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"Let your light shine." Matthew 5:16

Dear Mothers, Fathers and Carers,

What an excellent start it has been to the year! Your children are working so hard to catch up and keep up with their learning, the support they're offered is as strong as ever and they are constantly trying to show excellence every day, in every way.

There has been lots of learning happening in the different classes, going from learning about ourselves for our youngest children, to London in Class 2, flying off to the Roman Empire in Class 3 before ending in Outer Space at the top of school! As we continue to move through these strange times together, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you as parents for supporting school in all the ways you do. You have been wonderful in bringing your children in to school, ensuring they are smart and ready to learn and engaged with parent's evening.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter and please don't hesitate to contact school if you have any questions.

Warmest wishes,
Miss Birks

Key Dates this term:

1st November	Children return to school
5th November	Parent's Newsletter out
11th November 10:45am	Remembrance Assembly - parents welcome in Church
12th November	'Children In Need' Day - children dress in PJ's
w/c 15th November	Anti-bullying Week
18th November	Open Morning for Parents 9 - 10am (Reading)
23rd November	Eucharist in Church (children only)
24th November	'Community Caf�' 2:30pm
26th November	School Photos
1st December	Family Christingle - Church service at 5pm
2nd December	FS1 and FS2 Christmas Sing Along - parents invited
6th December	After School 'Write a letter to Father Christmas'
8th December	Christmas Disco (3 - 4:30pm Infants, 4:30 - 6pm Juniors)
10th December	After school clubs end for the term
14th December	Class 1 Parents Nativity Concert - 9:30am
14th December	Class 2 Parents Nativity Concert - 10:30am
14th December	Class 3 Parents Nativity Concert - 1pm
14th December	Class 4 Parents Nativity Concert - 2pm
15th December	Winterland Market - all welcome!
15th December	Christmas Dinner Day (Christmas jumpers welcome)
Cancelled	Christmas Carol Service 9am and 2pm in Church
17th December	Christmas Party Afternoon
17th December	'Celebration of Behaviour' - letters to parents
17th December	Last day of term - Christmas Jumper & Party Day! Break up at 2:30pm

School Terms and Holidays for Academic Year 2021-2022

Autumn 2: Monday 1st November - Friday 17th December 2021
 Christmas holidays - Monday 20th December - Friday 31st December 2021
Spring 1: Monday 3rd January - Friday 18th February 2022
 PLEASE NOTE - BANK HOLIDAY 3RD Jan and INSET day 4th Jan
 Half-term holidays - Monday 21st February - Friday 25th February 2022
Spring 2: Monday 28th February - Friday 8th April 2022
 Easter holidays - Monday 11th April - Friday 22nd April 2022
 EASTER BANK HOLIDAY IS ON FRIDAY 15th AND MONDAY 18th APRIL
Summer 1: Monday 25th April - Friday 27th May 2022
 PLEASE NOTE - MAY BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 2nd MAY
 Spring Bank holidays - Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June 2022
Summer 2: Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday - Monday 6th June
 Monday 6th June - Thursday 21st July 2022
 Break up 20th July - INSET DAY 21st July

Website

We are currently in the process of updating the school website and adding lots of new information to it in order to give parents as much information as we can about their child's education and experience at school. Please visit laughtonallsaints.org and watch this space!

Children In Need

This year for Children In Need day, we invite the children to attend school in their pyjamas if they wish, and make a minimum  1 donation to the charity.

Fundraising

A huge thank you to all parents who donated for the non-uniform day—we raised an amazing  91.60 that will be saved in the PTA fund towards some fantastic playground equipment!

Congratulations to Class 4 who raised  282.84 in their enterprise project to raise money for a trip to the National Space Centre. They reduced the cost by  10.50 per child and showed empowerment for changing their own lives.

Christmas Celebrations!

As we move in to the most festive period of the year, we are aiming to try and provide all children with as many opportunities for celebration as we can. We know how important this is after what was such a difficult time last Christmas. However, we will always ensure that safety is at the forefront of all events and decisions. We have already planned for the Winterland Market (see next page) to be outside for everyone's protection. We have also made the decision to split the Infant and Junior Nativities in to separate classes - this is to reduce numbers of people mixing in case of a rise in infections and we hope you understand. As we move forward, there may be other events that unfortunately will need adapting or changing to ensure infection rates are kept as low as we can, but we will also give as much notice as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

Christingle

Please join us for our annual Christingle service on the 1st December at 5pm in Laughton Church. Nearer the time, we will ask you to let us know if you are attending so we can ensure there are enough Christingles prepared. It will be a wonderful service, with plenty of carols and prayers to start off the Christmas celebrations.

We hope you can join us!

How can you help at home?

1. Encourage your child to read EVERY night.
2. Help them complete homework every week.
3. Help them to learn Spellings and new vocab.
4. Help them to learn times tables and practise using TT Rock Stars.
5. Encourage children to show excellent behaviour.
6. Make sure children arrive at school on time.
7. Ensure they wear their uniform.
8. Make sure your child comes to school every day that they are well.
9. Avoid taking any holidays during term time: children miss so much learning!
10. Encourage your child to play after school: Have down time together and have fun!
11. Talk to your child about what they are learning at school and celebrate their successes!
12. Coming to school organized!

Easy Fundraising App

Now Christmas online shopping is underway, we urge you to make purchases using the EasyFundraising App! Every purchase that you make online across a range of companies (Just Eat, Amazon, Ebay, Sainsbury's...) gives school a free donation. It is completely free for you to use, doesn't cost anything more on your purchase, but means that the company will make a donation for us to spend as we wish!

Please see Class Dojo for the link to join our cause, or visit easyfundraising.org.uk!

New Lessons!

As a school striving for excellence, we are always looking for new ways to improve our teaching and finds new ways of teaching exciting and high-quality lessons for our children.

As such, in KS1 and KS2, we have started teaching daily discreet reading lessons to help the children's creativity in reading, their accuracy and their comprehension. The children are loving it!

Across school, we have also launched a new programme called 'Jigsaw' to support the teaching and learning of PSHE (personal, social, health and economic education). The children will be able to explore the different aspects of development to broaden their education.

Learning this term!

As a brief outline, these are some of the areas of learning that your children will be developing before Christmas:

Class 1 - Celebrations - Bonfire Night, Remembrance, Diwali and Christmas! We are reading books about farmyard animals and practising our ch, sh, th sounds.

Class 2 - Gunpowder plot, textiles, Judaism and Christmas story, Being Me, 'Rhythm in the way you walk', computer drawing and we are reading Flat Stanley.

Class 3 - The Roman Empire, drawing and proportion skills linked to Narnia, eating and digestion, The People of God and we are reading The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe.

Class 4 - Forces, renewable energy sources, sketching and drawing, gymnastics, mechanisms and we are reading Cosmic with a trip to the National Space Centre.

Read, Read and Read again!

Please, please, please ensure you are reading as much as you can with your children, or encouraging them to read as often as possible. Reading has the biggest impact on a child's abilities and we cannot stress how important it is for your child to read regularly. Please ensure you are proactive in filling out your child's reading record whenever they read to recognize and celebrate their efforts!

A fact about reading that you may or may not know is:

"Children learn 4,000 to 12,000 words per year through reading."



Parking

We know that parking is difficult around school, but we must stress that illegal or dangerous parking is not acceptable around the school area.

We are working with the local council to find solutions moving forward, and we are exploring options of a slightly staggered end time for some children to try and help with the issue.

However, parking on the yellow schools lines is strictly prohibited and causes obstructions, putting our children at risk of injury. Parking on blind bends is also against the Highway Code. A parking enforcement vehicle will begin patrolling the area. Please ensure you park in a way that doesn't cause danger or obstruction to others, even if it does mean parking further away from school and walking that bit further.

We all want to keep our children and community as safe as we can, but we can only do this when we all work together.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Winterland Market

School and the PTA are so excited to be organizing an amazing Winterland Market, held on the **15th December** from 2:30pm!

There'll be a fantastic range of market stalls, with a selection of activities, games, food and items for sale included throughout. The PTA are working so hard at the moment to secure donations and support from businesses and external companies (they are doing a brilliant job too!) with the hope to make this the best Christmas Market ever!

As a brief list, stalls will include:

Santa and his Elves

Gifts - Candy Canes gifts, Hampers, Gift Bags

Crafts - Create a Christmas card stall, tree decorations, biscuit decorating, face painting

Games - Win a Bottle, raffle, Splat the Rat, Score a Goal past Santa

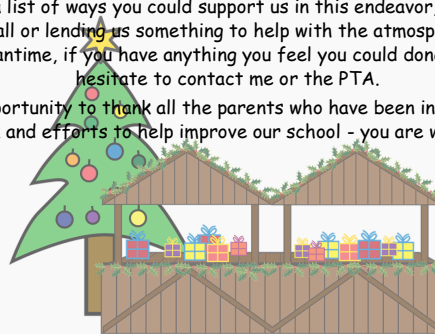
Food and Drinks - Hot chocolate, cake and bake, hot dogs, donuts

There will also be an auction with some amazing items to bid on and buy, including a PS4 Headset (!) amongst other things that would make great gifts. Stalls will also be increased as time goes on.

All money raised will go towards new playground equipment for our children to enjoy. This is much needed for our children, their health and happiness.

We will be sending out a list of ways you could support us in this endeavor, either by donating items, volunteering to run a stall or lending us something to help with the atmosphere! We would ask for all your support. In the meantime, if you have anything you feel you could donate or offer, please do not hesitate to contact me or the PTA.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have been involved so far for all their hard work and efforts to help improve our school - you are wonderful :-)



Church Christmas Carol Service

Laughton All Saints' Church is holding a Christmas Carol Service on December 19th at 6:30pm and warmly invite all families and children to attend.

Please join us if you can!



New Parent Governors

We are pleased to announce that after a successful application and approval from the Trust, our new parent governors joining the governing body are Mr Stephen Peacock and Mr Benjamin Whomersley.

Their skills and experience will help strengthen our Governing Body and we welcome them both to the team! Stephen and Benjamin will promote the best interests of all children at the school, and will maintain good relationships with and be available to the other parents.

Parent Opening Morning

On Thursday 18th November, we invite all parents in to school to join their child in their reading or phonics lesson.

This is a chance for parents to get to know how their child learns how to read, spend time with them in class and hopefully give a sense of empowerment to then help at home.

It starts at 9am and will finish by 9.30am. If you have two siblings in different classes, you are welcome to swap classrooms halfway through to spend time with both children.

School Photos

School photos this year will be taken during the school day on **Friday 26th November**. We have selected a different company this year than usual, who offer cheaper photographs for parents to purchase.

Further details to follow about photos with siblings.

