSET
Monday 7 th	EYFS & Y2 Welly Walk
Wednesday 9 th	Year 6 Safety in Action (pm)
Thursday 10 th	Y1 Woodland Wellbeing
Monday 14 th	EYFS & Y2 Welly Walk
Monday 14 th	Harvest Festival
Thursday 17 th	Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 17 th	Y1 Woodland Wellbeing
Monday 21 st	EYFS & Y2 Welly Walk
Tuesday 22 nd	Parent Consultations
Thursday 24 th	Y1 Woodland Wellbeing
Thursday 24 th	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 25 th	Last day of term

November 2024

Monday 4 th	Children return to school
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Children will need to bring in suitable clothing to change into for their woodland slot.

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.

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.

A little reminder that we are a **NUT FREE** school and packed lunches from home must not contain any foods containing nuts, including chocolate spread, cereal bars etc. 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.



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 £7.50 per full 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.

ARBOR PARENT PORTAL

Thank you to everybody who has logged on to the new Parent Portal. There are a few people who have yet to log on and Mrs Geer will contact you directly to support you with any difficulties you may have.

We hope that this will help make administrative task easier to manage as well as the booking of clubs and any planned trips.

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

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.

Uniform 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.

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, please check the details on your Arbor parent portal and make any changes as necessary. Thank you.

OPEN SESSIONS

We are having the first of our Open Sessions for parents and carers with children due to start school in September 2025 on **Tuesday 8th October 2024 at 9.15am**. So that 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 other Open Day dates are on **Tuesday 12th November 2024 (pm)** and **Thursday 9th January 2025 (am)**.

The ESCC closing date for applications is **15th January 2025**.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2025 you will soon receive a leaflet about how to apply. Information can also be found on;

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

The closing date for secondary school admissions close on **Thursday 31st October**.

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. Many thanks.



ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

Whilst this may seem like a lot of information, we are required to enforce our attendance procedures by our Local Authority. We thought it may be useful to remind everybody of our procedures at the start of the year.

As you are all aware, it is important that your child is in school as much as possible.

Ideally, we would aim for children to be in school 100% of the time, however, we also recognise that there may be reasons which are unavoidable, such as illnesses where we would not expect to see your child in school.

If your child is too unwell for school, please let the school office know on the first day of absence by 8.45am, and each subsequent day. You can either email in or leave a message on the absence line (Option 2) by calling the office number 01323 811306. Any unexplained absence will be recorded as unauthorised, and prolonged unauthorised absence could result in a fixed penalty from ESCC.

The morning session starts at 8.45am. If your child is late after the close of registration they need to be brought in via the main office to be signed in, where they will receive a 'U' registration code. We will also ask you to complete a late slip for our records. If they are late before the register closes, the teacher will mark them on the register as late with an 'L'. We are aware of children who find coming into school a challenge. Please be assured, that we will work together with families, to support transition into school. Please do let us know if you have any concerns.

Please can we take the opportunity to remind you that holidays are not authorised in term time. Any absence from school can affect your child's progress with their learning. A new National Penalty Notice Framework came into effect from 19 August 2024. All holidays taken in term time (of 10 learning sessions, which do not have to be consecutive) incur a penalty fine of £160 per child per parent, or £80 if paid within 21 days. A session is am or pm. We have attached the term dates you may find useful when planning holidays. Please complete a withdrawal from learning request if you need to take your child out of school for any reason other than illnesses. Please can we encourage you to book medical appointments outside of the school day whenever possible.

We will continue to review everybody's attendance every three weeks, from the end of term 1, as part of our attendance policy, and will write to all parents whose children are at risk of persistent absence based on the Local Authority set target of 10%. We understand that there are a number of reasons for absence, and we would like to work closely with you to support you in every possible way that we can. You can view your child's current attendance by logging into the Parent Portal. Thank you for your support with this.

SCHOOL DINNERS

From September, a daily lunch for KS2 children will cost **£2.97**, therefore a weekly cost of **£14.85**. If you would like to pay for the whole of the first term (minus INSET days) the price will be **£112.84**. 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 can be found attached to this newsletter, or 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, Wednesday, and Thursday** 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 8:30am 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.

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.

Mondays	Football	Premier Sport	Starting next week
Tuesdays	Crafts	Mrs Rieman	Starting next week
Wednesdays	Kids with Bricks club	Rosie Millward	Starting next week
Thursdays	Gardening	Mrs Rozee	Starting next week



MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

We will be raising funds for Macmillan on **Friday 27th 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.



ASDA CASHPOT FUNDRAISING

If you shop at ASDA and have an ASDA Rewards App, you can now raise funds for our school every time you scan. All you need to do is the following:

1. Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards App
2. Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select 'Laughton Community Primary School'
3. Shop in Store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com
4. Asda will donate a percentage of your shop total to our school each time you shop and scan
5. Asda does the rest!

The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to our school to spend on what we need the most. This won't affect your own cash pot you earn. Once opted in and selected a school, ASDA will add £1 to our school Cashpot to help us get started, and an additional £50 after at least one customer shops and scans their Rewards app!

FRIENDS OF LAUGHTON SCHOOL NEWS

A little reminder that our AGM will be held on Tuesday 24th September. Further details regarding the meeting, including the meeting place to follow. Everybody is welcome to attend.

Thank you for all your support.
Kind regards
Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown