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"Let your light shine." Matthew 5:16

Dear Mothers, Fathers and Carers,

These half terms are certainly flying by - it has been incredibly busy in school once again, with our new interactive whiteboards being installed to add to and modernise the excellence of lessons we provide. Our children impressed the CEO of our Academy Trust (DSAT) who visited school this week, with their exemplary behaviour and manners - he felt really welcomed once again by everyone at school and is very pleased with all the developments school is making.

This term will be focused on our preparations for Easter and the joy that Spring brings - there are lots of exciting things planned! I hope this newsletter finds you well and is informative for you.

Warmest wishes,
Miss Birks

Key Dates this term:

22nd February	'Community Café' 2:30pm - all welcome
24th February	Parent's Newsletter out
2nd March	Book fair arrives in school
2nd March	World Book Day
8th March	Open Morning for Parents 9 - 9:45am
w/c 13th March	British Science Week 'Connections'
16th March	Family Bingo Evening at 5:30pm (Rearranged)
17th March	Red Nose Day - dress in something funny!
20th March	Mother's Day Breakfast
20th March	Y6 SAT's Parent's Meeting at 5:30pm
23rd March	Class 3 trip to Weston Park Museum
w/c 27th March	Easter Activity Week (inc. KS1 Easter Bonnet Competition & KS2 Egg decorating competition)
29th March	'Community Café' 2:30pm - all welcome
30th March	Easter Service at 9:15am - parents welcome
31st March	Easter Egg Raffle
31st March	Last day of term - break up at 2.30pm
17th April	INSET day - closed to all pupils

School Terms and Holidays for Academic Year 2022-2023

Spring 2
Monday 20th February - Friday 31st March 2023
Easter holidays - Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April 2023
Summer 1
Monday 17th April - Friday 26th May 2023
PLEASE NOTE - INSET DAY MONDAY 17TH APRIL, MAY BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 1st MAY and KING'S CORONATION BANK HOLIDAY 8th MAY
Spring Bank holidays - Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June 2023
Summer 2
Monday 5th June - Friday 21st July 2023
Summer Holidays - Monday 24th July - Friday 1st September 2023

School Photos

Thank you to all parents and family members who purchased their child's school photo this year. All purchases raise funds, so we are pleased to inform you that £32.50 was raised for Cancer Research UK, as well raising £257.40 for school funds.

Book Fair

The Book Fair will arrive in school on **Thursday 2nd March**. There will be hundreds of quality children's books to browse and buy! Every book purchased through the book fair raises funds for school to buy more books, so please do support us as much as you can.

Come and join us in the hall on Friday 3rd until Wednesday 8th March at 3:30pm each day to look at the selection. You can order and pay using the Travelling Book website.

Parents' Open Morning - 8th March

We invite all parents' or family members in to their child's Writing lesson from 9am - 9:45am. We are using a new way of teaching English across school - this visit will give parents a chance to see it in action and a chance to see how their child is progressing in their writing.

We look forward to seeing you there!

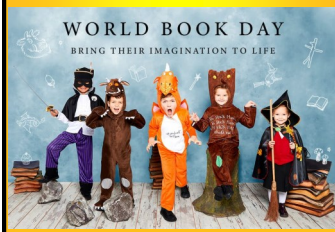
Winning Story-Tellers!

A huge well done to **Sebastian (Class 2)** and **Charley (Class 3)** who won our story telling competition - they both wrote amazing stories full of imagination and excitement, presented beautifully! Enjoy your £5 book vouchers.



World Book Day

On Thursday 2nd March, we invite the children to dress up as a favourite book character. Will they be a Matilda, a stern Miss Trunchbull, a Spaceboy or even a Very Hungry Caterpillar? Why not make your own outfit to save money and be creative!



Family Bingo evening

Please note this event was postponed due to low numbers. It will now be held on Thursday 16th March where hopefully more families can come along for a community game of bingo with cash prizes to be won!



Red Nose Day!

We are having a non-uniform day on **Friday 17th March** to raise funds for Comic Relief. We ask for a donation of £1 towards the charity. Children will be able to wear anything red or spotty (or both!) on this day - we look forward to seeing their outfits!



Mother's Day Breakfast

As a way of us saying 'thank you' to all you Mum's who do an amazing job all year around, we would welcome you and your child in to join us on **Monday 20th March** from 8:15am for a special Mother's Day breakfast. There will be teas, coffees and breakfast items available. Nearer the time, we will ask you to register your interest so we can provide enough items. Thank you!



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. It is so important that they re-read books as well. We ask that they try to read at least 5 times per week at home with as many of these as possible to an adult. 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 diary whenever they read to recognise and celebrate their efforts! The more reads they do, the more certificates they'll earn!

Our half term fact about reading this time is:

"Read 20 minutes per day and you'll read 1,800,000 words a year."

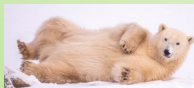


Y6 Parent's Meeting for SAT's

Miss Williams and Miss Birks will be holding a parent's meeting on Monday 20th March at 5:30pm to provide information about the SATs tests and answer any questions you have.

Eco-Committee Animal Adoption

The Eco-Committee raised funds at the Christmas Nativities doing a 'Name the Elf' game. They wanted to raise money to adopt an endangered animal. During an assembly, the whole school voted and we have now adopted an endangered Polar Bear and Sea Turtle. Well done children - you have helped make a difference to our beautiful planet!



Teaching Improvements

We are totally dedicated to providing the best education we can for your children here at Laughton All Saints' and are constantly refining and improving our practice to ensure this is possible. This term we have replaced all classrooms with brand new interactive whiteboards to help teachers use more technology in making their lessons even better. To go alongside these, we have invested in a new Computing curriculum called 'Purple Mash', which will give the children richer, more varied computing lessons to improve their technical abilities.

New Spiritual Council

Miss Chapman, our RE and Spiritual Lead, has introduced a new council in school - our Spiritual Council. These children will help her to improve spaces in school for reflection and developing their spirituality and Christianity. Our members are: Miley Ball, Harriet Broadbent, Aoife Henson, Fionn Henson, Alizee Howell, Heidi Nurse, Frankie-Rae Page, Chloe Parsons, Bella Verbrugge and Sofia Verbrugge.



Easter Celebrations

Thursday 30th March

Easter Church Service at 9:15am

Parents and families are invited to join us in our celebrations which will be led by a member of the Church Clergy. We look forward to seeing you there!



Friday 31st March

Easter Bonnet Competition (Classes 1 and 2)

All infant children are invited to decorate an Easter bonnet / hat with the most creativity they can. We will then host a parade and winners will be chosen for the best bonnet, with prizes of chocolate eggs!



Egg Decorating Competition (Classes 3 and 4)

For Junior children, we will be holding a competition for the best decorated egg. Therefore, we invite children to bring in a decorated, hard-boiled egg from Wednesday 29th March - Friday 31st March. The entries will be judged and 2 winners per year group will win a chocolate prize on Friday 31st!



Easter Egg Raffle

Raffle tickets to win Easter Eggs will be available for purchase w/c Monday 20th March. The children can buy as many tickets as they like, and on the last day of term, there will be an assembly where tickets will be drawn out and winners can collect their chocolate goody! Tickets are priced at 20p and proceeds will go towards school funds.



Donations of Easter Eggs would be gratefully received - every time an egg is handed in to the office, the child will receive a free raffle ticket and a mini-egg! Thank you for your support.

Extra Curricular Successes!

Children of LAS are attending an increasing number of extra-curricular opportunities. This half term's successes go to:

- ◇ The **Basketballers** who came 1st in their competition
- ◇ The **Y3/4 Girl's Footballers** who came 1st in their festival
- ◇ The **Y3/4 Boy's Footballers** who came 2nd in their festival
- ◇ The **Young Voices Choir** who took part in a huge performance at the Sheffield Arena

Well done and thank you to all involved :-)

Learning this term!

As a brief outline, these are some of the areas of learning that your children will be developing this half term:

Class 1 - Oo-arr! The Pirates Are Coming to our classroom, in our new book of the same name. We will be reading the book and writing a letter pretending we are Tom. We are painting pirates and making box models of pirate ships. We will also be learning about seas and oceans and about what floats and sinks in Science. In RE, we are learning about the Easter story and using our ball skills in PE.

Class 2 - Class 2 are continuing reading The Dragon Machine - will we read the ending soon...?! We will be writing our own adventure story about George. We will be investigating, designing and making a fruit salad in DT, linked to our Science question "How do we stay healthy?". Yum! In Geography, we will be exploring what we would find in a city, and will be thinking about Jesus' crucifixion in RE and why it is important he came back to life. In PE, we are learning net and wall games, as well as fundamental skills.

Class 3 - Mummies, pyramids, hieroglyphics... It's time to discover all about Ancient Egypt in History! In Science, we will be exploring what we can learn from fossils and in RE, we are thinking about the creation story and its importance to Christians. Our book is Koji's Island and we will be writing adventure stories on our own islands. In DT, we will be designing and making mechanisms for a moving mascot!

Class 4 - We are travelling all over in our learning this half term - exploring America and locational features in Geography, finding out about Darwin in the past from our book 'Islands' to write our own explanation text and going right back to Jesus' resurrection in RE to explore what a difference it made. In DT, we will be making and adapting recipes to create our own biscuits and in Science we are answering the question "How do we see?". In PE, we are focusing on football and yoga.